

May 21, 2020

Reg. #2067

Mr. Dennis Parr
10 White's Avenue
Pasadena NL A2H 2N2

Dear Mr. Parr:

Re: Upper Humber River Cottage

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requires a minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands that appear on a 1:50,000 topo map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat. For further information, contact Jonathan Sheppard at (709) 729-1140.
- 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, and Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2025.
- You are 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.

- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for your project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email your project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

The Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment requires that permits are required for any work in any body of water (including wetland), for any work in shore water zones, and for any infilling work within fifteen (15) metres of a body of water. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL requires that you contact them to obtain permits for water and sewage installations and for electrical services prior to construction. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre, Corner Brook at (709) 637-2204.

The Department of Natural Resources advises that that mineral exploration is a land use that should be expected in the general area in the future. For further information, please contact Stephen Hinchey, Mines Branch, Department of Natural Resources, at (709) 729-5748 or stephenhinchey@gov.nl.ca.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. For further information, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at (709) 772-2126.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that you are required to self-assess using the DFO "Projects Near Water" website located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derrick Bragg".

DERRICK BRAGG, MHA
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment
District of Fogo Island-Cape Freels

cc: Hon. Dwight Ball, Premier
MHA - Humber – Gros Morne

Sarah Kennedy, Johnson Construction