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Registration 1843

Ms. Lori Ann Companion  
Deputy Minister  
Department of Transportation and Works  
P.O. Box 8700  
St. John's NL A1B 4J6

  
Dear Ms. Companion:

**RE: Route 91 Cataracts Brook Bridge Replacement**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment, subject to the following conditions:

- a lichen survey must be conducted by an independent third party whose qualifications and proposed methodology have been approved by the Wildlife Division (WD) and Parks and Natural Areas Division (PNAD) in advance of the survey;
- the lichen survey must be conducted in all areas to be cleared for the project, and survey results must be submitted to the WD and PNAD before clearing and construction begins;
- if rare lichens are found in areas proposed to be cleared, a Rare Lichen Protection/Monitoring Plan will be required, which shall be developed in consultation with PNAD and WD, and submitted for Ministerial approval prior to the start of construction activities;
- a minimum 30m naturally vegetated buffer is to be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat; and
- any necessary vegetation clearing or excessive noise shall be undertaken outside of the nesting, breeding and brood rearing period for birds and small mammals (May to mid-July), when disturbance would be most critical.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. In particular, you are advised that prior to the commencement of project activities a letter of permission is needed, as per the requirements of the *Provincial Parks Act*, specifying the terms and conditions to undertake the project in a provincial park. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, and Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or via email at [clearyb@gov.nl.ca](mailto:clearyb@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perry Trimper".

**PERRY TRIMPER, MHA**  
District of Lake Melville  
Minister

Attachment