

Reg. #2007

Mr. Michael Gorman
11 Woodrow Avenue
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MAY 28 2019

Dear Mr. Gorman:

RE: Cottage on the Upper Humber-North Branch River Junction

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment 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 maintain a minimum 30 metre naturally vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.

The Climate Change Branch of this department advises that climate change is expected to result in more precipitation and more frequent extreme weather events that may result in increased flooding or damage to infrastructure. CCB suggests that you consider provincial climate change projections for Deer Lake (nearest regional site) in the planning for this undertaking. These projections suggest that extreme precipitation events will become more intense. For further information, please contact the Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-1485. They also recommend that you contact the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador for advice relating to the elevation of this proposed project to the river. For further information, please contact the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador at (709) 729-3489.

The Public Health Division of the Department of Health and Community Services advises that you must submit plans to Service NL for the approval of a private sewage disposal system and drinking water supply, prior to construction. For further information, please contact the Public Health Division at (709) 729-3422.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL requires that you apply for and obtain several approvals regarding electrical work and hook-up, water supply, and septic design and approval. For further information, please call the Government Service Centre at (709) 637-2229.

The Wildlife Division or the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advises that the cottage location is within Newfoundland Marten core habitat. Newfoundland Marten

are listed as Threatened under the Newfoundland and Labrador *Endangered Species Act* (NLESA). Denning of female marten and young occurs from early April to the end of June and dens must be protected from damage and disturbance during this time period as dens are protected under the provincial NL *Endangered Species Act* and the federal *Species at Risk Act*. They also advise that you must not conduct vegetation clearing within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and within 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200m buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, and Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2064.

The Mines Branch of the Department of Natural Resources advises that the project area overlaps with a mineral licence. They also advise to minimize the amount of excavation to be carried out on the property because excavation could potentially make the ground more susceptible to erosion during potential flooding. Further, the project is located in a hydrocarbon bearing basin that has potential for oil and gas exploration and production. For further information, please contact the Mines Branch at (709) 729-5748.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans advises that you are required to self-assess using the DFO "Projects Near Water" website located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

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 Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



JAMIE CHIPPEY
Deputy Minister

Attachment