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Reg. #1989

Ms. Theresa Dodge, Town Clerk
Municipality of Point au Gaul
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Dear Ms. Dodge:

RE: Point au Gaul Breakwater Upgrades

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:

- An environmental protection plan (EPP) for the project shall be submitted to and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment prior to the commencement of project construction. The EPP shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the following:
 - a. measures that will be undertaken to mitigate adverse environmental effects during construction, such as erosion, sedimentation, and/or the re-suspension of sediments or contaminants, to ensure compliance with the Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life;
 - b. water quality monitoring that will be conducted to ensure total suspended solid levels and contaminant concentrations in the water column are within limits prescribed by the CCME Environmental Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic life;
 - c. measures that will be undertaken to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, such as the European Green Crab, into and/or out of the bay;
 - d. consultation that will be undertaken with DFO to determine whether the Point au Gaul shoreline is a capelin spawning area, and if so, measures will be implemented to mitigate habitat destruction; and
 - e. a commitment to have a spill kit, equipped with an appropriate boom to prevent the spread of potential spills, on-site during project construction.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends the following measures be undertaken to minimize and control the release or re-suspension of sediments and/or contaminants resulting from in-water activities:

- Prior to beginning any in-water work, install siltation control structures (e.g. silt curtains) to enclose the area from the water surface to the bottom;
- Schedule work so as to avoid heavy precipitation;
- Immediately stabilize any disturbed areas along the shoreline to prevent erosion;
- Check the integrity and effectiveness of the siltation control structures daily for the duration of the project and ensure they remain in place following completion of the work until suspended solids levels return to ambient levels;
- Monitor water quality to ensure total suspended solid levels and contaminant concentrations in the water column are within limits prescribed by the CCME Environmental Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life; and
- Take further mitigative actions as necessary based on monitoring results.

These measures should be considered for inclusion in the EPP. For further information, please contact Mr. Jerry Pulchan at (709) 772-2126 or email Jerry.Pulchan@canada.ca.

Transport Canada advises that a Navigation Protection Act authorization will likely be required. A Notice of Works Package and Guidance materials can be found at the following link, and will assist in submitting a Notice of Works application for the project: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs-624.html>. For further information, please contact Ms. Melissa Ginn at (709) 772-3088 or email melissa.ginn@tc.gc.ca.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment advises that a permit is required under Section 48 of the Water Resources Act, for any work in any body of water. Applications for permits are available at:

<http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/waterres/regulations/appforms/index.html>.

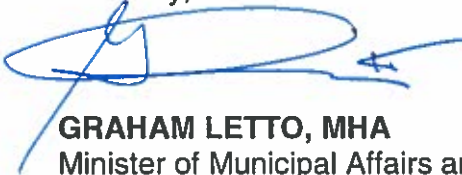
For more information, please contact Dr. Amir Ali Khan at (709)729-2295 or email akhan@gov.nl.ca.

The Department of Natural Resources advises that quarry materials required for the project must be sourced from either a site covered by a quarry permit or lease; an external source as a byproduct of an approved development; or, within the legal boundary of the project site provided that its excavation would be in compliance with other permits and understandings. For further information on the sourcing and removal of quarry materials, please contact the Department at (709)729-5738 or email stephenhinchey@gov.nl.ca.

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 of this project 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 or susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



GRAHAM LETTO, MHA
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

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