

March 17, 2021

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Reg. # 2115

Scott Winsor  
City of St. John's  
10 New Gower Street  
St. John's, NL A1C 5M2

Dear Mr. Winsor:

**Re: Rennie's River Flood Mitigation- Portugal Cove Road to King's Bridge Road**

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. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required.

The EPR is necessary to provide information concerning the potential effects of the undertaking on the surrounding environment. Additional information is required to describe, but may not be limited to, the following:

- the expanded flood plain (including mapping) upstream and as a result of the proposed berms, the effect of expanded flooding on private and public property, and measures that will be undertaken to mitigate the effects of the expanded flood plain;
- the potential effects of water-logging inside the earthen berm structures and a drainage plan to avoid post-construction water-logging;
- a plan to address localized surface water drainage to the river that will be inhibited by the berm structures;
- the potential effect of the berms and erosion control measures on groundwater levels and measures that will be undertaken to mitigate the effects; and
- the change in the river morphology and flow velocity at the berm section, upstream and downstream of the berm and riverbank stabilization.

A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached for your consideration during your development of the EPR.

An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed for the purpose of providing you with technical and scientific advice regarding the preparation of an EPR. As per the legislative requirements, within 60 days of this letter you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EPR. Please be reminded that, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the environmental assessment process.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Bennett".

**DEREK BENNETT**  
Minister

Enclosures