

THE WILDS GOLF RESORT

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Dept of Environment and Conservation
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Attention: Director of Environmental Assessment

RE: The Wolds Golf Resort

Attached please find forty (40) copies of an Environmental Assessment Application for a proposed Nature Walking Trail at the Wilds Golf Resort, located on the Salmonier Line.

Should you have any questions regarding this application, would you please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Bishop', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gerald Bishop

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

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

The Wilds Nature Trail

PROPONENT:

The Wilds Golf Resort

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THE UNDERTAKING:

a) The Nature of the Project

There are no other walking trails of this type along this area of the Salmonier Line except for those in the Salmonier Nature park. This proposal undertakes to provide a safe, pleasant, natural walking trail around part of the existing resort, for families and visiting tourists.

While there are several smaller “wood paths” in the area, created by local wood cutters and fishermen prior to building the resort, these are un-marked, are not safe, or built for children, seniors, or visitors to our province.

There will be no buildings whatsoever constructed along this walking trail.

This will simply be a nature walking trail, with no vehicular traffic whatsoever.

b) Purpose

This trail will be an extension of the facilities already provided by the existing Wilds Golf Resort. It will help promote a healthy, active, life style that will help attract tourists to the Salmonier area.

We believe that the spectacular scenery around the resort, together with the existing resort amenities, will persuade tourists to visit the area, enhancing the economy to the Salmonier Line and the province generally.

DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING

1. Geographic Location

The Wilds Golf Resort is located on the Salmonier Line, approximately 17 km south from the Trans Canada Highway, and 5.8 km from the turn-off to Mount Carmel, at the head of St. Mary's Bay.

The actual trail will be located completely on land privately owned by the Wilds Resort. The proposed route will start at the existing hotel, and wind around the #18 hole of the golf course, and circle back to the hotel.

Please see Plan #S1 of the attached document prepared by Green Leaf Resources.

2. Physical Features

The trail will be approximately 1.1 m in width, and extend for approximately 1.6 km around golf hole #18, and constructed to current trail methodology and materials.

Trail routing and construction techniques are designed to have minimal impact on existing natural settings, and vegetation.

Please refer to attached documentation prepared by Green Leaf Resources for details of the trail and locations.

All trail construction will take place on land privately owned by the Wilds Golf Resort.

There will be an absolute minimum impact on existing natural settings, with the addition of boardwalks, steps, and bridges only where necessary.

OPERATION

The trail will be a permanent facility; walking trail only.

The only potential source of pollutants would be litter, which would be collected regularly by existing operating staff.

The trail will be operated and maintained by existing resort staff. It will be an environmentally friendly walking trail, promoting safe access to Newfoundland's great outdoors.

OCCUPATIONS

The project will employ 2 – 5 existing employees during construction.

Workers will be employed directly by the Wilds Resort and will generally consist of:

- .1 construction crew leader
- .1 chain saw operator, as and if required
- 2 construction labourers
- 1 carpenter, as needed

EXISTING RESORT OPERATIONS

The Wilds Resort currently consists of:

- A fully operational 18 hole Golf Course, complete with driving range, pro-shop and maintenance facility.
- A 40 unit hotel, with full dining and banquet/wedding facility.
- A heated out-door swimming pool.
- Children's play area, with normal play equipment, plus volleyball and basketball areas.
- 3 – 5 unit, 4 star hotel buildings, with several more such buildings in the planning stage.
- A fully approved 29 lot, "Estate-Lot", sub-division, with access road and fully surveyed lot plan.
- All necessary fully paved access roads, parking areas, as required.

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING

- Required Approvals

Permit from Government of Newfoundland Provincial Department of Environment and Conservation.

SCHEDULE

- Tentative start date is the Fall of 2012, with existing staff prepared to start as soon as proper approvals are obtained.
- Work will continue in spring months of 2013 as weather permits.

FUNDING

Funding will be provided by the Wilds Golf Resort.

ATTACHMENT:

Wilds 18th Hole Trail Document
Planning and Development Recommendations by Greenleaf Resources.

5 Oct 2012
Date

Alan Poole Lan.
Signature of C.E.O.