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Reg. #2189

Todd Parsons, Director
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Email: info@riverfrontchalets.ca

Dear Todd Parsons:

RE: Exploits River Geodesic Domes – Amendment to Minister’s Decision

On June 17, 2022, you submitted a request to amend my decision of April 27, 2022, to release the Exploits River Geodesic Domes project from further environmental assessment. In your submission you requested that the condition of release requiring you to maintain a 50-metre undisturbed natural buffer along the Exploits River be amended to require you to maintain a 30-metre undisturbed natural buffer along the Exploits River.

Your request has been reviewed by government and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador **Environmental Protection Act**, SNL 2002, cE-14.2 (the **Act**). Please be advised that my decision of April 27, 2022, has been amended in accordance with Section 76 of the **Act**, and I am releasing the project 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 Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
 - A minimum of 30-metre undisturbed natural buffer is to be maintained along the Exploits River. The buffer is measured from the edge of non-hydrophytic vegetation.
 - For all other waterbodies, for slopes less than 30 percent, a minimum 30 metre naturally vegetated riparian buffer zone shall be established around all waterbodies, from the high water mark, that are identified on either the 1:50,000 scale National Topographic System maps, or the topographic mapping layer shown in the Provincial Land Use Atlas. No land use activities involving grubbing, ground or soil disturbance, or timber

harvesting activities will take place in this zone. For slopes greater than 30 percent, there shall be a naturally vegetated riparian buffer zone calculated using the following formula: $30 \text{ metres} + 1.5 \text{ metres} \times \text{slope} (\%)$. No land use activities involving grubbing, ground or soil disturbance, or timber harvesting activities will take place in this zone.

- 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 also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest sites must be reported to the Wildlife Division. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture at (709) 637-2353.
- 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.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, 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.

The regulatory, permitting, and mitigative advice included in my letter of April 27, 2022, remains in effect.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other 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.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Ms. Joanne Sweeney, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bernard Davis".

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

Attachment

Cc: Chris Tibbs, MHA – Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans
Wayne Lynch, Government Service Centre, Central Region
Kirsten Miller, Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture