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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Victoria Sheep Farm and Abattoir Proponent: Winterhouse Farms Ltd.

(Reg. 2038)

The proponent proposes to develop a 151-hectare sheep farm and abattoir on Swansea Road in the Town of Victoria, Conception Bay. The farm will have approximately 200 ewe sheep at the end of its five-year business plan. The abattoir will be approximately 7.3 metres by 9.75 metres with a holding pen and sections for meat cutting and secondary processing.

The project was registered on July 16, 2019; the deadline for public comments is August 26, 2019; and the minister's decision is due by August 30, 2019.

Grand Falls-Windsor Mountain Bike Trail Proponent: GFW Mountain Bike Club Inc.

(Reg. 2039)

The proponent is proposing to construct an 11-kilometre mountain bike trail approximately five kilometres west of the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. The trail will accommodate non-motorized use only and will consist of a single track with a tread width of 18 inches. The trail will incorporate existing natural features and construction will require minimal vegetation clearing. Access to the site is from an existing ATV trail.

The undertaking was registered on July 18, 2019; the deadline for public comments is August 26, 2019; and the Minister's decision is due by September 1, 2019.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

First Pond Road Blueberry Farm Proponent: Frozen in Time Ltd.

(Reg. 2019)

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

(Reg. 2021)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent must not conduct land clearing activities between April 15 and August 15 in order to limit disturbance during the breeding season for migratory birds and to ensure that there will be no incidental take of birds, nests and eggs.
- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

Lakely's Brook (Terrenceville) Quarry Expansion (Reg. 2011) Proponent: Mr. Dean Clarke

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent must not conduct land clearing activities between April 15 and August 15 in order to limit disturbance during the breeding season for migratory birds and to ensure that there will be no incidental take of birds, nests and eggs.
- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

UNDERTAKING WITHDRAWN:

Indian Brook Area Quarry Expansion and Equipment Storage Yard (Reg. 1846)
Proponent: J & J Paving Limited

Learn more

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