Municipal Affairs and Environment

May 14, 2019

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:

White Hills (St. John's) Rock Quarry Proponent: Capital Aggregates Ltd.

(Reg. 2021)

The proponent is proposing to develop a 13.92 hectare rock quarry located off East White Hills Road within the City of St. John's. Access to the site will be from East White Hills Road, using the access road to an existing adjacent quarry. The access road will be extended as required. Site development will involve clearing, grubbing and stockpiling of overburden. Quarry operations will include blasting, excavation, crushing, stockpiling, loading and transport of the aggregate.

The undertaking was registered on May 13, 2019; the deadline for public comments is June 18, 2019; and the minister's decision is due by June 27, 2019.

Barachois Brook Cannabis Production Facility (Reg. 2022) Proponent: Back Home Medical Cannabis Corporation, subsidiary of Biome Grow Inc.

The proponent proposes to develop and operate an 80,940 square metre licensed cannabis production and packaging facility for non-medical cannabis and cannabis-related products. The facility will be located at 160 Main Street, Barachois Brook. The project will include a retrofit of an existing building and the construction of a new 13,935 square metre facility.

The undertaking was registered on May 14, 2019; the deadline for public comments is June 18, 2019; and the minister's decision is due by June 28, 2019.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Humber Valley Farm Development Proponent: Pasadena Equipment Services Ltd.

(Reg. 2005)

Project is released from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent must maintain a minimum 50-metre naturally vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.
- The proponent must develop and implement a migratory bird management plan that includes appropriate preventative measures to minimize the risk of impacts on migratory birds. Further information on migratory birds can be found by reviewing "Reducing risk to migratory birds" at https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/avoiding-harm-migratory-birds/reducing-risk.html and the "Avoidance Guidelines" at http://www.ec.gc.ca/paom-itmb/default.asp?lang=En&n=AB36A082-1. For specific advice, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4221 or the Forestry and Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources at (709) 637-2353.
- The proponent must not conduct vegetation clearing within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and within 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200 metre buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, and Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Forestry and Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources at (709) 637-2353.

Port Union Microbrewery
Proponent: Union Electric Brewing Co. Inc.

(Reg. 2009)

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