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Reg. # 2167

Sandy Collins, Town Manager  
Town of Glovertown  
P.O. Box 224  
Glovertown, NL A0G 2L0

Dear Mr. Collins:

**Re: Terra Nova River Hiking Trail**

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 subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that the proposed trail passes next to the hydrometric station Terra Nova River at Glovertown-02YS005, located at approximately Latitude 48.66194, Longitude-54.01806, and used to measure streamflow on the Terra Nova River. The proposed trail must maintain a minimum 15-metre undisturbed buffer around the hydrometric station so as not to interfere with the operation of this station. The 15-metre undisturbed buffer shall be from the eastern edge of the hut that houses the station equipment. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for your project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required. Please email your project updates to [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).



- You are required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when 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 to [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

**Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:**

The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department reminds you that all water discharged from the proposed site during construction and operation is subject to compliance with the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003, under the **Water Resources Act**. If the use of a pesticide(s) is required (e.g. for the control of insects, rodents, diseases, weeds or vegetation), please contact the Pesticides Control Section of the Department of Environment and Climate Change at (709) 729-6054 or (709) 729-2565 for all necessary forms and applications, to arrange for examination, and to schedule a pesticide storage inspection. The Regulations stipulate that a Pesticides Applicator must be licensed for the class of pesticide which is intended to be applied. Also, the regulations stipulate that a Pesticide Operator licence is required in order to purchase pesticides unless otherwise exempted by the regulations. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782 or email [locke@gov.nl.ca](mailto:locke@gov.nl.ca).

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department requires you to obtain permits for work in or near a body of water; stream crossings; work within wetlands; alteration of a water body; and for any work within a designated flood risk area, prior to the start of construction. The Water Resources Management Division advises that a portion of the trail is within the mapped flood risk area of the Terra Nova River and work within a designated flood risk area must comply with my Department's Policy for Flood Plain Management, available on-line at

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccm/waterres/regulations/policies/flood-plain/>. You are further advised that a permit for any work in shore water zones is required prior to the start of construction, and such work must comply with my Department's Policy for Development in Shore Water Zones, located at

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccm/waterres/regulations/policies/shore-water/>. Additionally, you must obtain a permit for any infilling work within 15 metres of a body of water, prior to the start of infilling, and the infilling must comply with my Department's Policy for Infilling Bodies of water, located at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccm/waterres/regulations/policies/bodies-of-water/>. The Water Resources Management Division reminds you that the Town of Glovertown is responsible for



restricting ATV use on the trail. Any future plans to include the use of motorized recreational vehicles on the trail must be submitted to my Department to be reviewed for regulatory requirements, prior to use. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563.

The Department of Digital Government and Service NL requires that brush should be chopped/shredded and may be burned on-site with the approval of the Forestry Services Branch, or may be transported to an approved waste disposal site for proper disposal with the permission of the owner/operator of the waste disposal site. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 466-4060.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises you to ensure that the activities associated with the development are conducted in compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** and its regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. The Occupational Health and Safety Division reminds you to consider procedures related to the protection of workers related to COVID-19. Procedures must follow the requirements set forth by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Newfoundland and Labrador (e.g. physical distancing, handwashing). For further information, please contact the Occupational Health and Safety Division at (709)729-3275.

The Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that parts of the proposed route overlap with Newfoundland Marten critical habitat. Newfoundland Marten are listed as Threatened under the Newfoundland and Labrador **Endangered Species Act**. 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. To help reduce any negative impacts on Newfoundland Marten, the Wildlife Division recommends that vegetation clearing or excessive noise be undertaken outside of the denning, breeding and brood rearing period. Disturbance could result in negative impacts on survival or condition of young or denning females. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2025.

The Crown Lands Administration Division of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture acknowledges your application for Crown land associated with this project must be approved before trail work can commence. The Crown Lands Administration Division further advises that there is an Agriculture lease located within the first 1.5 kilometres of the proposed trail route, and trail development and activities should not interfere with this lease and/or any agricultural activities in the area. The location of Crown titles and applications can be found



under Land Use Details (<https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/gis/lua/>). For further information, please contact the Crown Lands Administration Division at (709) 637-2025.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology advises that quarry materials must be acquired from an approved source. Applications for quarry permits or subordinate quarry permits can be found at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/iet/mines/quarries/>. The trail will pass by a number of active quarry sites located upslope on the opposite side of the access road. You are advised to consider that quarry operations may be visible /audible from sections of the trail and that quarry-related traffic will make use of the access road which runs alongside sections of the trail route. In addition, much of the area through which the trail will pass is underlain by deposits of high-quality sand and gravel. The Town should expect that there may be future proposals to develop quarries or to expand existing quarries in areas upslope of the trail. For further information, please contact Industry, Energy and Technology at (709) 729-5748.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommended that you develop spill response contingency plans that consider potential accidents. ECCC- Canadian Wildlife Service (ECCC-CWS) requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped. For further information, please contact ECCC-CWS at 1-800-668-6767.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that the modernized **Fisheries Act** includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions, which came into effect on August 28, 2019. If you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website to get information about how to comply with the **Fisheries Act** and as well as information on the project review process. The Projects Near Water website is 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.

Health Canada recommends that you prepare a response plan in the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to impact drinking water/ recreational water quality and in the event of an accident or malfunction with respect to country foods. For further information, please review Health Canada's Guidance on Water Quality and Country Foods at <http://publications.gc.ca/pub?id=9.832511&sl=0> and Guidance on Country Foods at <http://publications.gc.ca/pub?id=9.855584&sl=0>.

Transport Canada provides information regarding requirements for construction of watercourse crossings and erosion-protection works, which is included in the attachment entitled "Comments for the Proponent." Transport Canada recommends that you complete a self-assessment under the Navigation Protection Program's (NPP) Project Review Tool, located at

<https://npp-submissions-demandes-ppn.tc.canada.ca/projectreview-outildexamenduprojet>.

For further information, please contact Transport Canada at 1-888-675-6863.

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. 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.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information, please email [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709)729-0673 or [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernard Davis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA**  
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville  
Minister

Cc: Lloyd Parrott, MHA – Terra Nova

Enclosure