

File # 2.2313.0316
Reg. #2012

MAY 28 2019

Ms. Tracy King
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Dear Ms. King:

RE: West Bottom Brook Bridge Replacement - Registration 2012

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 Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment.

The Water Resources Management Division of this department advises that you obtain a Water Use Licence and a permit for any work in any body of water (including wetland) including but not limited to culverts, bridges, diversion channels, etc. Prior to commencing any work related to this project, a water resources management plan, including information requirements pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL2002 cW-4.01 and its regulations and policies, must be prepared and submitted to the Water Resources Management Division for review and approval. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at 709-729-2295.

The Forestry Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advises that you are required to obtain a Commercial Harvesting Permit prior to any harvesting or timber removal in the area. An Operating Permit is required prior to the start of any work during the forest fire season. For further information, please contact the Springdale District Forestry Office 709-673-3821.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment recognizes that the Fisheries Protection Program, Department of Fisheries and Oceans is currently assessing a Request for Project Review for the bridge replacement. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

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 time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the *MCBA* and associated regulations.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JAMIE CHIPPETT".

JAMIE CHIPPETT
Deputy Minister