
PERMIT TO ALTER A BODY OF WATER

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 39, 48

Date: **SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

File No: **526**
Permit No: **ALT12001-2021**

Permit Holder: **Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation**
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Attention: **Ms. Carolyn Compagnon**

Re: **Nelson's Pond & South Brook - Small Bridge & Fording**

Permission is hereby given for : **the installation of one (1) - 13m untreated timber and steel bridge across Nelson's Brook within the Protected Public Water Supply Area of Deer Lake (+ Reidville) and the installation of one (1) fording site across South Brook at (48.978388N. 57.608959W) for the maintenance of an existing snowmobile trail near the Town of Pasadena and in reference to the application received on June 11, 2021 and additional information received on July 16, 2021 and on July 26, 2021.**

- This Permit does not release the Permit Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.
- The Permit Holder must obtain the approval of the Crown Lands Administration Division if the project is being carried out on Crown Land.
- This Permit is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in Appendices A and B (attached).
- It should be noted that prior to any significant changes in the design or installation of the proposed works, or in event of changes in ownership or management of the project, an amendment to this Permit must be obtained from the Department of Environment and Climate Change under Section 49 of the *Water Resources Act*.



(for) MINISTER

APPENDIX A
Terms and Conditions for Permit

Small Bridges

1. A 13 metre untreated timber and steel bridge may be constructed across Nelson's Brook within the Humber Canal PPWSA, near the Town of Deer Lake.
2. The use of creosote treated wood is strictly prohibited within 15 metres of all bodies of fresh water in the province.
3. The crossing structure must provide adequate capacity to safely discharge flood flows without causing backwater effects upstream or increased flow velocity downstream.
4. Bridge abutments must be set back 0.5 metres from the normal edge of a watercourse to prevent constriction during high flow conditions.
5. The natural course of any stream must not be altered.
6. Infilling must not cause increased water elevation upstream or increase flow velocity downstream of the site. Reduction of the natural cross sectional area of any watercourse is not permitted.
7. Piers must be designed to prevent failure resulting from scouring of streambed material.
8. The upstream and downstream sides of abutments must be protected with rip-rap, concrete or heavy timber to prevent erosion and scouring.
9. Where pumping is used to bypass flow, cofferdams must be installed both above and below areas of construction. The Permit Holder must provide pumps with sufficient capacity to prevent washout of cofferdams.
10. Cofferdams must be properly designed and constructed of suitable materials to prevent leakage and to resist loss of any material as a result of erosion. Cofferdams must be removed upon completion of their intended function. All material must be removed carefully to prevent disturbance of the water body and to prevent water quality degradation.
11. Abutments and piers must be constructed in the dry and during times of low flow.
12. The bridge(s) must have the following minimum dimensions:

Crossing Name / No.	Span (m)	Waterway Opening (m²)	Freeboard (m)
Nelson's Brook	13	4	2

Fording

13. Except for single passenger all-terrain vehicles, crossings by other vehicles or construction equipment shall be limited to one trip in and one trip out.
14. Timbers or rocks shall be placed in streams to facilitate crossing or to minimize damage to the channel sections provided the streams are not unnecessarily constricted or backed up.
15. Alteration of the natural minimum streamflow is not permitted in order to preserve aquatic life.

16. Stream banks at fording sites that contain loose or erodible material must be adequately stabilized before crossing to minimize any siltation of streams.
17. The fording sites must be located at shallow sections of the channels where there are low approach grades, and where the channels consists of stable non-erodible rock or cobbles.
18. Fording shall only be carried out during periods of low water levels.
19. When the fording sites are no longer required, the Permit Holder must dismantle and remove all constructed works and restore the sites to their original condition. All material placed in streams must be completely removed.
20. Within 30 days after expiry of this Permit, the Permit Holder must submit to the department a report confirming that each fording location was left in as good or better condition than prior to Permit Holder's fording activities. This report should include detailed pictures of each site before and after project activities.

