



NAME OF THE UNDERTAKING:

PROPONENT:

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PO Box 130
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Victoria, NL
A0A 4G0

CAO: Shelly Butt, Town Clerk Manager
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Principal Contact Person for Purposes of Environment Assessment: Same As CAO.

THE UNDERTAKING:

Name of Undertaking:

Town of Victoria Multi-Purpose Trail.

Purpose/Rationale/Need for the Undertaking:

The purpose of the Multi-Purpose Trail, (MPT), is to join into an existing Trail in the town of Salmon Cove at the boundary line between the two towns at Victoria's East-End continuing west for approximately 1 kilometer; (identified by *Blue Line* on attached Maps #1-4). If approved, the proposed multi-purpose trail will be developed along a section of Crown Land known as the Old Reid Railway Track, which is easily accessible and requires very little ground work other than brush cutting as the railway track is still existing; Crown Land Application #153978.

The MPT will be used for all off-road vehicles, snowmobiles as well as used as a nature walking/hiking. The Old Reid Railway has been developed in all other towns from Salmon Cove to Western Bay and further on the North Shore and Council, for the town of Victoria would like to continue the development for the area specified within this assessment.

If approved for development, it will also assist with reducing off-road vehicle usage of our town roads and provincial highways, Route 70 & 74. There are no known wetlands in the immediate area of the proposed section of railway track other than one brook, locally known as *Spout Brook*, (name identified on Map #5), where a new bridge was constructed near the boundaries of Victoria/Salmon Cove, (see Map #4 w/red dot). This bridge was constructed and installed by a trail group and is claimed to be inspected and compliant with the regulations of the Water Resources Div. of Dept of Environment.

The Trail will assist with off-road vehicles access to remote cabins built in Salmon Cove as well as along the North Shore in areas requiring access off the Old Reid Railway Track. It will give snowmobilers a means to travel off road during the Winter Seasons and promote physical activities such as walking, snowshoeing, etc.

DISCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING

Geographical Location: An approximate 1-kilometer section of the Old Reid Railway as identified on enclosed maps #1-4. The Multi-Purpose Trail will start at the end of an existing easement title #110227, shown on Map #2 and ends at the town of Victoria's boundary with the town of Salmon Cove. The section of the Old Reid Railway Track will intersect with the pre-existing Multi-Purpose Trail at Salmon Cove's boundary going north eastward; previously approved via a Lease to Occupy by the Crown Lands Division, Licence #140874, issued for a 5-year term on Nov. 27, 2012. The Town of Salmon Cove also availed of the Old Reid Railway Track that once ran through their town in a non-residential area and continues along the North Shore.

Physical Features: The section of land to be used was once a railway track and still exists on a very level stretch of land for approximately 1-kilometer. There is some brush cutting required and a minimal number of trees to be removed that have grown over the past number of years. Minimal, if any, ground grubbing may be required to a maximum width of approximately 12-15 feet in width, however; the old railway track has a reservation of 50-66 feet in width. There is no known wildlife, other than rabbits, grouse and other various bird species.

Construction: Brush cutting will be required, therefore chainsaws, gas powered brush cutters and axes will be required. A backhoe or mini excavator may be required to clear tree stumps, rocks or to fill in low areas, if required however, no major excavation activities will be necessary as the section of land to be used was previously used as a railway track. All necessary cutting permits will be acquired from the Forestry Division of the Dept. of Fisheries and Land Resources, with all regulations and requirements followed, including all safety requirements associated with the use of chainsaws or any other gas-powered equipment necessary to remove brush or trees. No permits will be required to cross any streams or brooks as there is a new bridge erected over the only affected brook/stream. The 30-meter buffer of natural vegetation for any construction work will be remain untouched as required by the province for the preservation and protection of the brooks natural water course. Any non-biodegradable material/s will be removed at the end of every day the trail is being developed.

Operation: The proposed trail will be used for many purposed such as an ATV, Snowmobile and as a nature walking trial during all seasons and will be maintained as necessary by local volunteer trail groups. This trail is expected to be used by snowmobilers/ATV users during all seasons and walkers expected to be more summer/fall seasons. There are no known pollutants expected during the operating seasons other the emissions from ATV's and Snowmobiles and should not pose an issue especially during low usage times such as Spring/Fall.

Occupations: There are no jobs expected to be created as the development will be carried by volunteer groups and individuals as well as some in-kind contributions from the Town of Victoria to provide equipment for brush removal, rock removal or any other in-kind contribution deemed necessary to assist with keeping costs an absolute minimum. All volunteers will provide tree and brush cutting equipment and no part of the trail development will require the hiring of contractors due to the fact expected work is limited to tree and brush cutting with the removal of stumps and a few rocks.

