

# **Environmental Preview Report**

for the

## **Carmanville New Pond Cabins ATV Trail**

Registration 2186

Pursuant to the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act

(RSN 256801)

Submitted by: Wayne Hicks

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**1. Name Of Undertaking:**

Carmanville New Pond Cabins ATV Trail

**2. Proponent:**

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**3. The Undertaking:**

The nature of the project is to construct (1) one kilometer of an ATV trail to have easier accessibility to approximately 11 cabins along the pond (New Pond, Ragged Harbour River). The ATV Trail will be approximately 3 meters wide and will begin at an existing road to New Pond near the end of the pond continuing South-West down to the South end area of the pond.

Prior to the requested ATV Trail, there was an application submitted to Crownlands for an ACCESS ROAD. The Access Road application got denied due to the construction of an access road not being eligible activity that may be licensed within the shoreline reservation area of a pond.

A new Crown land application has been received for the proposed ATV trail (RSN # 256801) File reference N0. 2023473. The commencement of the ATV trail is approximately two kilometres East of Carmanville, and 8 kilometres South of Route # 330 Highway into New Pond Road.

This area has been utilized for a number of years via foot and boat during the summer / fall seasons and by snowmobile during the winter season. The cabin

owners would like to construct an ATV trail to the remote area of their cabins allowing them easier access to the area as they get older as well as allowing family members to join them during the summer / fall months. Also, climate change has made an impact on accessing cabins by boat and wetlands during late fall and the winter season.

#### **4. Description of the undertaking:**

##### **4.1 Details of construction methods:**

The access point will be approximately (#1) 75 meters through heavy timber and hard ground. From there the PROPOSED ACCESS All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Trail will travel through a combination of bogs, grasslands, low brush and hard ground. The wetlands area (#2) is approximately 120 meters and will be corduroyed. Then there is (#3) approximately 350 meters of dense forest, followed by (#4) 110 meters of wetlands which involves a brook running into New Pond, which is to be crossed via a covert/bridge. The brook is narrow in width, approximately 1.5 meters wide and after the brook crossing there is another wooded area (#5) approximately 170 meters to the cabin which as already been cut as a trail.

##### **GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates of ATV Trail are:**

**Beginning:** N. 49 degrees 19 minutes 425 seconds  
W. 54 degrees 09 minutes 463 seconds

**End:** N. 49 degrees 18 minutes 988 seconds  
W. 54 degrees 09 minutes 649 seconds

##### **Map(s) attached:**

##### **4.2 Construction:**

Construction will commence once final approval of application is granted. Duration of project is estimated at a (2) month period.

The following is a description of the work to be performed.

1. Tree cutting,
2. Corduroying,
3. Tree stump removal,
4. Brook crossing via covert/wooden bridge.

Machinery to be used will be ATV, ATV dump trailer, chain saw, mini-excavator for stump removal. Airborne emissions would be exhausts from the ATV's. mini-excavator exhaust and chainsaws. All waste will be removed at the end of each work day via the ATV's and disposed of in the appropriate manner at approved provincial dump sites. Any fuel needed to man the machinery will be carried in approved containers. There will be no winter construction.

#### 4.3 Operation and maintenance:

There will be no public usage of trail while under construction. Signage will be used to inform public traffic of construction in effect. The project is a project where there won't be any hiring for employment. The work will be performed by the cabin owners themselves.

Any trees that are cut down will be used as corduroy. Any corduroy not used will be utilized as firewood.

There isn't any foreseeable danger to any wildlife in the proposed area. Known wildlife in the area are moose, rabbits, beaver, ptarmigan grouse, foxes and coyotes.

As for spillage – there will be absorbents on site for any spillage that may occur.

There will be a first aid kit on site for any minor injuries and there will also be cell phones available for any further emergencies if that should occur.



## **5. Alternatives:**

The proposed ATV route will have the least impact on wetlands and is also the shortest route. The proposed route will lessen the number of trees to be cut and occupied by the ATV trail.

There will not be any alternative means of carrying out the proposed project. If project is rejected – all proposals will cease.

Past access to the existing cabins has been by boat using New Pond in summer/fall, and, skidoo in winter when New Pond is frozen over sufficiently and safe to travel on.

## **6. Potential Environmental Effects and Mitigation:**

There doesn't seem to be any potential effects of the project on the environment. There will be uprooting of trees and the placing of corduroy in needed areas and nothing from these implementations propose any known dangers to the environment.

As for parking within close proximities of the proposed ATV trail, there will be no parking available because the main parking lot to New Pond is located near the Highway – Route # 330, to be used if necessary. If someone chooses to park near the landing of the pond where there is near-by boat launching activity – they do so at their own risk.

With regards to accidents and malfunctions on the trail, the requested measurements for ATV width should be sufficient enough to avoid such incidents.

## **7. Decommissioning and Rehabilitation:**

There aren't any plans in effect to decommission any or all parts of the proposed ATV trail. It is a project initiated to be used for years to come by the current cabin owners and any future, new cabin owners. If there should be the need for rehabilitation to keep shrubs, bushes and alders from growing in the trail, the trail will be maintained on a regular basis as needed

due to the over-growth. The responsibility for the upkeep of the ATV Trail will be the responsibility of myself, (Wayne Hicks) and all other cabin owners accessing the trail.

## 8. Project-Related Documents:

### SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

#### Project Description:

The proponent is proposing to construct a (1) kilometre access road to 11 cabins at New Pond, located two kilometres east of Carmanville, and, eight kilometres south of Route 330. The proposed access road would join the existing New Pond Road.

- February 3, 2022 – The undertaking was registered.
- March 11, 2022 – Public comments are due.
- March 20, 2022 – The Minister’s decision is due.
- April 3, 2022 – The Minister’s decision is due (extended).
- April 25, 2022 – The Minister’s decision is due (extended).
- May 12, 2022 – The Minister’s decision is due (extended).
- May 26, 2022 – The Minister’s decision is due (extended).
- June 1, 2022 – Environmental Preview Report (EPR) required.
- June 1, 2022 – Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) appointed.
- July 8, 2022 – Environmental Preview Report Guidelines Issued.
  
- Documents:
  - [Registration](#) Opens in new window (8 MB)
  - [Decision Letter](#) Opens in new window (791 KB)
  - [EPR Guidelines](#) Opens in new window (146 KB)
- Public Notices:
  - [Project Registered](#) Opens in new window (164 KB)
  - [EPR Required](#) Opens in new window (140 KB)
  - [EPR Guidelines Issued](#) Opens in new window (110 KB)

Copy and paste the following website into your browser to go to the list of PDF files:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/projects/project-2186/>

## 9. Approval of the Undertaking:

Let it be known that an application for Crown lands has been submitted (RSN # 256801) and acknowledgement of construction of the trail is not permitted until Crown title has been issued for the trail.

Regards;

Wayne P. Hicks

**Wayne Paul Hicks**

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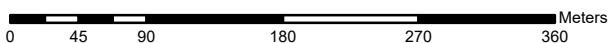
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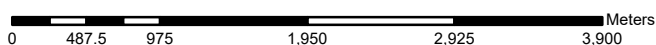
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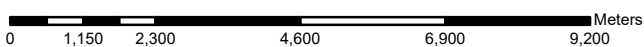
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#04 - Detailed as described



in #1 of project

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