

**REGISTRATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

**NAME OF UNDERTAKING:**

**Hiking Trail – Bauline to Portugal Cove**

**PROPONENT:**

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**THE UNDERTAKING:**

- The project will develop a coastal hiking trail from Bauline to Portugal Cove (approximately 13.21km.)
- This project is the next segment of the trail development work that has will be undertaken after the completion of the Cripple Cove

Path, extending the trail from St. John's to Cape St. Francis/Cripple Cove.

- The hiking trail system will provide a valued resource to the tourist industry that services both international visitors and local residents
- Upgrading the trail bed will provide a robust and safe hiking surface built to withstand the higher volume of traffic and minimize damage to sensitive environments such as wetlands and stream crossings.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

### Geographical Location:

- The proposed route proceeds south from Bauline from the end of a gravel road that stretches along the slope just above the community wharf or harbour basin
- The trail proceeds south generally traversing the first ridge or height above the waters of Conception Bay until it crosses Brock's Head Pond River.
- From Brock's Head the proposed trail continues south towards Portugal Cove along the height of land that separates Conception Bay and the Blast Hole Ponds area. The trail exits at the end of North Point Rd in the town of Portugal Cove - St Philip's.
- Minor deviations will be taken to access exceptional view points or avoid areas that may be vulnerable to environmental damage from hiking traffic.
- The trail is located on crown land, municipal lanes and right of ways shown on NTS sheets 1N10

### Physical Features:

- The trail bed will be approximately one meter in width and will extend for a distance of 13.21km. from Bauline to Portugal Cove.
- The major constructed physical features will be boardwalks, crib steps, retaining walls and directional signage.
- Structures are only to be employed in instances where keeping the trail in its existing state may result in damage to the environment, or where user safety and comfort are an issue.
- Construction techniques and structure are designated to have minimal impact on the existing natural setting
- Construction will occur on designated sites identified as likely to, or currently being, degraded by use (e.g. wet areas, stream bank, slopes).

- The trail will proceed for the most part, through a wilderness setting with the addition of boardwalks, stairs and bridges only where necessary.

Construction:

- The construction will take place over the next two years commencing in early 2012.
- The only potential sources of pollutants come from the use of generators and chainsaws (i.e. oil and gasoline)
- Workers will be trained in the proper care and maintenance of these machines and on the proper action to take in dealing with pollution associated with their use.

Operation:

- The trail will be a permanent facility
- The only potential sources of pollutants during the trail's operation are litter and human waste.
- The trail will be operated and maintained by the East Coast Trail Association, a volunteer, non-profit organization created for this function.
- Volunteer custodians and volunteer members of the East Coast Trail Association will be responsible for trail clean-up and the reporting of trail conditions.
- The East Coast Trail Association will be responsible for the maintenance of the trail bed and trail structures

Occupations:

- The project will generate approximately 90 persons/month employment during construction
- Workers will be employed directly by East Coast Trail Association for the following occupations, according to the National Occupational Classification 2006
  - 1 Construction superintendent (0711)
  - 1 Construction crew leaders (7217)
  - 2 Chain saw operators (8421)
  - 5 Construction labourers (7611)

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>NOC</b>	<b>Full/Part-time</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b># of Personnel</b>
Construction Superintendent	0711	Full time	14 months	1
Construction Crew	7217	Part-time	11 months	1

Leader				
Chain Saw Operator	8421	Part-time	10 months	2
Construction Labourer	7611	Part-time	9 months	5

Project Related Documents: Attached to application:

- East Coast Trail Association. July 15, 2011, *Application to ACOA and Innovation, Trade and Rural Development-NL for Funding Support, Trail Development 2011 to 2013, Cape St. Francis to Cripple Cove and Portugal Cove to Bauline. Trail Enhancement work for existing trails Fort Amherst to Cape Broyle. In particular reference pages: 5-7*
- Registration for Environmental Assessment Process for the East Coast Trail from Cape St. Francis to Bauline. Only the Cripple Cove Path portion will be completed in planned project work 2011-2012.
- Aerial Photograph of planned trail route from Portugal Cove to Bauline.
- Shape files with GPS markings (submitted electronically to Dept. of Environment and Conservation) supplied by Enfor Consulting.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

The main permits, licences, approvals, and other forms of authorization required for the undertaking, together with the names of the authorities responsible for issuing them are listed below:

- Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Environment and Conservation  
All incorporated municipalities from Portugal Cove to Pouch Cove  
Licence to Occupy  
Status: Approval granted (copy attached)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Authorization for works or undertakings affecting fish habitat (i.e. bridges)  
Status: Notification form will be submitted if required
- Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Environmental approval for bridges  
Status: to be applied for if need to build bridges as the trail is developed. There are no planned bridges in this project.

**SCHEDULE:**

- The tentative start date for construction is July 1, 2012 for completion by August 31, 2013.
- East Coast Trail Association is seeking authorization for approved funds to be used within these dates.

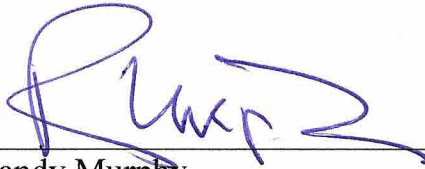
**FUNDING:**

Funds will be provided by the following agencies:

- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency  
P.O. Box 1060  
Station C  
St. John's, NL.  
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- Department of Innovation Trade & Rural Development  
28 Pippy Place  
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The capital cost of this project: Brock Head Path – Bauline to Portugal Cove is estimated to be \$495,000.00

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Date

  
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The East Coast Trail Association - a Registered Charity:  
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# Proposed East Coast Trail Location

Bauline



Conception Bay  
(Atlantic Ocean)

East Coast Trail

Portugal Cove

0 500 1,000 2,000 Meters

September 23, 2011