Project Related Documents: The only project related document would be the Crown Land Application which should already be on file. No work has been performed by or for the proponent to date.

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

To date, no licences, approvals or permits have been required or granted in association with this proposed project. Should approval be granted by the Environmental Assessment Division and Crown Land Grant

Application approved, proper permits will be acquired from the Forestry Division of the Dept. of Fisheries and Land Resources as well as any other requirements as deemed necessary in association by any other government department or agency in relation to the Town of Victoria's Crown Land application.

SCHEDULE:

Pending on the date of approval of the Crown Land Application and this Environmental Assessment, work is expected to commence as soon as all approvals have been signed and received. Exception would depend of severe adverse weather conditions such as winter, Dec. 2018, Jan, Feb & March of 2019. However, will commence if weather conditions are favorable.

FUNDING:

This project is strictly on a volunteer basis along with some in-kind contributions by way of equipment usage provided by the Town of Victoria. No type of funding has been applied for to complete this project to date.

SIGNATURE/S:

Date: Sept. 18/18

Signature: 
Town Clerk Manager

Enclosures: 5 Identification/Location Maps

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MAP #1



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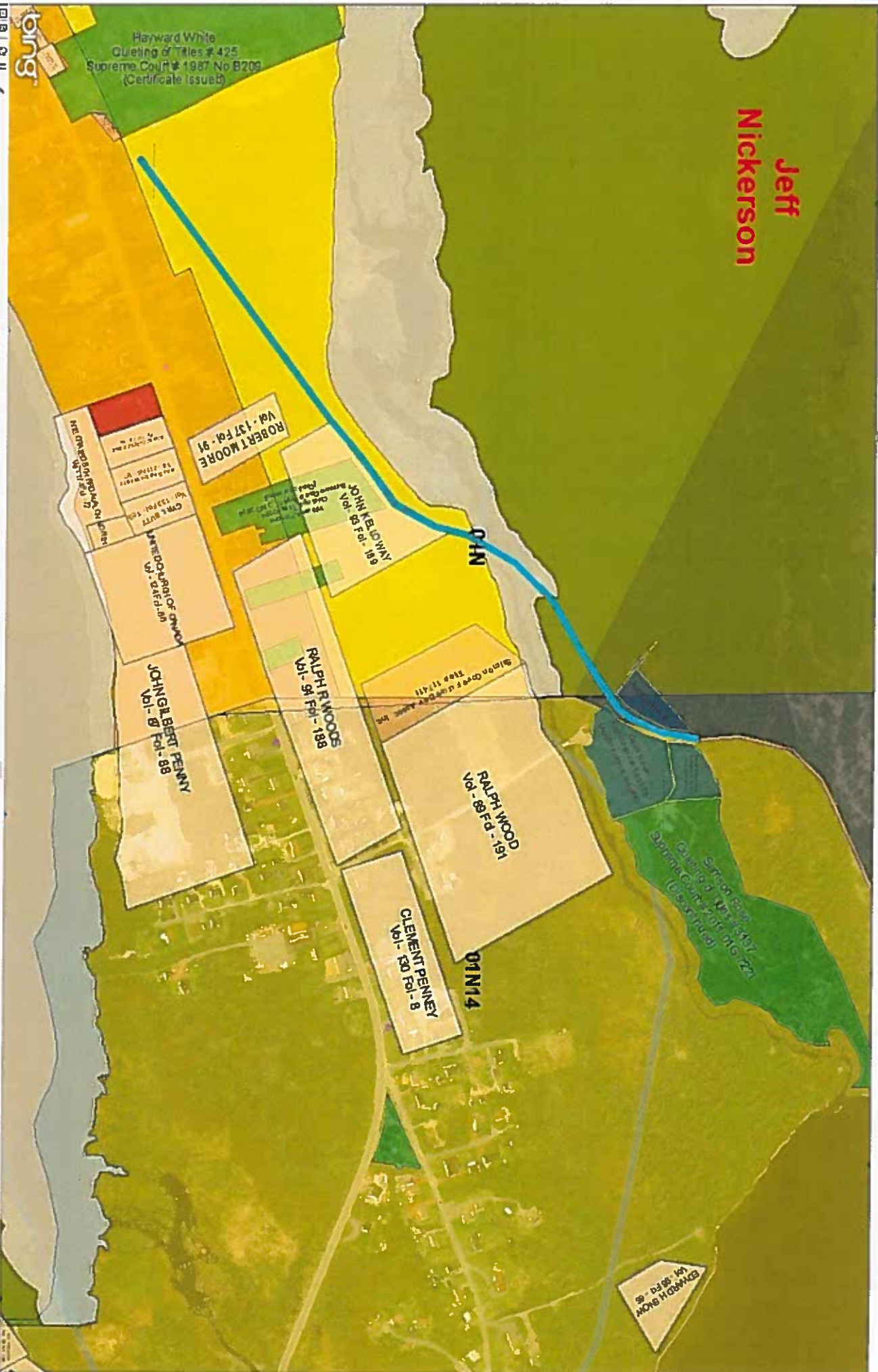
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MAP # 2

