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Cory Grandy  
Deputy Minister  
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

**Re: Rushy Pond Brook Bridge Replacement**

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

**Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:**

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that you must obtain permits for any work in a body of water including wetland; for any work in shore water zones; for work within this designated flood risk area; and, for any infilling work within fifteen metres of a body of water, prior to project commencement. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department advises that all waters discharged from the proposed site during construction and operation are subject to compliance with the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations under the *Water Resources Act*. The Pollution Prevention Division indicates the Waste Management Section should



be contacted prior to disposal of bridge debris. For further information, please contact Marie Ryan at (709) 729-1810 or [ryanm@gov.nl.ca](mailto:ryanm@gov.nl.ca).

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of Digital Government and Service NL advises that you must generally ensure that activities associated with the project are conducted in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its Regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. For further information, please contact Denis Martin at (709) 729-6690 or [martind@gov.nl.ca](mailto:martind@gov.nl.ca).

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology advises you that any quarry material needed for this undertaking must be obtained from approved sources. Industry, Energy and Technology indicates that there are distribution lines in this area as well as terminal stations in the areas of Botwood and Bishop's Falls and recommends that you advise Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro of the project. For further information regarding quarry permits, quarry leases, or subordinate quarry permits contact the Quarry Rights Section at [quarries@gov.nl.ca](mailto:quarries@gov.nl.ca). For other inquiries please contact Stephen Hinchey at (709) 729-5748 or [stephenhinchey@gov.nl.ca](mailto:stephenhinchey@gov.nl.ca).

The Provincial Archaeological Office of the Department of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation advises that no ground disturbing activities are to occur within 100 metres of a known archaeological site near the project area. Details on the site location are provided in the attached Agency Comments document. For further information contact Jamie Brake at (709) 729-2462, [jamiebrake@gov.nl.ca](mailto:jamiebrake@gov.nl.ca).

Provincial Parks Division of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation advises that, where achievable, a 50-metre buffer is required around the NL T'Railway Provincial Park. For further information contact Parks Division at [Trailway@gov.nl.ca](mailto:Trailway@gov.nl.ca) or (709) 637-2040.

Provincial Parks Division also advises that special permits are required if access to the T'Railway Provincial Park is required for any reason. For further information, please contact the Provincial Parks Division at (709) 637-2411, or Geoff Bailey at [geoffbailey@gov.nl.ca](mailto:geoffbailey@gov.nl.ca).

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) 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. ECCC requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped for consideration of cumulative effects. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4221.



Transport Canada advises that the proposed bridges are considered as major works and require an approval under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act. For further information contact Melissa Ginn, Environmental Officer at (709) 772-3088 or [Melissa.Ginn@tc.gc.ca](mailto:Melissa.Ginn@tc.gc.ca).

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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca).

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**HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA**  
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville  
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Enclosures

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