Environment and Climate Change

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Terra Nova River Hiking Trail Proponent: Town of Glovertown

(Reg. 2167)

The proponent is proposing the construction and maintenance of a 5 kilometre long x 0.5-1 metre wide hiking trail. The trail extends along the Terra Nova River from Route 310 in Glovertown to the Trans-Canada Highway. Proposed activities include cutting and grubbing, construction of wooden stairs, boardwalks and a lookout area, and the installation of culverts, garbage cans, picnic tables and benches.

The undertaking was registered on August 25, 2021; the deadline for public comment is September 30, 2021; and, the minister's decision is due by October 9, 2021.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Foxtrap Pasture Land Road Quarry Proponent: C. W. Parsons Limited

(Reg. 2103)

The project was released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent is required to uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
 - o no vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year; the 200-metre buffer applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Sawwhet Owl); and, the location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division;
 - The Forestry and Wildlife Branch requires a minimum 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer be maintained along streams and waterbodies that appear on a 1:50,000 topographical map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat; and,
 - The proponent is required to make the quarry inaccessible to vehicles once the quarry is closed out and rehabilitated.

- The proponent is required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when each of the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled.
- The proponent is required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, within one year from the date of release and to provide additional updates, if requested.

Learn more

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