Environment Assessment Registration

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NAME OF THE UNDERTAKING: ATV Trail (Multi-Use)

PROPONENTS:

(i) Name of Corporate Body: Bay Bulls Bauline Athletic Association

(ii) Chief Executive Officer:

Name: Scott Penney

Official Title: Chair of association

(iii) Principal Contact Person for Purposes of Environmental Assessment:

Name: Carla Sullivan

Official Title: Regional Recreation Director

THE UNDERTAKING

(i) Name of the Undertaking: ATV Trail (Multi-Use)

(ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for the Undertaking:** The goal for this trail is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for people to engage in a wide variety of recreation & physical activities, including, but not limited to, ATV, walking, hiking, snowshoeing, etc. The development of this trail will keep motorized vehicles off the roadways, and it will be designed wide enough for pedestrians and ATV to occupy the space at the same time.

This trail will be developed from Cape Pond Road to Horse Chops Road and it will link up with an already existing trail, that runs from Horse chops, through Cape Broyle and Calvert, and to Ferryland.

Residents along the Southern Shore enjoy the outdoors and they are looking for opportunities to travel further on their ATV's/snowmobiles right at home. Many people in this region travel to the west coast of Newfoundland each winter for snowmobiling trips and our goal is to create an environment where people can stay at home for their annual snowmobile trips and to also bring people to this region of the island. A trail like this is something that residents have expressed interest in for a long time now. The Southern Shore is also a destination for cabin owners and campers, and we envision it to be a travel destination for those looking to plan ATV and snowmobile trips, with the opportunity to hike/bike/snowshoe as well. Linking up the already existing trials will provide users the opportunity to travel longer distances on their ATV's/snowmobiles.

DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING

(i) Geographical Location:

(ii)

Cape Pond Road MTM Zone 1 N-5228170m; E-303525m Horse Chops Road MTM Zone 1 N-5224060m; E – 302160m

This site is located on the Avalon Peninsula, along the Southern Shore between the communities of Tors Cove and Cape Broyle. The trail is approximately 13km's west of Tors Cove and approximately 9 km's west of Cape Broyle. It is located east of the Avalon Wilderness Area (approximately 2 km's outside this area) and west of La Manche Provincial Park (approximately 8km's outside this area).

The proposed trail will run from Horse Chops to Tors Cove. Horse Chops lies outside of the Town of Cape Broyle and planning area boundary (as stated in Town of Cape Broyle Municipal Plan 2009). Tors Cove is a local service district and does not interfere with any municipal zoning areas.

GPS coordinates of Horse Chops Road: 47.15613, -53.03489

GPS coordinates of Cape Pond Road: 47.19281, -53.01674

(iii) Physical Features:

-Crown land, including forest, water bodies, and wildlife -Size of area:

Frontage = 3 meters Depth = 4,110 meters

- -No buildings/shelters/look-out areas will be constructed
- -We will be minimizing the number of trees that are cut in the process, however, the trees and logs that are cut during construction will be used for bridging along the trail.
- -The size of the area affected by the undertaking is approximately 1 hectare or 2.5 acres
- -At this time, we are waiting on approval of our Crown Land application (application No. 159586) and if a permit is required, we would be informed by the Department of Forestry in the approval letter.
- -This undertaking will not go through any wetlands. There is currently an unofficial trail that goes through the wetland area and the whole point of our application to the construct a trail that avoids the wetlands and goes through highlands.

-Is the area mostly trees and barren lands. We will be avoiding the wetlands.

(iv) Construction:

-Construction period:

No construction has taken place to date, still pending approval documents from Crown Lands. The construction period would entail 2 excavators/operators for approximately 5 working days, totaling approximately 60 hours.

Resource conflict: Potential sources of pollutants during construction period include emissions from heavy equipment.

Proposed measures to mitigate potential adverse environment effects on receptors and resource/land use conflicts: Existing trails in the area of Cape Pond Road and Horse Chops Road travel across bog and wetlands areas. The proposed route is to be constructed on dryland – high ground as to mitigate any future risk to wetland biodiversity.

Estimates construction period depends on when we can get approval from our Crown Lands application. It may be November/December 2022, or it may have to wait until Spring of 2023.

(v) Operation:

- -This trail will be operated year around as a multi-purpose trail and utilized for walking, biking, cycling, snowshoeing, and ATV's.
- -Potential causes of resource conflicts: potential sources of pollutants during operation of trail would be emissions from ATV's and snowmobiles.
- -Public consultation have consisted of a poling petition of support for the trail, which as of today's date contain 1,391 names of support (link to petition below):

 $\underline{https://www.change.org/p/approval-of-crown-land-trail-for-the-southern-shore-trailway}$

This trail will not be manicured throughout the year and will be constructed with rough gravel

(vi) Occupations:

Construction: Construction of trail will be by volunteer based individuals, with fund raising efforts to cover fuel costs for the equipment.

Operation: 1 full time regional recreation director employed by the Bay Bulls Bauline Athletic Association and 14 volunteer board members.

