

# GUIDELINES

for

## Environmental Preview Report

for the

### *Carmanville New Pond Cabins ATV Trail*

Registration 2186

**Honourable Bernard Davis**

Minister

Department of Environment and Climate Change

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines are intended to assist the proponent, Wayne Hicks, with the preparation of the Environmental Preview Report (EPR) for the proposed Carmanville New Pond Cabins ATV Trail. The EPR is a report that presents the results of an investigation based on readily available information that supplements the information already provided by the proponent upon registration of the undertaking. The purpose of the information in the EPR is to assist the Minister of Environment and Climate Change in determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. The EPR is expected to be concise, while presenting the comprehensive information necessary to facilitate an informed decision.

The EPR should include and update the information provided in the original registration document(s) and focus on the information gaps identified during the government and public review of the registration.

The contents of the EPR should be organized according to the following format:

### **1. NAME OF UNDERTAKING:**

The undertaking has been assigned the name "Carmanville New Pond Cabins ATV Trail".

### **2. PROPONENT:**

Name the proponent and the corporate body, if any, and state the mailing and e-mail address.

Name the chief executive officer if a corporate body, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Name the principal contact person for purposes of environmental assessment and state the official title, telephone number, and e-mail address.

**Please note:** the EPR will be posted on the Department's web page and accessible to the public. You may provide personal contact information such as telephone numbers, email and mailing addresses in a separate cover letter that will not be posted on the web page, if preferred.

### **3. THE UNDERTAKING:**

State the nature of the project.

State the purpose/rationale/need for the project. If the proposal is in response to an established need, this should be clearly stated. Identify needs that are immediate as well as potential future needs.

The rationale shall include, but not be limited to:

- Explanation for changing the proposed access road to an ATV trail: i.e., pursuant to subsection 7(2)(d) of the **Lands Act**, the construction of an access road is not an eligible activity that may be licensed within the shoreline reservation area of a pond. A new Crown land application has been received for the proposed ATV trail (RSN # 256801).

### **4. DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

Provide a description of the project in the following subsections, including complete information concerning the preferred choice of location, design, construction, operation and maintenance standards, etc.

#### **4.1 Geographical Location/Physical Components/Existing Environment:**

Provide an accurate description of the proposed All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trail, including GPS location coordinates (ground-truthed digital trail file). Attach an original base map (1:25,000 scale) and/or recent air photos/aerial imagery.

The description shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) Trail dimensions (length, width, units in kilometres / metres);
- b) Description of the terrain (forest, wetland crossings, stream crossings);
- c) Access road to the trail and parking spaces; and,
- d) Nearby cottage properties and surrounding land uses.

#### **4.2 Construction:**

State the time period in which proposed construction will proceed (if staged, list each stage and its approximate duration) and proposed date of first physical construction-related activity.

The details, materials, methods, schedule, and location of all planned construction activities must be presented, including:

- a) A description of the machinery and/or equipment to be used (backhoe, chainsaw);
- b) A description of the materials used to construct the trail (logs, culverts); and,
- c) Employment information including type, and estimated number of positions during all phases of construction.

#### **4.3 Operation and Maintenance:**

All aspects of the operation and maintenance of the proposed development should be presented in detail, including but not limited to the following:

- a) A description trail maintenance including signage;
- b) Anticipated volume of use / traffic (including ATV, snowmobile); and,
- c) Employment information including type and estimated number of positions.

The following information/plans shall be included in the body of the EPR or as Appendices:

- i. Waste Management: describe how waste generated will be managed, including a description of where the waste will be shipped / transported;
- ii. Wildlife Management: describe measures that will be implemented to reduce / minimize the impacts of the project on migratory birds and other wildlife and wildlife habitat, including wetland and shoreline habitats;
- iii. Spill Prevention: describe the storage of gasoline, oils and lubricants. Including spill response equipment available on site such as absorbents and open-ended barrels for collection and cleanup of debris; and,
- iv. Emergency Response: describe measures to respond to an emergency / accidents, including: a proper first-aid kit, communication devices, list of emergency numbers.

## **5. ALTERNATIVES**

Alternative means of carrying out the project to meet the stated purpose and rationale must be provided. This section should demonstrate why the specific location and procedural methods were selected above others. The EPR must identify and describe alternative means and locations of carrying out the project that are technically and economically feasible. The following steps for addressing alternative means and locations are recommended:

- a) Identify any alternative means and locations to carry out the project;
- b) Identify the environmental effects of each alternative means and location;
- c) Identify the preferred means and location and provide rationale for selection; and,
- d) Provide reasons for the rejection of alternative routes.

Include information from previous project related studies describing alternate locations that were considered, including the expansion of existing routes, reasons for rejection, and reasons supporting the proposed route as the preferred location, if applicable.

Alternative locations should be clearly outlined on maps of a suitable scale (i.e. 1:50,000, 1:25,000) and/or aerial imagery.

If the proposed ATV Trail Route needs to cross wetlands, justify why there is no alternative.

## **6. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND MITIGATION:**

Provide detailed information regarding the potential effects of the project on the environment and the proposed mitigation to be used to avoid adverse environmental effects. This section must describe, but may not be limited to:

- a) New Pond, Ragged Harbour River;
- b) Existing cottage owners and recreational use;
- c) Access road traffic and parking area; and,
- d) Impacts of potential accidents and malfunctions.

## **7. DECOMMISSIONING and REHABILITATION:**

Describe all aspects of the decommissioning and rehabilitation plans for the project, assuming the eventual need to eliminate the entire project footprint from the landscape.

## **8. PROJECT- RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

Provide a bibliography of all project-related documents already generated by or for the proponent (e.g., feasibility study, engineering reports, etc.).

## 9. APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

List the main permits, licences, approvals, and other forms of authorization required for the undertaking, together with the names of the authorities responsible for issuing them (e.g., federal government department, provincial government department, municipal council, etc.).

- Note that an application for Crown lands has been submitted (RSN # 256801) and acknowledge that the construction of the trail is not permitted until a Crown title has been issued for the trail.

You are required to submit one paper copy of the EPR and an electronic version, for posting to the Environmental Assessment website, together with a covering letter to the following address:

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Environment and Climate Change  
Environmental Assessment Division  
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