Report
County Area
Salmon River
Victoria
TOWN
Victoria
Victoria

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ER20180328a
Town of Victoria
P.O. Box 130
Victoria NL
ADA 460
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5
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licence
EAST
Hiking Trail
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Town of Victoria
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MAP #3



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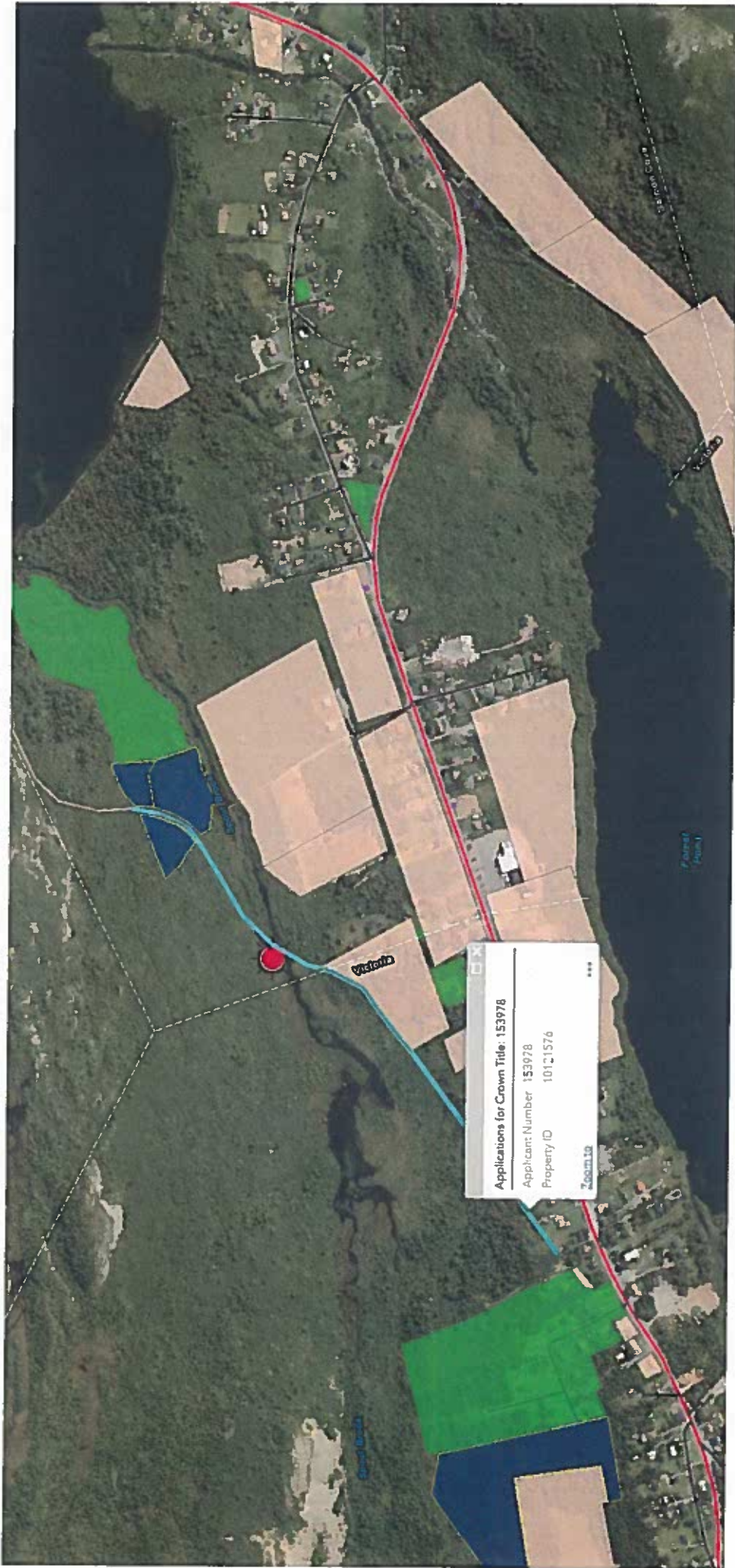


