

Environment and Climate Change

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

PROJECTS RELEASED:

Route 91 Cataracts Brook Bridge Replacement (Reg. 1843)
Proponent: Department of Transportation and Works

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- a lichen survey must be conducted by an independent third party whose qualifications and proposed methodology have been approved by the Wildlife Division (WD) and the Parks and Natural Areas Division (PNAD) in advance of the survey;
- the lichen survey must be conducted in all areas to be cleared for the project, and survey results must be submitted to WD and PNAD before clearing and construction begins;
- if rare lichens are found in areas proposed to be cleared, a Rare Lichen Protection/Monitoring Plan will be required, which shall be developed in consultation with WD and PNAD, and submitted for Ministerial approval prior to the start of construction activities;
- a minimum 30 metre naturally vegetated buffer is to be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat; and
- any necessary vegetation clearing or excessive noise shall be undertaken outside of the nesting, breeding and brood rearing period for birds and small mammals (May to mid-July), when disturbance would be most critical.

Bishop's Falls Exploits River Tourism Development (Reg. 1855)
Proponent: Town of Bishop's Falls

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