

**HAYES' U-PICK**

**BLUEBERRY FARM**

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**1.0 NAME OF UNDERTAKING:**

Hayes' U-Pick Blueberry Farm

**2.0 PROPONENT:**

- (i) Hayes' U-Pick Blueberry Farm Ltd.
- (ii) Mundy Pond Area  
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**3.0 THE UNDERTAKING:**

- (i) Blueberry Farm
- (ii) Purpose is the clearing and developing of crown land for the growing, harvesting and production of blueberries.
- (iii) Make available area needed for the growing and harvesting of blueberries. As well as the building of an on-site storage shed for the purpose of transporting blueberries to local buyers.

**4.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

- (i) Geographical Location:  
  
52.5 hectares of land located in Georgetown, Conception Bay North, Newfoundland and Labrador. Access to the site is made available through gravel roads surrounding the property.

(ii) Physical Features:

The site is comprised of approximately 70% blueberry bushes and 30% forested land. The area is adjacent to existing farm land owned by Mr. Cyril Hayes bordered by a hill and surrounded by gravel road previously used to gain access to the blueberry grounds.

(iii) Construction:

Work to be carried out over a 5 year period with a total of 52.5 hectares of berry fields being developed. Blueberry field will be developed by cutting down trees and burning the old blueberry bushes to upgrade the blueberry stock.

A commercial cutting permit and a burning permit will be obtained from the proper Government Agency, The Department of Natural Resources. The construction of a fence surrounding the entire blueberry ground.

**Year 1:** Start as soon as land is secured. Commencing with a survey of the land which will cost approximately \$7,000 to \$10,000. Once the survey is complete, I will develop 20% of the land (10.5 hectares). This will involve cutting down all trees on 20% of the land, then burning the old blueberry bushes to upgrade the blueberry stock to its highest yield in approximately 2 years. I will cut enough wood cut as fencing material to construct a fence.

**Year 2:** Develop another 20% of the land (10.5 hectares) of berry producing fields by cutting down trees, burning blueberry bushes and continue with the fencing.

I also plan on constructing a small shed on the property for security purposes.

**Year 3:** Develop another 20% of the land (10.5 hectares) of berry producing fields by cutting down trees burning blueberry bushes and continue with the fencing.

In Year 3, I will have my first 20% of the farm in production with fresh blueberries to be picked and sold to plant/market. This will generate approximately 10 jobs for a period of 4 to 6 weeks.

**Year 4:** Develop another 20% of the land (10.5 hectares) of berry producing fields by cutting down trees, burning blueberry bushes and continue with fencing.

In the 4th year, I will have 40% of the farm in production. This will generate work from 10 jobs to 15/20 jobs for the purpose of picking berries for delivery to market.

**Year 5:** Develop the last 20% of the blueberry farm (10.5 hectares). I will cut down, burn the final blueberry bushes and complete the fencing

In year 5, I will have 60% of the blueberries in production and ready to be picked and sold. At this time there will be jobs for approximately 25 to 30 people for 4 to 6 weeks per year.

I will have two different ways of picking berries:

1. Individuals picking berries with berry rakes (berries will be sold to market as they come of the bush with leaves and sticks in them which people will sell back to me for a fixed price and I will in turn sell for a higher price to the berry plant.
2. The second way of picking is what they call clean berries which are picked by hand.

**For example:** I will have a tractor with a cart in tow that I can take your family and friends on the farm for a day of blueberry picking and have a lunch prepared (boil up). At the end of the outing the berries that u-pick will be weighed and you will pay the farmer for the freshly picked blueberries.

Eventually, I will be setting up some type of blueberry plant in which i can clean my own berries to sell to customers. This will create up to 10 to 15 seasonal jobs for 4 to 6 weeks.

The next purchase will be a refrigerated truck so I can deliver blueberries to my customers in such places as Hotels, Restaurants, Seniors' Homes, Supermarkets, Ice Cream Parlors and Private Homes, etc.

(iv) Operation:

Long term management of the blueberry farm will be done recognizing that we as farmers must be model stewards to the environment. Plant rejuvenation will happen by burning the blueberry bushes to upgrade the stock to its highest yield. To maximize yields, honey bees will be rented and in addition surrounding lands will be manipulated to be conducive to attracting and increasing native bees and other pollinator's populations.

(v) Occupations:

1. Owner/Operator
2. Laborers

(vi) Project Related Documents:

Crown Land application No.: 147819

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

Following is a list of main permits, licenses and approvals required for this project.

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>
Department of MIGA – Lands Branch Lands Management Officer Lands Branch	709-729-2654
Department of Transportation and Works Garry Spencer Regional Director	709-729-2382
Service NL Stan Blackmore	709-729-3699
Forestry and Agrifoods Agency District Manager	709-729-4180
Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs	709-729-3090
Forestry and Agrifoods Agency Randy Tucker	709-729-6599
Department of Natural Resources Matthew Snow	709-729-6408
Department of Environment and Conservation Environment Assessment Division	709-729-4211
Department of Environment and Conservation	709-729-2563
Provincial Archaeology Office Martha Drake	709-729-2462
Department of Forestry (Burning and Commercial Cutting Permit)	709-729-3017

**6.0 SCHEDULE:**

The earliest construction start date is September 2015 with construction lasting 5 years.