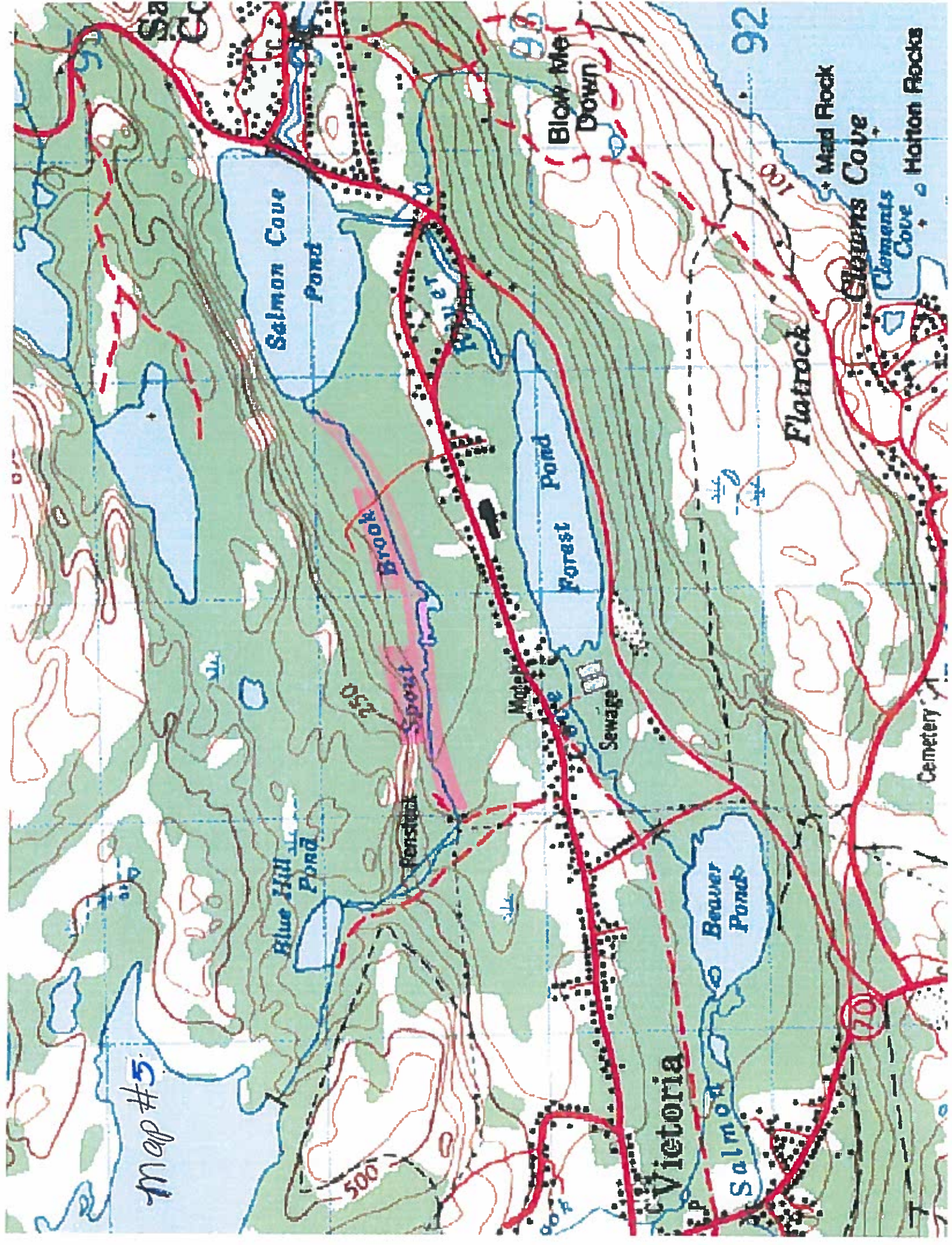
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Map #5

Blow Me Down

92

Clements Cove

Halton Rocks

Victoria

Salmon

70

Salmon Cove Pond

Forest Pond

Blue Hill Pond

Beaver Ponds

Flatrock

Mad Rock

Clements Cove

Cemetery

Brook

Forest Spout

Motel

Sewage

Water

500

500

900

1000

1100

900

900