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 relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the **Environmental Protection Act**.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

New Harbour Barrens RV Park Proponent: Anthony Developments Ltd.

(Reg. 2245)

The proponent is proposing to develop and operate a 13.4-hectare RV park near New Harbour off Route 73. The construction would consist of 250 RV sites, the installation of an approved water and sewage system, a kiosk building (office and security), a comfort station (with laundry, washrooms, and a common room), and a sewage dumping station. The construction is planned to begin in summer 2023. A description of the project can be found on the department's webpage at: https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/projects-list/.

The undertaking was registered on May 10, 2023; the deadline for public comment is June 16, 2023; and the minister's decision is due by June 24, 2023.

Lark Harbour Breakwater and Wharf Proponent: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours

(Reg. 2244)

The proponent proposes to construct a new marginal wharf, concrete launchway, floating docks and rubble-mounded breakwater to replace the existing finger pier wharf at the Small Craft Harbour in Lark Harbour. The improved infrastructure would meet the needs of local users and the breakwater would provide protection from strong wave action. The project would have a total footprint of approximately 14.4 hectares. A description of the project can be found on the department's webpage at: https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/projects-list/.

The undertaking was registered on May 10, 2023; the deadline for public comment is June 16, 2023; and the minister's decision is due by June 24, 2023.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Junction River Bridge Removals

Proponent: Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

(Reg. 2237)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent must 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:
 - Vegetation clearing is not to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and within 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 site must be reported to the Wildlife Division.
- The proponent must 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.
- The proponent must 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, one year from the date of this release letter and provide additional updates if required.

Learn more

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Environmental assessment information is available at:

https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/

https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/GUIDE-TO-THE-PROCESS May-2023.pdf

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Public comments may be forwarded to: EAprojectcomments@gov.nl.ca

If you submit comments on a project that is under environmental assessment, please advise the Department if you DO NOT wish to share your comments with the project proponent.

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