

File # 2.7139.0193
Reg. #1985

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Mr. Barry Dooley, Mayor
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Dear Mr. Dooley:

RE: Victoria Multi-Purpose Trail – Registration 1985

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required.

The EPR is necessary to provide information concerning the potential effects of the undertaking on the surrounding environment. Additional information requirements shall include, but are not limited to:

- Project scope including rationale and full description of the access points and intended connections to other existing trails and/or approved areas for ATV use;
- mitigations to prevent ATV use in prohibited areas; and
- a more detailed plan for the long term maintenance of the trail.

A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the registration review is attached to provide you with mitigative advice and to give you an indication of applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. This advice is provided for your information, consideration and inclusion in the environmental preview report. Please be aware that other government agencies may not issue any relevant authorizations until a decision on the project is rendered by the Minister.

An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed for the purpose of providing you with technical and scientific advice regarding the preparation of an EPR. As per the legislative requirements, within 60 days of the date of this letter, you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EPR. Please be reminded that, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the Environmental Assessment Process.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director of Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



GRAHAM LETTO
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

cc: Steve Crocker, MHA
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