

## PERMIT TO ALTER A BODY OF WATER

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Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 39, 48

Date: **JULY 15, 2025**

File No: **525**  
Permit No: **ALT14420-2025**

Permit Holder: **Gander Bay Indian Band Council**  
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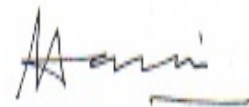
Attention: **Calvin Francis**

Re: **Gander (Beaver Brook) - Bridge Removal**

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Permission is hereby given for : **the removal of a dilapidated bridge and associated debris across Beaver Brook, in association with the application received on 2024-10-22.**

- This Permit does not release the Permit Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.
- The Permit Holder must obtain the approval of the Crown Lands Administration Division if the project is being carried out on Crown Land.
- This Permit is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in Appendices A and B (attached).
- It should be noted that prior to any significant changes in the design or installation of the proposed works, or in event of changes in ownership or management of the project, an amendment to this Permit must be obtained from the Department of Environment and Climate Change under Section 49 of the *Water Resources Act*.



(for) MINISTER

**APPENDIX A**  
**Terms and Conditions for Permit**

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**General Alterations**

1. Any work that must be performed below the high water mark must be carried out during a period of low water levels.
2. Any flowing or standing water must be diverted around work sites so that work is carried out in the dry.
3. Water pumped from excavations or work areas, or any runoff or effluent directed out of work sites, must have silt and turbidity removed by settling ponds, filtration, or other suitable treatment before discharging to a body of water. Effluent discharged into receiving waters must comply with the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*.
4. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
5. The use of heavy equipment in streams or bodies of water is not permitted. The operation of heavy equipment must be confined to dry stable areas.
6. All vehicles and equipment must be clean and in good repair, free of mud and oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
7. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of this Department.
8. The bed, banks and floodplains of watercourses, or other vulnerable areas affected by this project, must be adequately protected from erosion by seeding, sodding or placing of rip-rap.
9. All waste materials resulting from this project must be disposed of at a site outside the Protected Public Water Supply Area and approved by the Department of Digital Government and Service NL.
10. Periodic maintenance such as painting, resurfacing, clearing of debris, or minor repairs, must be carried out without causing any physical disruption of any watercourse. Care must be taken to prevent spillage of pollutants into the water.
11. The owners of structures are responsible for any environmental damage resulting from dislodgement caused by wind, wave, ice action, or structural failure.
12. Sediment and erosion control measures must be installed before starting work. All control measures must be inspected regularly and any necessary repairs made if damage is discovered.
13. Fill material must be of good quality, free of fines or other substances including metals, organics, or chemicals that may be harmful to the receiving waters.
14. The attached Completion Report (Appendix C) for Permit No. 14420 must be completed and returned to this Department upon completion of the approved works. Pictures must be submitted along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after development.

15. This Permit is valid for two years from the date of issue. Work must be completed by that date or the application and approval procedure must be repeated.
16. The location of the work is highlighted on the Location Map for this Permit attached as Appendix D.
17. All work must be carried out within the Permit Holder's legal property boundaries.
18. This licence/permit does not constitute an acknowledgement of interest in any land claims adjacent.

### **Dredging/Debris Removal**

19. Alteration of the natural minimum streamflow is not permitted in order to preserve aquatic life.
20. The natural course of any stream must not be altered.
21. Dredging activity must only be carried out during periods when wind, wave and tide conditions minimize the dispersion of silt and sediment from the work site.
22. A water quality monitoring program is not required at this time. However, the Department reserves the right to require that the Permit Holder sample, analyse, and submit results of water quality tests, for the purpose of ensuring that the water quality is maintained within acceptable guidelines. All analyses must be undertaken by a CALA accredited laboratory.
23. The area to be dredged must be enclosed and isolated from the rest of the body of water through the use of a filter fabric curtain or similar method.
24. Dredged material must be disposed of in accordance with the regional Service NL Centre of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL. The Department of Digital Government and Service NL may require samples to be submitted for testing and analysis. Only suitable, rocky material dredged may be used for breakwater construction as it will not be susceptible to erosion.

### **PPWSA General**

25. All persons working on this project must be informed that they are within a Protected Public Water Supply Area, and must be made aware of all conditions of this Permit. A copy of this Permit must be on site during operations.
26. With the exception of the work outlined in the application, an undisturbed (no cutting or ground disturbance) buffer zone of at least **300 metres** shall be maintained around Gander Lake, at least **100 metres** around major lakes and ponds and along both sides of all streams and main tributaries running into Gander Lake, and at least **30 metres** around all ponds, along both sides of all other water bodies including wetlands and field identified streams. Activity or development within these buffer zones is prohibited. All buffer zones must be marked with signs or flagging tape to avoid encroachment into the buffer zones.
27. Equipment storage, maintenance facilities associated with this project, and all maintenance other than emergency repairs must not be located/carried out within the Protected Public Water Supply Area.
28. Officials of the Department and the appropriate Municipal Authority, Operator, or Watershed Management Committee may visit the site to ensure compliance with this Permit.
29. Liaison is to be maintained with the appropriate Municipal Authority and Environmental Scientist. If there are any specific problems (i.e. sedimentation, fuel spill, or other potential water quality impairment), the Chair of the Water Supply Committee must be notified immediately at (709)651-5915. The Environmental Scientist must also be notified immediately at (709)292-4280.
30. The felling or disposing of trees, parts of trees, sawdust, bark, logging debris or slash into a water body or upon the frozen surface of a water body is strictly prohibited.

