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File # 2.2313.0298

Reg. #1891

Mr. James Blackwood, Director
Town of Gander
100 Elizabeth Avenue
Gander NL A1V 1G7

Dear Mr. Blackwood:

RE: Gander Wastewater Treatment Plant – Registration 1891

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. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following condition:

- The proponent must submit a Women's Employment Plan for the construction phase of the project which identifies specific commitments to support recruitment, training, employment and retention of women. The plan must be approved by the Deputy Minister Responsible for the Women's Policy Office prior to the startup of work on the project.

I understand that you have been granted land through an Instrument of Grant for the portion of the project that crosses the Gander International Airport Authority. If there are any changes to the project that requires an alteration to this grant, please contact the Environmental Assessment Division of this department at (709) 729-0673 and the Gander International Airport Authority at (709) 256-6663 prior to any construction.

The Water Resources Management Division of this Department requires that you apply for and obtain permits under the Water Resources Act for the wastewater treatment plant and associated works. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-4048.

The Pollution Prevention Division of this Department requires further information on biosolids and related disposal. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-1810.

The Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advise that you must contact them to obtain proper protocols and permits if vegetation clearing is to take place during the wildlife nesting, breeding and brood rearing period (mid-May to mid-July). They also suggest establishing a periodic water monitoring program to screen water quality for aquatic health (e.g. Chlorophyll A). For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2062.

The Forestry Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requires that you obtain a commercial cutting permit prior to any harvesting or timber removal activities. During the declared Fire Season (May 1st - September 30th), you must also obtain and adhere to the conditions of an operating permit. For further information, please contact the Lewisporte District Office at (709) 535-2706.

The Department of ServiceNL requires that you apply for and obtain a Waste Management Certificate of Approval, electrical permits, Fire and Life Safety Plan Review and Building Accessibility Registration. For further information, please contact Service NL at (709) 256-1109.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) advises that proponents working in or near water are to self-assess to determine if their project requires a review by DFO. For further information, please visit the Fisheries Protection Program website at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html> or contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment supports Environment and Climate Change Canada's recommendation that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. However, as some species protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA)* do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the *MCBA* and associated regulations.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. 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. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673.

Sincerely,



EDDIE JOYCE, MHA
District of Humber-Bay of Islands
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment

Cc. Dr. John Haggie, MHA
District of Gander