**7.0 FUNDING:**

No application for funding at this time

July 20, 2015

File Ref No. 200.20.2415

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**Project: Blueberry Farm - Revised Area - 52.5 ha**  
**Location: Mundy Pond Area - Marysvale**

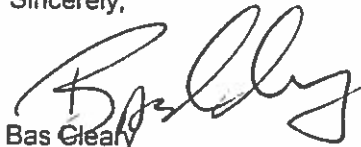
Please be advised that The Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2003, Section 36. 1 (b) define your project as an undertaking requiring environmental review pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2.

You are therefore required to register your undertaking with this Department. The attached booklet entitled Environmental Assessment: A Guide to the Process provides the registration format and other information to assist you. It is recommended that a draft of the registration document be submitted for review.

Please be aware that under provisions of the Act, undertakings may not proceed and other government agencies may not issue any relevant authorizations until a decision is rendered by the Minister. A decision by the Minister will be provided to you within 45 days following receipt of your registration.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Rowe at (709) 729-2553, toll free at 1-800-563-6181 or email at [browe@gov.nl.ca](mailto:browe@gov.nl.ca). Our staff is always ready to assist you.

Sincerely,



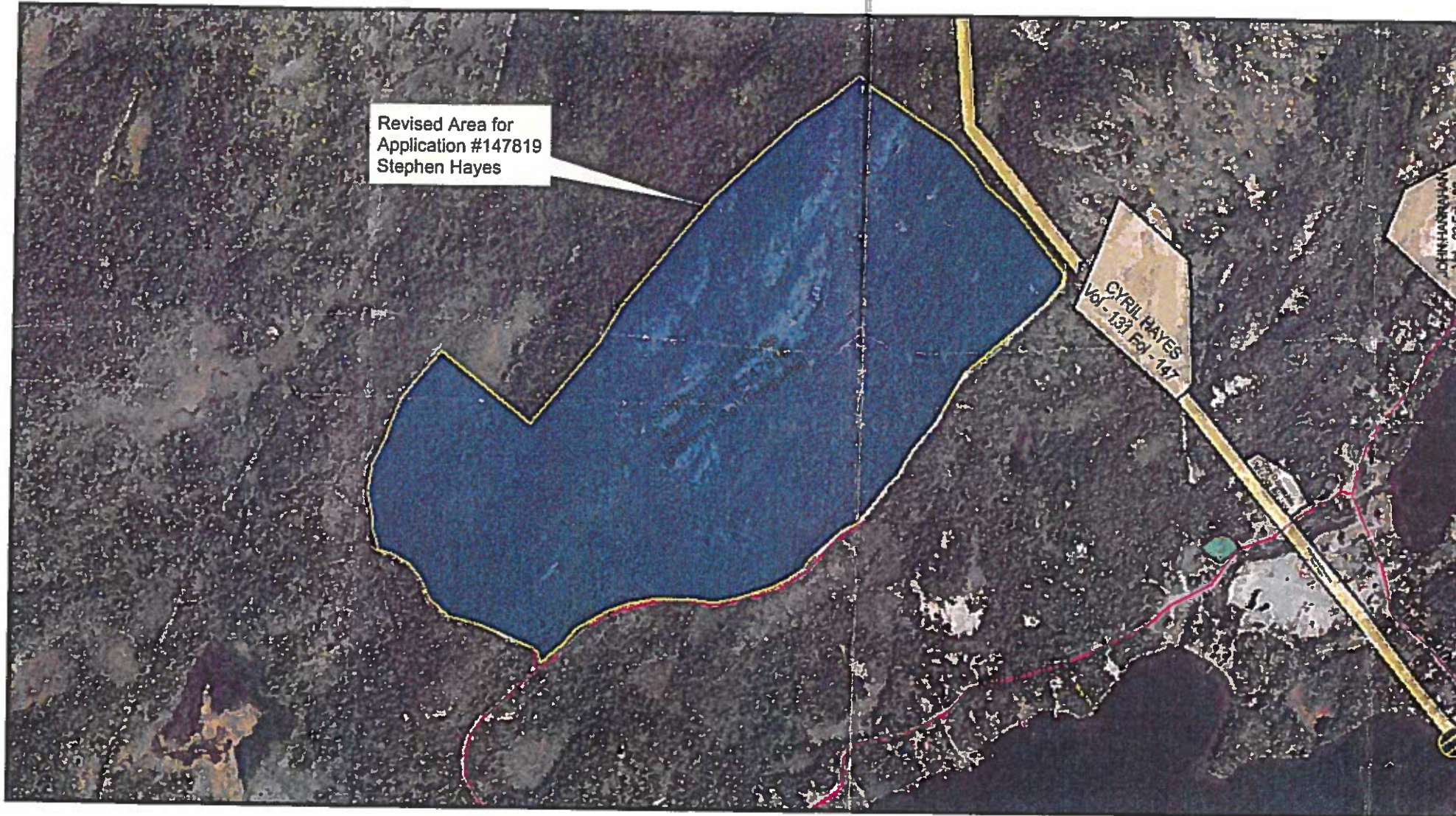
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Director

Environmental Assessment Division



**Government of Newfoundland & Labrador  
Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs**



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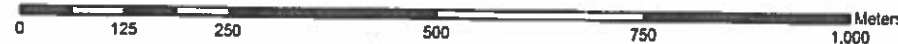
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**Crown Lands Division**

*Stephen Hayes*



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