(vii) Project Related Documents:

N/A

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

Conditional on the approval of Crown Lands application (Application No. 159586), which has been submitted. Water sources if and when we have to do water crossings

SCHEDULE:

We have preference to complete the work in the fall of the year, however, we have no specified start or end date at this time.

FUNDING:

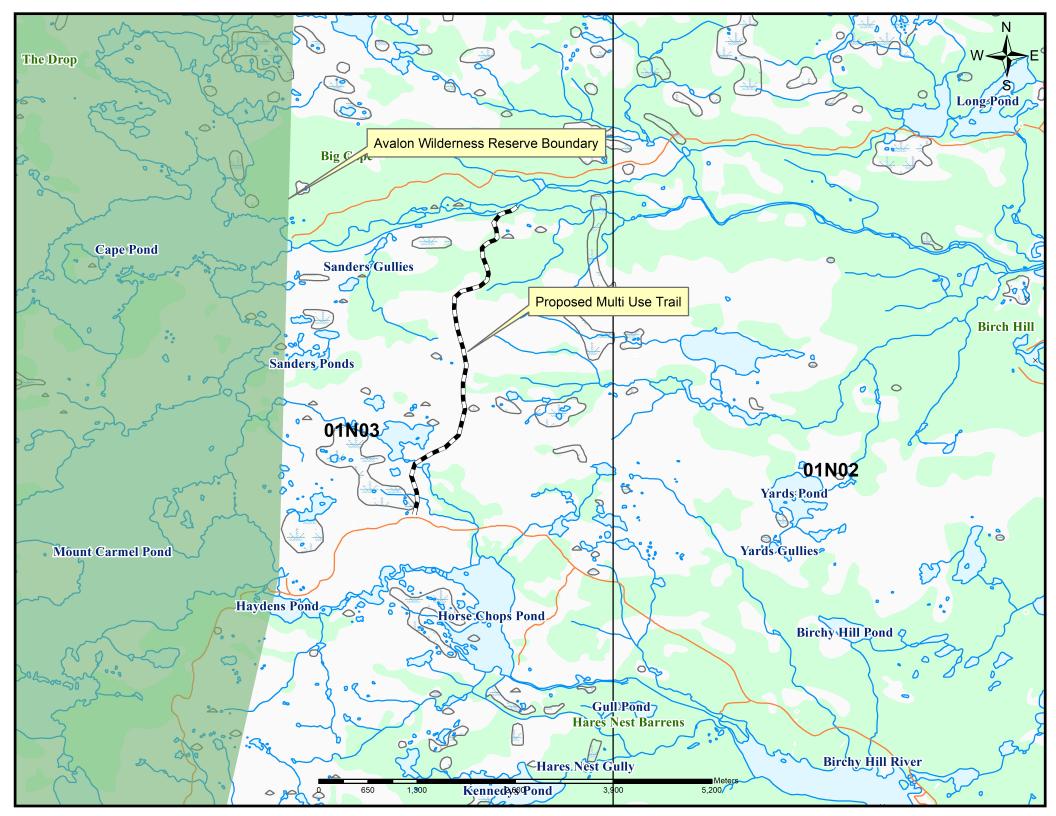
Bay Bulls Bauline Athletic Association has already received \$7,500 from provincial governments 'Active NL' fund to go towards of fuel costs and any materials that will be needed during the construction phase.

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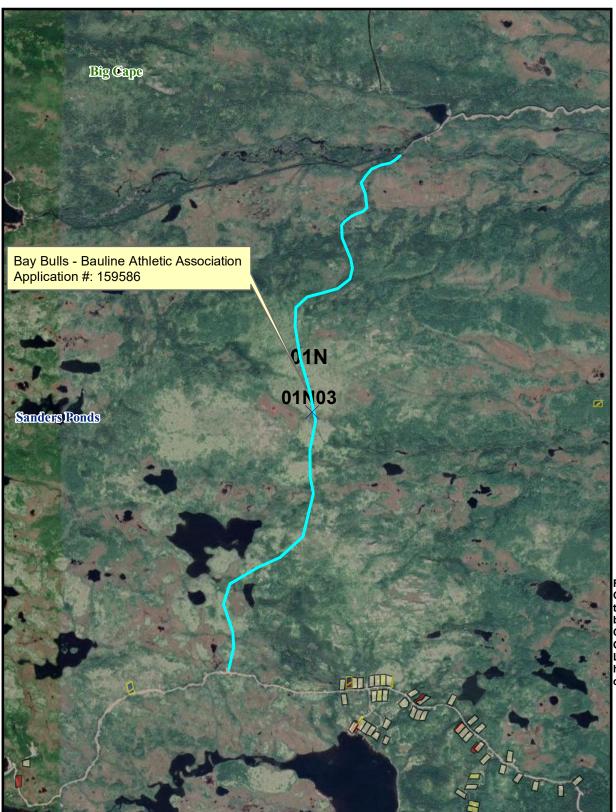
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Signature of Proponent/Chief Executive Officer



Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture Crown Lands Division





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