# **Environmental Assessment**

# **Application**

For

A Proposal To Extend

**Existing Trail** 

**Near Big Pond** 

Cannings Cove, Bonavista Bay

**To Access Remote Cabins** 

November 29, 2010

### NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

To access remote cabins by extending an existing trail near Big Pond.

### Proponent:

(i) Name of Applicant: Cannings Cove, Big Pond,

Bonavista Bay, ATV Trail

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### THE UNDERTAKING:

(i) Nature of the Undertaking:

Cannings Cove ATV Trail

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for the Undertaking:

To upgrade trail to allow access to existing remote cabins. Also, it will be used for recreational activities such as ski-dooing, ATV's, hikers, etc. There is also a safety aspect for having the Undertaking completed because of the current use of boats in the summer time and the crossing of the ice on Big Pond in the winter.

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

# (i) Geographical Location:

# -Description of the proposed site:

To leave existing trail and travel approximately 3 kms to existing cabins. The trail will be 50 m away from Big Pond. There is one small Brook crossing but appropriate culverts will be used to ensure no impact on the brook or water flow. There is your typical scrub and it is sparsely treed along the proposed trail.

# (ii) Physical Features:

# -Major physical features of the Undertaking:

There are some existing cabins, but no other existing physical features.

# -Areas to be affected by the Undertaking:

Trail excavation will occur between the existing trail and the remote cabins.

# -A description of physical and biological environment:

The terrain along the trail consists mostly of scrub, some wooded areas, and some areas that were cut years ago (cut-overs). There is one small brook crossing but Appropriate culverts will be used.

### Construction:

### -Approximate total construction period:

An estimated construction time of one week (5 days) for trail excavation will be required.

### -Potential sources of pollutants during the construction period:

Possible pollutants include air pollution from the diesel engine of the excavator & possible water pollution from the oil and fuel used by the excavator.

### -Potential causes of resource conflicts:

No conflicts with other users expected during construction. Trees to be cut down are not of commercial quality and not merchantable timber.

# (iii) Operation:

### -Description of the Operation:

Once the trail is complete, ATV's, Snowmobiles, hikers, etc., will travel the trail likely on a daily basis during all four seasons. Cabin owners will be able to access their cabins without the use of a boat in the summer and will not have to cross the ice in winter.

### -Estimated period of operation:

The trail will be accessible year round.

# -Potential sources of pollutants during operation periods:

Possible fuel or oil leaks from ATV's, trash left behind by riders or hikers. (Trash cans will be placed in various locations)

### -Potential causes of resource conflicts:

There are no industrial resource activities along the proposed trail route.

### **OCCUPATIONS:**

-Estimate the number of employees for construction and operation of the project as well as expected duration of employment.

# **During Construction Period:**

1 Excavator operator – 5 days 1 Labourer – 5 days

Labour work to be carried out by proponent.

### **During Operation of the Trail:**

No employment required after trail construction. Work to be completed on a volunteer basis.

# -Identify what work will be carried out by direct hiring and contracting out:

All work to be completed by contractor and will start in the Fall of 2011.

-Identify how employment equity will be addressed relative to age and gender:

Contractor will be responsible for hiring.

(iv) Provide a bibliography of all project related documents already generated:

No other project related documents.

# APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

-List the main permits, licences, approvals and other forms of authorization required for the undertaking, along with the name of the authorities responsible for issuing them:

- 1. Permit to Occupy Crown Lands of Newfoundland and Labrador
- 2. Cutting Permit Dept of Forestry, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- 3. Permit from Water Resources Division (Brook Crossing) Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

### **SCHEDULE:**

-Indicate the earliest date and latest dates which project construction could commerce:

Earliest date construction could begin - Fall 2011

Latest date construction could begin – Fall 2011

# **FUNDING:**

-If this undertaking depends upon a grant or loan of capital funds from a government agency, state the name and address of the department or agency from which the funding has been requested:

Plan to privately fund trail construction, but may potentially seek funding from provincial government if possible.

