



Public Notice

Environmental Assessment Trans Labrador Highway Project (Phase III)

The Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Transportation and Works (the proponent) has submitted a proposal to construct and maintain a two lane gravel surface highway from Cartwright Junction (87 km south of Cartwright) to Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The road will be constructed to a 80 km/hr design standard with a posted speed limit of 70 km/hr. Construction is expected to be carried out in phases over a six-year period.

In accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act), Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the responsible authority for the project, has undertaken a comprehensive study. In accordance with NL's *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA), the Minister of Environment and Conservation has required an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. The proponent has submitted a single comprehensive study report/environmental impact statement (CSR/EIS) to fulfill information requirements, including the deficiencies as required by the provincial Minister of Environment and Conservation issued on March 4, 2004. The CSR/EIS has been submitted to the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation (ENVC), the federal Minister of the Environment and to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency).

To facilitate a timely review of the proposed project, the ENVC and the Agency have jointly agreed to conduct the public review of the EIS/CSR in a coordinated manner.

Pursuant to subsection 60 of the EPA and to subsection 22(1) of the CEA Act, the public is invited to comment on the conclusions, recommendations, and any other aspect of the CSR/EIS prepared for this project.

Comments from the public must be received no later than May 26, 2004.

Please send your comments, in the official language of your choice, to:

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Copies of the CSR/EIS and related documents are available for public viewing at the following locations:

Town Hall, Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay
212 Hamilton River Road
Tel.: (709) 896-3321

Centre for Newfoundland Studies
Queen Elizabeth II Library
Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John's, NL
Tel.: (709) 737-7475

A copy of the CSR/EIS is available on the Newfoundland and Labrador Web site at:
<http://www.gov.nf.ca/env/>

To obtain a copy of the environmental impact statement/comprehensive study report, please contact:

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NOTE: All comments received by the ENVC and the Agency will become part of the public registry for the project and will be considered public.