

**REGISTRATION
PURSUANT TO SECTION 6 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT**

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Development of a section of Snowmobile Trail, which when completed will give all Snowmobilers a safe trail to access the Town of Jackson's Arm. When completed Snowmobilers will have access to and from the local trails and the various communities and trails on the Island. The new proposed trail is approximately 3 Kms in length. The work on this trail will be carried out by the local area club, the Humber Winterland Snowmobile Club, at Pollard's Point.

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THE UNDERTAKING:

To construct a 3 Km section of Snowmobile Trail, leading from the existing Primary Snowmobile trail, to provide a safe Snowmobile Trail to the Town of Jackson's Arm, White Bay. The new section of trail will provide for a much safer access to the Town rather than along the Highway systems in the area. The Trail is situate as shown on the attached maps. The cost of this project will be funded by The Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation and the local Snowmobile Club.

The purpose of this trail is to provide a safe, groomed, 6 meter wide snowmobile trail, complete with signs and water crossings as required. The trail will be used by local snowmobile enthusiasts and tourists and in turn will assist in enhancing the Island Snowmobile Industry.

DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:

(i) Geographic Location:

This trail will leave the existing Primary Snowmobile Trail on the Northwest side of the Main Highway to Jackson's Arm and follow the existing trail and forest access roads in the area. The proposed Snowmobile trail to the Town of Jackson's Arm will form part of the Humber Winterland Snowmobile Trail system. The trail when complete will allow local and visiting Snowmobilers access to local services in the Town of Jackson's Arm and allow the local residents snowmobile access to the Integrated Snowmobile trails on the Island.

(ii) Physical Features:

This trail will be upgraded to meet NLSF standards. As the trail is being cleared there may be stream crossings that require some form of Bridging, this will be addressed by the crews and appropriate information will be forwarded and permits obtained if required. When complete the trail will be signed to the Federation standards.

(iii) Construction :

It is anticipated that Trail construction may be starting sometime in Summer and Fall 2006.

Trail construction will employ approximately **6** workers for **4 weeks**.

Construction will consist mostly of cutting and clearing of trees and brush, using Chain Saws and Brush Saws.

Merchantable timber will be stockpiled for removal or for use elsewhere on the trail.

Brush will be piled neatly by the sides of the trail in such a manner so as not to impede the movement of wildlife.

At this time, it is not anticipated that heavy equipment will be used during trail construction, although approvals have been given to allow limited use of equipment on various sections of the Integrated trail to remove stumps and rocks that interfere with Grooming and Snowmobiling. It appears from preliminary surveys of the area that stump removal, using heavy equipment, in this area may not be necessary.

On site fuel will be for use of chain saws and other small engines. Fuel will not be stored on site. Day use approved containers will be used.

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All guidelines in place by the various governing bodies will be strictly adhered to.

The proposed work will consist primarily of cutting of trees and brush but there will also be other activities that will take place during the final development of the trail.

Work will be ongoing to meet the criteria for a safe, family oriented, groomed trail and to meet NLSF standards and in turn bolster the future development of the Island Snowmobile Industry.

(iv) Operation:

The proposed section of trail will be constructed for snowmobiles and is unlikely to be used by any other type of vehicle. The overall trail will be groomed and kept up to Federation standards by volunteers from the local snowmobile club. At the present time grooming costs will be offset by the selling of Trail Stickers.

(v) Occupations:

During the various phases of construction, it is anticipated that 6 workers will be required for a 4 week period, in addition work may be carried out by volunteers from the local Snowmobile club. The category of workers that will be on site are as follows.....

- (a)..... Supervisor, trail cutting Foreperson. (On site full time during working hours).
- (b)..... Chain saw operators
- (c)..... Overall supervision to ensure compliance, conducted by NLSF staff. (Project Manager and Field Monitors).
- (d)..... Volunteers from local snowmobile club.

All workers will be required to have instruction in the use of the most recent up to date safety equipment and hold First Aid Certificates and all other necessary training .

All Fire Safety Regulations will be strictly adhered to and enforced.

(vi) Project Related Documents:

Copy of maps depicting the proposed trail.

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

The following is a list of permits being or will be obtained prior to starting this project.

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| (1) Approval of the undertaking. | Dept. of E&C. |
| (2) Approval for all watercourse crossings. | Dept. of E&C. |
| (3) Crown Land Permits. | Govt. Services and Lands. |
| (4) Work affecting Fish Habitat. | DFO. |
| (5) Cutting, Burning and Operating Permit. | Govt. Services and Lands. |
| (6) Work over Navigable Waters . | DFO. |
| (7) Shelters, Pit Privies, signs etc. | Govt. Services and Lands. |
| (8) Employees Health and Safety. | D of E&C. Labour. |
| (9) Archaeological Assessment. | Dept. of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. |
| (10) Municipal Development Permits. | Various Municipalities. |
| (11) Permits required concerning Highways. | Transportation and Works |
| (12) Permits from Companies holding timber rights. | Timber Companies. |

In addition to the above:

All and any other permits required will be obtained.

SCHEDULE:

The actual start of construction, depends on when all of the necessary documents are in place, it is anticipated that maybe early Fall 2006.

FUNDING:

The Humber Winterland Snowmobile Club at Pollards Point, will receive financial assistance from the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation as well as assistance from Club members to complete the trail work.

The development of this section of trail will cost approximately, \$30,000

Date:...08 May 06

Signed by.....William P G Wheeler
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