

Name of undertaking:

Eastern Mink Farm Frederickton NL.

Proponent:

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Nature of undertaking:

Proposed development of a 1500 female mink operation located 5 km's south of Frederickton, Notre Dame Bay. Located on gravel road as an abandoned gravel pit that has the potential for 28 acres of usable land that I intend to use to produce top quality mink furs to be sold at auction houses in Canada/USA.

The proposed proponent is 1 Mr. Terry Wheaton who was born and raised in NL and is currently involved in the feeding, keeping, and caretaking of 20 bred female mink. Can see 1500 female breeders at proposed site over 4 years to be of economic value to local area, and an expanding business with a very positive future.

Purpose/Rational/need for the undertaking:

Presently there is a need for small/medium business startups in the Frederickton area. The proposed site is well suited for a mink farm with no dwellings nearer than 1.5 km's. The proposed venture will attempt to provide several jobs (seasonal, part-time, full-time) over several years. The nearest large town being only 60 km's away, a feed kitchen only 100 km's away, and local hardware supply store only 10 km's away. The local area would benefit extremely from this start-up.

Description of undertaking:

Geographic Location

The proposed site consists of 28 hectares of Crown land located on a gravel road approx. 5 km's south of Frederickton. The proposed site is an old gravel pit that was established when the gravel road was first constructed. Contacted Mines and Energy and there hasn't been a permit issued on the pit in the last 15 years. The area consists of an open pit grown up with alders and other tree growth. The surrounding area is forest, bog, and some small hills.

Physical Features:

The proposed site will include one barn to start with (30 ft x 140 ft), and will add a similar barn each consecutive year; to house a total of 1500 breeders by 2010. These barns will house both female breeders and males during first 2-3 years. A Storage shed 20 x 30 meters will be used for refrigeration, tools, Equipment, etc. There will be an electrical /storage shed, which will in turn supply power to barns, lighting, etc. The barns will have a water supply from a local/ artesian well. There will be a manure pad built on the site to hold the manure until it is shipped to a local farm that as agreed to take it. The proposed size of the manure pad is 50 ft long and 40 feet wide and 3 feet high on three sides built with concrete.

Sheds/Barns:

One mink barn will be built in 2007 with dimensions of 30ft wide, 140 ft long, and will house 750 female breeders and 150 males. Similar barns will be built in 08, 09, and 2010. The structure will consist of framed 2x4 and metal roofing with sky-lights. Each barn will have rows of cages that will have wooden kit boxes attached for females to have their babies in. Clean, safe, drinking water will be provided to each individual cage along with manure clean-up on a regular basis.

Storage Shed:

One 20 ft x 40 ft storage shed will be built to hold a freezer unit, which will keep feed fresh. The shed will have space for cage building/repair, and equipment storage/repair. All other supplies will be located there also.

Manure Storage:

A manure pad will be built in 08-09 with the dimensions 40 feet wide, 50 feet long, and 3 feet high. This pad will have three sides to it, and manure will be able to be dumped onto it and taken of to carry to a local farmer who as agreed to take the manure to spread onto his grass lands. This is one of the more important aspects of mink farming and having a local place to dispose of this manure I feel should meet and exceed all environmental concerns.

Construction:

The start-up date for construction is set for July 2007. The land process will be finalized by July 2007. Funding will be underway by summer 2007. The source of this funding will be ACOA, and APF through the Agrifoods Division. These types of funding are sometimes difficult to finalize in regard to a concrete date, however I am presently securing some of the materials needed, and I am confident late 2007 will see my 400 female breeders on site at Eastern Mink Farm.

Operation:

The minks breeding cycles will determine what is done in the operation of a mink farm. Breeding starts March 1st and is usually completed within 2 weeks.

Whelping: (baby milk to care for) this will take place the third week of April until the end of May. After this time the young mink are introduced too solid food.

Weaning: (separating from mother) takes place in early July through August, and this will follow into the pelting season.

The Growing and Furring Season: will include practically all aspects of the minks life. The young mink need extra caring, cleaning, and close monitoring. Getting them on a solid diet of well balanced feed from the Baie De, Espair Highway feed kitchen as early as possible, along with proper immunization will result in top quality- high grade mink pelts during the furring season.

Grading and Pelting: will see the end of the minks cycle which is December.

Approval of the Undertaking:

Approvals required for the, construction and operating of EASTERN MINK FARM are as follows:

- Crown land Approval- land as been approved up to this point, and the environment assessment is the stage it is now at. (Pending approval)
- APF- has spoken with agrifoods rep. in Gander, and they will be reviewing my business plan and application as soon as environmental assessment is completed.
- ACOA- has been in contact with Gander office, and is now reviewing my business plan and it will be finalized after Assessment is approved, and I will be moving all financing into the next stage there after.

Schedule:

Land clearing will commence as early as summer 2007 pending (Crown Lands Approval). Construction on mink barns will start as early as, (July-August), shed and manure pad will follow (Aug-Sept 2007). Once funding is in place, electrical will be installed (Oct-07), along with water supply. (Artesian/local well-Oct-07). Mink will be brought onto site, (Oct-07).