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Stream Crossing	Description of Streambed	Amount of Vegetation	Channel Width (m)	Channel Depth (m)
South Brook	Cobble	None	15	1.5

General Alterations

22. Any work that must be performed below the high water mark must be carried out during a period of low water levels.
23. Any flowing or standing water must be diverted around work sites so that work is carried out in the dry.
24. Water pumped from excavations or work areas, or any runoff or effluent directed out of work sites, must have silt and turbidity removed by settling ponds, filtration, or other suitable treatment before discharging to a body of water. Effluent discharged into receiving waters must comply with the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*.
25. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
26. The use of heavy equipment in streams or bodies of water is not permitted. The operation of heavy equipment must be confined to dry stable areas.
27. During the construction of concrete components, formwork must be properly constructed to prevent any fresh concrete from entering a body of water. Dumping of concrete or washing of tools and equipment in any body of water is prohibited.
28. Wood preservatives such as penta, CCA or other such chemicals must not be applied to timber near a body of water. All treated wood or timber must be thoroughly dry before being brought to any work site and installed.
29. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of this Department.
30. The bed, banks and floodplains of watercourses, or other vulnerable areas affected by this project, must be adequately protected from erosion by seeding, sodding or placing of rip-rap.
31. Periodic maintenance such as painting, resurfacing, clearing of debris, or minor repairs, must be carried out without causing any physical disruption of any watercourse. Care must be taken to prevent spillage of pollutants into the water.
32. The owners of structures are responsible for any environmental damage resulting from dislodgement caused by wind, wave, ice action, or structural failure.

33. Sediment and erosion control measures must be installed before starting work. All control measures must be inspected regularly and any necessary repairs made if damage is discovered.
34. Fill material must be of good quality, free of fines or other substances including metals, organics, or chemicals that may be harmful to the receiving waters.
35. The attached Completion Report (Appendix C) for Permit No. 12001 must be completed and returned to this Department upon completion of the approved works. Pictures must be submitted along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after development.
36. This Permit is valid for two years from the date of issue. Work must be completed by that date or the application and approval procedure must be repeated.
37. The location of the work is highlighted on the Location Map for this Permit attached as Appendix D.
38. Except as stated in Clause #1 under **FORDING**, the use of heavy equipment in streams or bodies of water is not permitted. The operation of heavy equipment must be confined to dry stable areas.

PPWSA General

39. All persons working on this project must be informed that they are within a Protected Public Water Supply Area, and must be made aware of all conditions of this Permit. A copy of this Permit must be on site during operations.
40. An undisturbed (no cutting or ground disturbance) buffer zone of at least **150 metres** shall be maintained around the Humber Canal for a distance of 1 kilometer upstream, at least **75 metres** along the remainder of the Humber Canal, at least **50 metres** along both sides of all streams and main tributaries running into the Humber Canal, and at least **30 metres** around all ponds and along both sides of all other water bodies. Activity or development within these buffer zones is prohibited. All buffer zones must be marked with signs or flagging tape to avoid encroachment into the buffer zones.
41. All waste material is to be collected in refuse containers, and disposed of at an approved waste disposal site outside the Protected Public Water Supply Area in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2*.
42. Equipment storage, maintenance facilities associated with this project, and all maintenance other than emergency repairs must not be located/carried out within the Protected Public Water Supply Area.
43. The Department reserves the right to require that the Permit Holder follow, and cover all costs incurred by the Permit Holder or this department, associated with any water quality monitoring program that may be ordered by the Minister for the purpose of ensuring that the water quality is maintained within acceptable guidelines.
44. Officials of the Department and the appropriate Municipal Authority, Operator, or Watershed Management Committee may visit the site to ensure compliance with this Permit.
45. Liaison is to be maintained with the appropriate Municipal Authority and Environmental Scientist. If there are any specific problems (ie sedimentation, fuel spill, other potential water quality impairment), the appropriate Town Manager/Clerk, Mayor, Chair of the Local Service District Committee, or Chair of the Water Supply Committee must be notified immediately at (709)635-2451. The Environmental Scientist must also be notified immediately at **(709)637-2542**.
46. Treated wood shall not be used in a water body or within buffer zones established in Condition 40 of any water body measured from the high water mark. The use of creosote treated wood anywhere within the Protected Public Water Supply Area is strictly prohibited.
47. The Permit Holder must inspect the site daily, and any water quality impairment related problems are to be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist at (709)637-2542 and the appropriate Municipal Authority or Watershed Monitoring Committee at (709)635-2451.

