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Department of Environment
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment Minister Kevin Aylward has announced the following events relative to the Environmental Assessment Act.

UNDERTAKING WITHDRAWN:

Bellevue (Broad Lake) Trinity Bay 18-Hole Golf Course (2001)
Proponent: L. Mareido Enterprises Limited (Melvin Conrad Reid, President)

Reasons for the withdrawal, as offered by the proponent, are stated in the re-registration (see below) and pertained to deficiencies in the mapping submitted in the registration document.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Bellevue 18-Hole Golf Course (2002)
Proponent: L. Mareido Enterprises Limited (Melvin Conrad Reid, President)

The proponent intends to construct an 18-hole public golf course at Bellevue between the residential area to the north, a Crown land cottage area to the south, Route 201 to the east, and the waters of Broad Lake to the west. In addition to the 18 tees, fairways, and greens, there will be a practice tee with five greens, an irrigation system, a sewage treatment system, an access road, club/dining facilities, a registration office and pro-shop, an equipment storage area, and related transportation/parking infrastructure. The proponent plans to start construction in the early summer of 2002 with 15 persons employed. During operation (seasonal), there will be 16 persons employed. The proponent hopes to have the first 9 holes operational by the spring of 2004. The project was registered on April 18, 2002; public comments are due May 23, 2002; and the Minister's decision is due June 2, 2002.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

(1) Mount Pearl Hot-Dip Galvanized Manufacturing Facility
Proponent: Bruce Enterprises Limited (Herman M. Bruce, President)

(2) Crown Five Year Forest Management Plan District 1 (Avalon) 2002-2007
Proponent: Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods

The Minister has released the undertaking from further environmental assessment subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- Additional information be supplied to the Women's Policy Office, including analysis of available employment data by gender for contracts. Specific initiatives and targets to address the need to increase the level of participation of women should be identified. The Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods must submit an employment monitoring report on an annual basis, including collection of employment statistics by gender in order to track progress on participation of women and to implement adjustment strategies if employment targets are not being attained.
- The pine martin habitat suitability model must be run for the district. Following the analysis of model outputs, the Inland Fish and Wildlife Division may require amendments to operating areas and/or harvest methods to allow for continued protection and recovery of the endangered pine marten population.
- The buffers identified by the Provincial Archaeology Office for specified known and potential archaeological sites in the District be implemented until Stage 1 Historic Resources Assessments are completed for these sites.
- Landscape design methods and appropriate view shed planning as outlined in the Forest Ecosystem Strategy Document for the District must be used to minimize the visual impacts of harvesting on roadways for major touring corridors, along scenic coastline areas and other sensitive scenic areas.
- Approval must be obtained from the Parks and Natural Areas Division, Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation for appropriate buffers to be maintained around provincial parks and proposed reserves. A minimum one kilometre modified cut buffer zone must be maintained for environmental protection of these areas. The modified buffer of one kilometre must include, but is not limited to: (a) restriction of cut sizes to 5 ha (unless area of blowdown or insect killed wood) exceed 5 ha; (b) no permanent forest access roads; and (c) a commitment to survey harvest areas for rare plants prior to the commencement of harvesting.
- Approval must be obtained from the Water Resources Management Division, Department of Environment with a monitoring report of past annual activities for each year outlined in the Five Year Plan, together with any recommended changes required in the Plan.
- The monitoring committee established for District 1 must provide the Minister of Environment with a monitoring report of past annual activities for each year outlined in the Five Year Plan, together with any recommended changes required in the Plan.

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