

Municipal Affairs and Environment

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Port Rexton Brewery Expansion Project (Reg. 1995)
Proponent: Port Rexton Brewing Company Ltd.

The proponent is proposing to build a 5,000 square foot warehouse-style building along Route 230 in the Town of Port Rexton to operate a 15-barrel capacity microbrewery. The Port Rexton Brewing Company Ltd. currently owns and operates a microbrewery and taproom in Port Rexton which includes public access and a hospitality service. The proposed new facility on Route 230 will not have public access, and is needed to expand brewing capacity to meet product demand. The brewery will operate year-round.

The undertaking was registered on January 7, 2019; the deadline for public comments is February 14, 2019; and the minister's decision is due by February 21, 2019.

Harcourt Farm Expansion (Reg. 1996)
Proponent: Hillside Holsteins Farm Ltd.

The proponent is planning an expansion to an existing 76 hectare farm located in the community of Harcourt along Route 232 near Clarendville. The expansion will include an increase in the dairy herd from 50 cows to approximately 100-150 cows. The expansion area is included in four Crown land lease applications totaling 218 hectares, of which 135 hectares of arable land will be developed for forage production. The land will be used to provide grain, corn silage, and forage for the herd.

The undertaking was registered on January 8, 2019; the deadline for public comments is February 14, 2019; and the minister's decision is due by February 22, 2019.

ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORTS REQUIRED:

Victoria Multi-Purpose Trail (Reg. 1985)
Proponent: Town of Victoria

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: the project scope including rationale and full description of the access points and intended connections to other existing trails and/or approved areas for ATV use; mitigations to prevent ATV use in prohibited areas; and a more

detailed plan for the 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. For further information on this project, please contact John Reynolds at (709) 729-0090 or email johnreynolds@gov.nl.ca.

Cape Freels South Walking Trail
Proponent: Cape Freels Heritage Trust Inc.

(Reg. 1991)

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: identification of specific trail locations where infilling with gravel, installation of culverts, and construction of boardwalks and bridges will occur; detailed construction techniques for the aforementioned activities; a detailed plan for the long-term maintenance of the trail; impacts on the Short-eared Owl, a provincially listed wildlife species at risk, within the project area; and an assessment of ATV/Snowmobile use within the project area and mitigations to prevent these vehicles from accessing 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. For further information on this project, please contact John Reynolds at (709) 729-0090 or email johnreynolds@gov.nl.ca.

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