48. Any changes in water quality resulting directly from this project, rendering the water unsuitable as a public water supply, are the responsibility of the Permit Holder. The Minister may order the Permit Holder to provide an alternate source of potable water to the affected community until water quality returns to an accepted level.
49. All vehicles and equipment must be clean, in good working order with no leaking fuel, oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
50. All stationary motorized equipment and associated fuel tanks shall have metal trays, absorbent pads or impervious liners under them to catch and contain in excess of 110 % of the aggregate volume of any fuel, lubricant and oil.
51. Drainage from roads and other disturbed areas into any body of water must first be discharged into a settling pond, a vegetated area or pass through a sedimentation fence where all suspended material can settle out before draining into any body of water.
52. Any streams not visible on a 1:50,000 scale map (including field identified streams) shall require a minimum buffer of 30 m.
53. For any clearing inside buffer zones: no ground disturbance (no disturbance to the root mat, no grubbing, or removal of soil) shall take place in the buffer zones. The Permit Holder is to ensure that the appropriate best practices are employed to prevent any detrimental effects that could impact water quality. Where possible, work in buffer zones shall be completed when the ground is frozen.
54. The Permit Holder is required to ensure that adequate sanitary (bathroom) facilities are available or provided on site. This may be in the form of a portable toilet, chemical toilet, or municipal sewer system. If a portable toilet or chemical toilet is used, the waste water must be disposed of in a septic disposal system approved by Service NL, or at an approved waste disposal site, outside the Protected Public Water Supply Area in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2.

Fuel Storage

55. There shall be no bulk fuel storage associated with this project within the protected water supply area. Fuel shall be brought to the operating area in no more than two (2), 205 litre barrels or one (1) 500 litre slip tank. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland. The Permit Holder is hereby informed that fuel storage and handling requires a separate approval under the *Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations*, CNR 775/96.
56. Contaminated snow and soil must be removed from the site and disposed of at an approved location outside the protected public water supply area, in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2*.
57. Any spills of gasoline, fuel or oil, regardless of volume, shall be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist and the appropriate Municipal Authority or Watershed Management Committee by calling (709)637-2542 and (709) 635-2451 respectively. Furthermore, all spills in excess of 70 litres shall be reported immediately to the 24 hour spill report line at 1-800-563-9089.
58. A complete oil spill clean-up kit must be on site at all times when gasoline or fuel powered equipment is being used or refuelled. The kit must contain the following:
 - One hand operated fuel pump
 - One recovery container such an empty 205 litre drum
 - One shovel
 - One pick axe
 - Five metres of containment boom
 - Five absorbent pads
 - Twenty-five litres of loose absorbent material
59. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland.

Protected Miscellaneous

60. The Permit Holder is required to provide this Department with all documentation, information and data which may be requested or required in order to carry out the inspection or investigation.

61. Sawdust, bark, and logs must not be stored within undisturbed buffer zones of any body of water, and must be removed at regular intervals to prevent excessive accumulation at the site.
62. Wood and brush removed from the work site must not be stored within undisturbed buffer zones of any water body.

APPENDIX B

Special Terms and Conditions for Permit

1. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall keep all systems and works in good condition and repair and in accordance with all laws, by-laws, directions, rules and regulations of any governmental authority. The Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) shall immediately notify the Minister if any problem arises which may threaten the structural stability of the systems and works, endanger public safety and/or the environment or adversely affect others and/or any body of water either in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent (s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for all damages suffered by the Minister and Government resulting from any defect in the systems and works, operational deficiencies/inadequacies, or structural failure.
2. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall operate the said Project and its systems and works in a manner which does not cause any water related and/or environmental problems, including but not limited to problems of erosion, deposition, flooding, and deterioration of water quality and groundwater depletion, in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for any and all damages associated with these problems caused as a result of changes, deficiencies, and inadequacies in the operational procedures by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
3. If the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) fails to perform, fulfil, or observe any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit, as determined by this Department, the Minister may, without notice, amend, modify, suspend or cancel this Permit in accordance with the *Water Resources Act*.
4. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Permit, systems and works in or outside the said Project areas, or any act or omission of the Permit Holder or its agent (s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) in or outside the said Project areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
5. This Permit is subject to all provisions of the *Water Resources Act* and any regulations in effect either at the date of this Permit or hereafter made pursuant thereto or any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
6. This Permit shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Appendix C - Completion Report

