

Municipal Affairs and Environment

June 5, 2020

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Derrick Bragg, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Pinware to Red Bay Road Upgrades (Reg. 2085)
Proponent: Department of Transportation and Works

The proponent proposes to conduct road upgrades along the Trans-Labrador Highway between Pinware and Red Bay. The work will include road widening and culvert replacements.

The undertaking was registered on June 3, 2020; the deadline for public comments is July 10, 2020; and the minister's decision is due by July 18, 2020.

Wooddale East Family Farm (Reg. 2084)
Proponent: 83992 Newfoundland & Labrador Inc.

The proponent is proposing to develop a 149-hectare parcel of land located north of Peter's River in Wooddale East, Bishop Falls, for vegetable and forage production and beekeeping. Land clearing is set to begin in August 2020.

The undertaking was registered on June 3, 2020; the deadline for public comments is July 10, 2020; and the minister's decision is due by July 18, 2020.

Foxtrap Access Road Interchange Quarry (Reg. 2083)
Proponent: Black Diamond Construction Ltd.

The proponent is proposing to develop a 14.7-hectare rock and sand quarry located east of the Foxtrap Access Road and TCH Interchange. The proposed site is within the City of St. John's municipal boundary and is accessible from the existing Pasture Lands Road. Development will involve upgrading of existing access roads and vegetation clearing, grubbing and stockpiling of overburden at the quarry site. Quarry operations will include drilling, blasting, crushing, screening, stockpiling, loading and transport of aggregates.

The undertaking was registered on June 3, 2020; the deadline for public comments is July 10, 2020; and the minister's decision is due by July 18, 2020.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Milltown-Head of Bay d'Espoir RV Park
Proponent: Town of Milltown-Head of Bay d'Espoir

(Reg. 2071)

The project was released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent is required to uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- No vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200-metre buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division at 709-637-2025.
- A minimum 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer be maintained along wetlands, streams and waterbodies to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.
- The proponent is required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- The proponent is required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required. Please email project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Learn more

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