-Estimate of the Capital Cost of the Undertaking:

\$4000.00

<u>Dec 62/2010</u>
Date

Signature of Applican

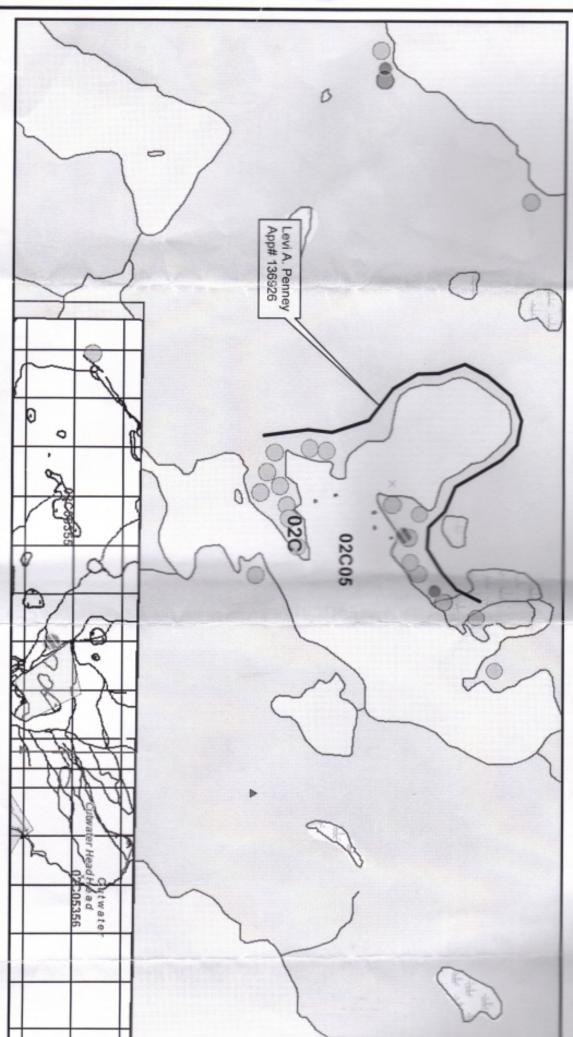
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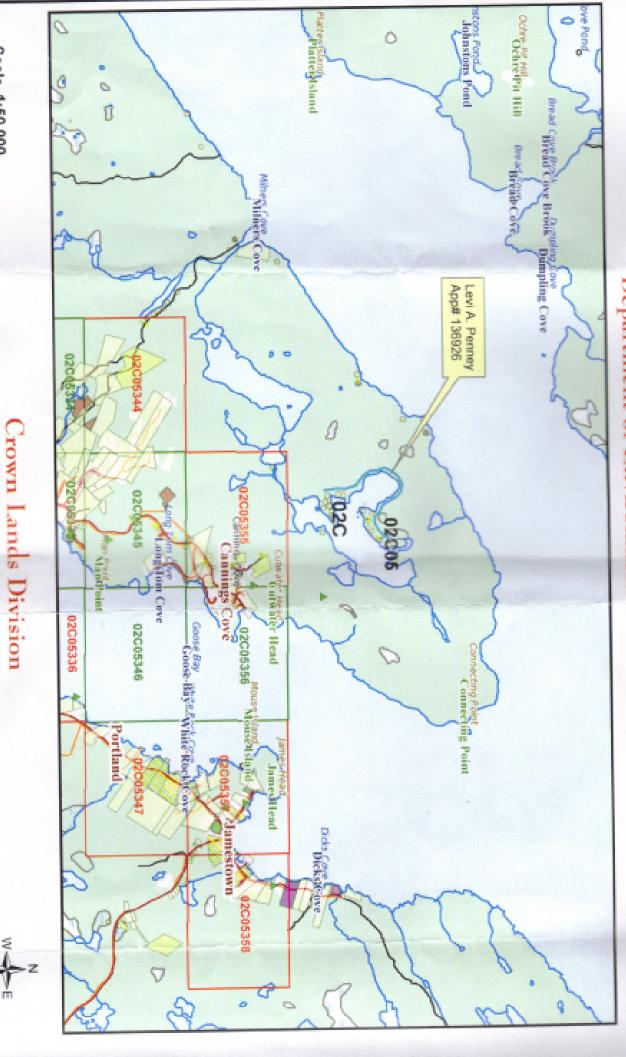


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