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 39, 48

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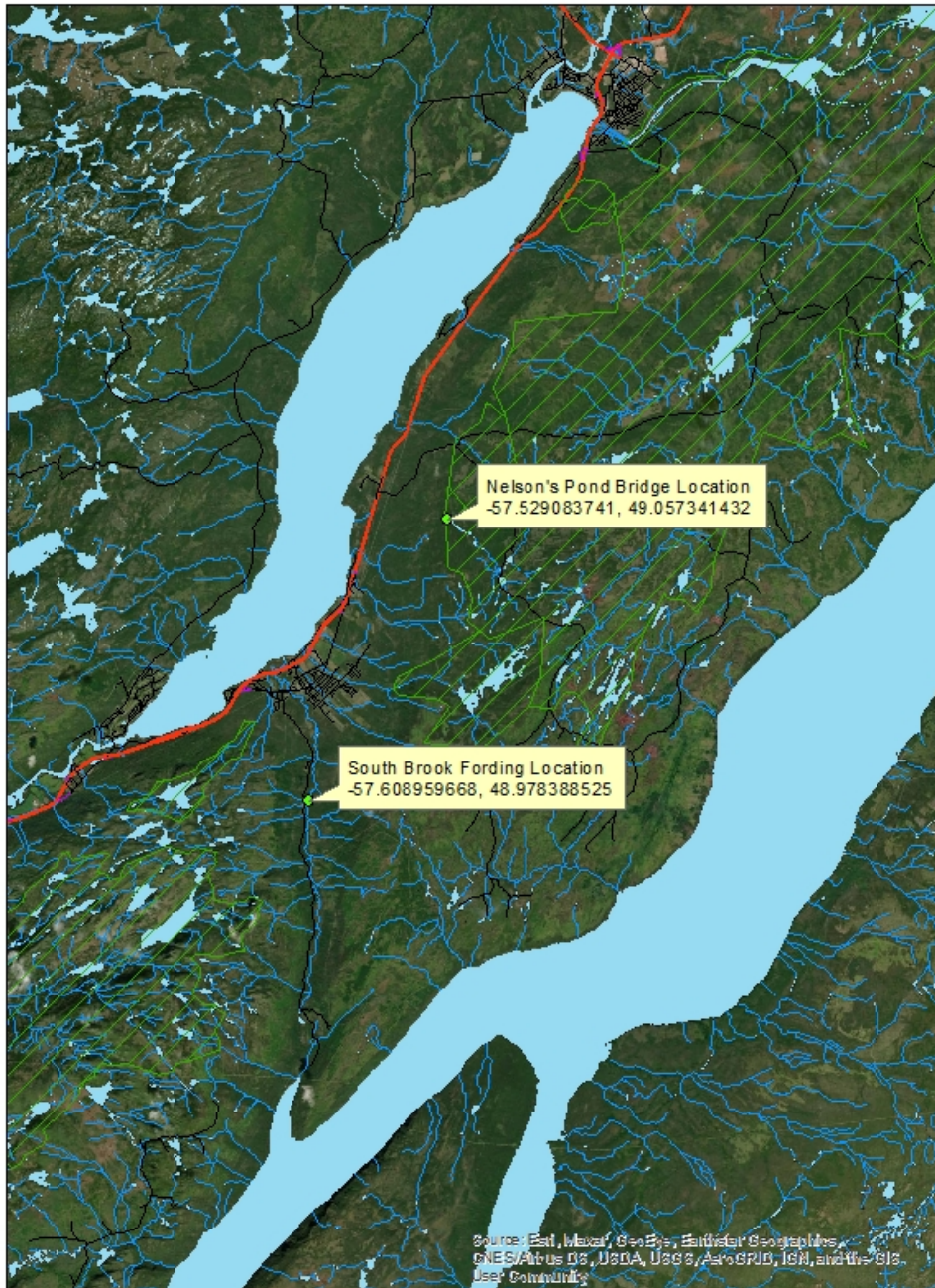
I (the Permit Holder named above or agent authorized to represent the Permit Holder) do hereby certify that the project described above was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to the Department of Environment and Climate Change and that the work was carried out in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit issued for this project.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This completion report must be completed and forwarded to the following address upon completion of the approved work.

Department of Environment and Climate Change
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APPENDIX D
Location Map for Permit



Second Attached Image File

