

Municipal Affairs and Environment

July 26, 2018

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Bauline Line Quarry (Torbay)

(Reg. 1976)

Proponent: Northeast Aggregate Ltd.

The proponent proposes to develop a five hectare quarry near Bauline Line approximately 629 metres east of Bauline Line at 454A Middle Three Island Pond Road in the Town of Torbay. The quarry will be used for removing sand, gravel, and rock, as well as crushed and/or screened material and washed stone, for infrastructure development in Torbay and the surrounding communities.

The undertaking was registered on July 26, 2018; the deadline for public comments is August 30, 2018; and the minister's decision is due by September 9, 2018.

ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT REQUIRED:

Glenburnie Drydock

(Reg.1962)

Proponent: 3 T's Limited

The minister has advised the proponent that an environmental preview report (EPR) is required for the project. The EPR is necessary to provide additional information, including, but not limited to: site details and design of drydock, dredging requirements, employment information, potential effects on tourism, potential effects on the Town of Glenburnie-Birchy Bay-Shoal Brook, and alternatives to the undertaking. An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister, and guidance regarding the information requirements to the proponent. The minister will issue guidelines to the proponent to assist with the development of the EPR. The public will be invited to provide comments on the EPR upon its submission. For further information on this project, please contact Paul Carter, at (709)729-0188 or email pcarter@gov.nl.ca.

Lark Harbour Multipurpose Trail Extension

(Reg. 1954)

Proponent: Lark Harbour Trail Committee Inc.

The minister has advised the proponent that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required for this project. The EPR is necessary to provide additional information including, but not limited to: a full description of the trail system including expected

extensions and connections to other existing trails, specific routing of the proposed trail via GPS reference points, a botanical survey of the trail route, and a more detailed plan for the construction and long term maintenance of the trail. An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister, and guidance regarding the information requirements to the proponent. The minister will issue guidelines to the proponent to assist with the development of the EPR. The public will be invited to provide comments on the EPR upon its submission. For further information on this project, please contact John Reynolds at (709) 729-0090 or email at johnreynolds@gov.nl.ca.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT GUIDELINES APPROVED:

Foxtrot Rare Earth Element Mine
Proponent: Search Mineral Inc.

(Reg. 1936)

The minister has approved the final guidelines for the preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Foxtrot Rare Earth Element Mine Project. The EIS guidelines document identifies the information that the proponent will be required to address in preparation of the EIS. The EIS guidelines document is available on the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment website at:

https://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env_assessment/projects/Y2017/1936/index.html

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Ming's Bight (Argyle) Gold Mine
Proponent: Anaconda Mining Inc.

(Reg. 1959)

On July 3, 2018 the minister advised the proponent that an environmental preview report (EPR) is required for the project. An Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) has been appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister and to prepare guidelines for conducting the EPR. The EAC includes representation from the following government agencies:

- Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
 - Environmental Assessment Division –Chairperson
 - Pollution Prevention Division
 - Water Resources Management Division
 - Local Governance and Planning Division
- Department of Fisheries and Land Resources
 - Wildlife Division
- Department of Natural Resources
 - Mineral Development Division

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Deer Lake Underwater Log Survey
Proponent: Town of Deer Lake

(Reg. 1963)

Lewisporte Aggregate Quarry
Proponent: A & B Construction Ltd.

(Reg. 1961)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30 metre undisturbed vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.
- The proponent must not develop the wetlands in the north of the application and must maintain a 130 metre buffer from the southern extent of this wetland area to the northern extent of quarry development for the purposes of a wildlife corridor. In addition, a 100 metre corridor must be maintained between the existing quarry south of this registration and the southern extent of any quarry development except for a 20-metre wide right-of-way for quarry access. For further information, please contact the Mineral Lands Division at (709) 729-6447.
- The proponent must avoid land clearing during the migratory bird breeding season defined from April 15 to August 15 in this region.

Learn more

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