

Municipal Affairs and Environment

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Harbour Arterial Mineral Workings Area (“HAMWA”) Expansion (Reg. 1945) Proponent: Department of Natural Resources, Mineral Lands Division

The proponent intends to expand a 78.3 hectare bedrock aggregate quarry site within the municipal boundaries of the City of St. John’s, north of Paddy’s Pond and immediately south of the current Harbour Arterial Mineral Workings Area. The project was formerly registered as Registration 1703; however, the registration expired after three years of inactivity. The proposed project involves the development of surface quarries for the purpose of removing sand, gravel, and rock to support infrastructure developments on the Northeast Avalon Peninsula. Related uses may include the construction of temporary buildings (e.g., offices and garages), recycling and re-purposing construction materials, and remediation of contaminated soils. The quarry development may begin in certain areas as early as Spring 2018. Some of the issued quarry sites may not be developed until later (2019 - 2020).

The undertaking was registered on February 5, 2018; the deadline for public comments is March 14, 2018; and the minister’s decision is due by March 22, 2018.

Argentia Cannabis Production Facility (Reg. 1946) Proponent: Argentia Gold Corporation

The proponent proposes to establish and operate an 80,000 square foot hydroponic facility for the production of cannabis for medical purposes at the Argentia Industrial Park in the Town of Placentia. An existing building will be refurbished and will include hermetically sealed, climate controlled, fully automatic growing rooms. The facility is accessible by existing roads and is connected to the municipal water and sewer systems. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2018 and production starting in the Fall of the same year.

The undertaking was registered on February 6, 2018; the deadline for public comments is March 14, 2018; and the minister’s decision is due by March 23, 2018.

Learn more

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