

Reg No. 1910

SEP 27 2017

Mr. Harvey Rice
Spring Meadow Farm Inc.
53 Main Street
Springdale NL A0J 1T0

Dear Mr. Rice:

Re: Springdale Junction Agriculture Forage and Pasture Land

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 review.

Please be advised, the two Crown land applications for agriculture leases will be processed by the Crown Lands Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources. They have indicated that application 150893 will be reduced in size by 10 hectares and application 150902 will be refused and you must apply through the Request For Proposals process for former agriculture leased areas. For more information contact Mr. Roger Primmer, Central Regional Lands Manager, at (709)256-1400 or rprimer@gov.nl.ca. A Water Use Licence is required from the Water Resources Management Division. Contact Dr. Ali Khan, Manager, at (709)729-2295 or akhan@gov.nl.ca. A Certificate of Approval is required for a Waste Management System for a livestock farm with 100 cattle or more than five animal units from the Pollution Prevention Division. Contact Ms. Vicki Ficzero, Environmental Scientist, Pollution Prevention Division, at (709)729-7012 or vickificzero@gov.nl.ca. Also, a permit is required from the Town of Springdale.

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 period, it is your responsibility to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the MBCA and associated regulations. We support the mitigative measures you have committed to in your registration document, including a 50m buffer around streams and ponds (i.e. waterbodies) and that no vegetation will be cleared during the migratory bird breeding season.

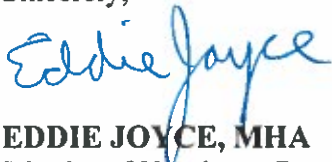
In addition to the requirements noted above, the project is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the

review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals, and legislative requirements. You may also refer to the BizPaL website at www.bizpal.ca. BizPaL is an online tool that generates a list of permits, licences and authorizations that may be required when starting or expanding a business. You are also encouraged to contact Canada Business Newfoundland and Labrador (CBNL) for any additional information you may need in dealing with various levels of government. CBNL serves as a first point of access to federal and provincial government services, programs and regulatory requirements for business. CBNL can be reached by telephone at 1-888-576-4444 or online at www.canadabusiness.gc.ca.

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, at (709)729-0673 or susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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

Attachment

cc: Hon. Gerry Byrne, Minister
Fisheries and Land Resources

Brian Warr, MHA, Baie Verte – Green Bay

Town of Springdale