31. Treated wood shall not be used in a water body or within buffer zones established in Condition 26 of any water body measured from the high water mark. The use of creosote treated wood anywhere within the Protected Public Water Supply Area is strictly prohibited.
32. The Permit Holder must inspect the site daily, and any water quality impairment related problems are to be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist at (709)292-4280 and the Watershed Monitoring Committee at (709)651-5915.
33. Any changes in water quality resulting directly from this project, rendering the water unsuitable as a public water supply, are the responsibility of the Permit Holder. The Minister may order the Permit Holder to provide an alternate source of potable water to the affected community until water quality returns to an accepted level.
34. All stationary motorized equipment and associated fuel tanks shall have metal trays, absorbent pads or impervious liners under them to catch and contain in excess of 110 % of the aggregate volume of any fuel, lubricant and oil.
35. For any clearing inside buffer zones: no ground disturbance (no disturbance to the root mat, no grubbing, or removal of soil) shall take place in the buffer zones. The Permit Holder is to ensure that the appropriate best practices are employed to prevent any detrimental effects that could impact water quality. Where possible, work in buffer zones shall be completed when the ground is frozen.
36. Where permits, licences, approvals or authorizations are issued by multiple governments, departments or agencies, in the case of similar conditions, the more stringent of those shall prevail; in the case of conflicting conditions, the Permit Holder shall seek clarification and direction in writing from each of the respective departments or agencies.
37. The issuance of this permit does not guarantee, nor set precedent, that additional or similar permits or amendments will be issued in this or any other Protected Public Water Supply Area for additional or similar activity or development.

### **Fuel Storage**

38. There shall be no bulk fuel storage associated with this project within the protected water supply area. Fuel shall be brought to the operating area in no more than two (2) 205 litre barrels or one (1) 500 litre slip tank. The Permit Holder is hereby informed that fuel storage and handling requires a separate approval under the *Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations*, CNR 775/96.
39. Contaminated snow and soil must be removed from the site and disposed of at an approved location outside the protected public water supply area, in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2*.
40. Any spills of gasoline, fuel or oil, regardless of volume, shall be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist at (709)292-4280 and the Watershed Management Committee by calling (709)651-5915. Furthermore, all spills in excess of 70 litres shall be reported immediately to the 24 hour spill report line at 1-800-563-9089.
41. A complete oil spill clean-up kit must be on site at all times when gasoline or fuel powered equipment is being used or refuelled. The kit must contain the following:
  - One hand operated fuel pump
  - One recovery container such as an empty 205 litre drum
  - One shovel
  - One pick axe
  - Five metres of containment boom
  - Five absorbent pads
  - Twenty-five litres of loose absorbent material
42. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland.

### **Special Conditions**

43. Heavy equipment used within 30 meters of Beaver Brook must be visually inspected at least once every hour for leaking fuel or fluids.

44. Heavy equipment must not be parked or left unattended within 150 meters of any waterbody, including wetlands, within the Protected Public Water Supply Area.

**APPENDIX B**  
**Special Terms and Conditions for Permit**

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1. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall keep all systems and works in good condition and repair and in accordance with all laws, by-laws, directions, rules and regulations of any governmental authority. The Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) shall immediately notify the Minister if any problem arises which may threaten the structural stability of the systems and works, endanger public safety and/or the environment or adversely affect others and/or any body of water either in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for all damages suffered by the Minister and Government resulting from any defect in the systems and works, operational deficiencies/inadequacies, or structural failure.
2. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall operate the said Project and its systems and works in a manner which does not cause any water related and/or environmental problems, including but not limited to problems of erosion, deposition, flooding, and deterioration of water quality and groundwater depletion, in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for any and all damages associated with these problems caused as a result of changes, deficiencies, and inadequacies in the operational procedures by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
3. If the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) fails to perform, fulfil, or observe any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit, as determined by this Department, the Minister may, without notice, amend, modify, suspend or cancel this Permit in accordance with the *Water Resources Act*.
4. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Permit, systems and works in or outside the said Project areas, or any act or omission of the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) in or outside the said Project areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
5. This Permit is subject to all provisions of the *Water Resources Act* and any regulations in effect either at the date of this Permit or hereafter made pursuant thereto or any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
6. This Permit shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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**Appendix C - Completion Report**

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*I (the Permit Holder named above or agent authorized to represent the Permit Holder) do hereby certify that the project described above was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to the Department of Environment and Climate Change and that the work was carried out in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit issued for this project.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This completion report must be completed and forwarded to the following address upon completion of the approved work.

Department of Environment and Climate Change  
Water Resources Management Division  
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St. John's NL A1B 4J6

**APPENDIX D**  
**Location Map for Permit**



**Second Attached Image File**

**Beaver Brook Bridge and Debris Removal**

