

**Attachment B**  
**Regulatory and Technical Advice from Government Departments/Divisions**

**EA #:** 2284 - Great Coastal Trail – Parson’s Pond to Daniel’s Harbour (the Project)  
Trailhead Development Company Incorporated (the Proponent)

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During the environmental assessment of the Project, provincial and federal government departments and agencies offered the following advice on technical aspects as well as plans, permits, licences, approvals and/or other authorizations that are or may be required before your project commences. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list, and you are responsible for consulting with federal and provincial government authorities regarding any additional authorizations that may be required by law.

**1 Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change - Climate Change Branch**

- 1.1 Proponent is advised to consider provincial climate change projections for Daniel’s Harbour in the planning for this undertaking. These projections suggest that extreme precipitation events will become more intense.
- 1.2 Proponent is advised to operate heavy-duty equipment in a manner to maximize fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could contribute to climate change. For further information, please contact Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-1485.

**2 Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change - Pollution Prevention Division**

- 2.1 Proponent is advised that all waste material generated during construction and operation is to be placed in suitable refuse containers and removed to an approved waste disposal site, with the approval of the site owner/operator.
- 2.2 Brush should be chopped/shredded and may be removed to an approved compost facility or an approved waste disposal site for disposal with the prior permission of the owner/operator. For further information, please contact Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782.

**3 Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change - Water Resources Management Division**

- 3.1 Proponent is advised that the proposed trail crosses the 20-year and the 100-year floodplain in Parson’s Pond area. The finished grade of the trail crest must be below the 20-year flood elevation to avoid interference with the flow of water or displacement of water that could create a worse flooding situation for other locations.
- 3.2 Proponent is advised to apply for and obtain a Section 48 Permit under the **Water Resources Act** for any work in or within 15 metres of a body of water (including wetlands) prior to the start of construction.

- 3.3 Proponent is advised to apply for and obtain a Water Use License under the **Water Resources Act** prior to the start of construction.
- 3.4 Proponent is advised that any effluent or runoff leaving the site will be required to conform to the requirements of the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563.

#### 4 Department of Energy and Mines

- 4.1 Proponent is advised that quarry materials used must be sourced from an approved site with a valid quarry Permit or Lease, a byproduct of an approved development, or from within the legal boundary of the project site in compliance with applicable regulations.
- 4.2 Proponent is advised to consult with NL Hydro prior to initiating any development activities, as NL Hydro assets are located in close proximity to the Project.
- 4.3 Proponent is advised that the proposed Project does fall within an Anticosti hydrocarbon basin. However, it is not situated within any onshore petroleum permit, licence, or lease area, nor is it within 100 metres of an onshore petroleum well. While Energy and Mines has no concerns with the proposal at this time, the Proponent should be aware that the area has known oil and gas potential. For further information, please contact Energy and Mines at (709) 729-5748.

#### 5 Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands

- 5.1 Proponent is advised to operate under established legislation and regulations, such as the **Wild Life Act** and Wild Life Regulations, to avoid or minimize adverse impacts.
- 5.2 Proponent is advised that the **Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994**, Migratory Birds Regulations, **Wild Life Act** and Wild Life Regulations protect birds and prohibit the disturbance or destruction (including incidental ones) of bird nests and eggs in the province. For more information on avoiding harm to avifauna, visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/avoiding-harm-migratory-birds.html>.
- 5.3 Proponent is advised that species listed under the **Newfoundland and Labrador Endangered Species Act (NLESA)** are likely to occur within the region. Section 16 (1) of NLESA states, "A person shall not disturb, harass, injure, or kill an individual of a species designated as threatened, endangered, or extirpated".
- 5.4 Proponent is advised to exclude all sand dunes from the proposed trail routing and consult with the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2025 for any further information.
- 5.5 Proponent is advised that mitigation measures for water crossings must be implemented in accordance with applicable guidelines, including the Motorized Snow Vehicle and All-Terrain Vehicle Regulations under the **Motorized Snow Vehicle and All-Terrain Vehicle Act**, the Water Resources Management Division's Guidelines for Water Crossings, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada's

best management practices for temporary crossings and the protection of freshwater fish habitat.

- 5.6 Proponent is advised to consult with local fish harvesters, particularly those operating within the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization area. Consultation may occur directly with harvesters, through local Small Craft Harbour authorities, or via the Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union.
- 5.7 Proponent is advised that an Operating Permit and a Commercial Wood Cutting Permit are required for any removal of timber for the Project. Furthermore, if project activities are scheduled to occur during the forest fire season, an Operating Permit is additionally required in accordance with applicable forestry regulations.
- 5.8 Proponent is advised to adopt best management practices to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species while working in the rivers or conducting any in-water activities. For more information about aquatic invasive species in the province, visit: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especies/ais-eae/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact Forestry, Agriculture and Lands at (709) 729-5001.

## **6 Department of Government Services- Government Service Centre**

- 6.1 Proponent is advised that development permits will be required under the Protected Road Zoning Regulations, and that a permit is also required from GSC for the construction of an access road in a protected area or for any access onto a protected road.
- 6.2 Proponent is advised to consider developing a contingency plan specific to the proposed undertaking to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. Any spill or leak of gasoline or associated product is to be reported immediately to the Department of Government Services by calling the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at 772-2083 or 1-800-563-9089.
- 6.3 Proponent is advised that any proposed sanitation facilities (e.g., toilets) intended for trail users must be reviewed and approved by the Department of Government Services. For further information, please contact the Government Services Centre at (709) 637-2446.

## **7 Department of Government Services - Occupational Health and Safety**

- 7.1 Proponent is advised to ensure that activities are conducted in compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** and related regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with the legislation. For further information, please contact Occupational Health and Safety at (709) 729-7454.

## **8 Department of Municipal and Community Affairs**

- 8.1 Proponent is advised to consult with the relevant municipalities to confirm any permitting requirements, obtain necessary approvals, and ensure compliance with applicable municipal plans, regulations, and bylaws.
- 8.2 Proponent is advised that a portion of the proposed undertaking intersects the designated boundary of Arches Provincial Park; as such, consultation with Parks Newfoundland and Labrador for regulatory approval requirements must be conducted prior to development.
- 8.3 Proponent is advised that a significant portion of the proposed Project intersects Route 430, a protected road regulated under the Great Northern Peninsula Highway Zoning Plan, 1990. Most of the Project lies within a Rural Conservation Zone, with an area near Daniel's Harbour in a Highway Commercial Zone. Within Parsons Pond's Municipal Planning Area, the proposed parking area is in a Mixed Zone. Any work within protected road building control lines may require approval under the Protected Road Zoning Regulations. The Proponent must ensure compliance with all zoning requirements and obtain all necessary permits before construction or land alteration. For further information, please contact Municipal and Community Affairs at (709) 729-3090.

## **9 Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

- 9.1 Proponent is advised that the Project area has been identified as having archaeological potential. In accordance with the **Historic Resources Act** and the Archaeological Investigation Permit Regulations, the Proponent must ensure that all project activities comply with applicable legislative requirements. This may include obtaining an Archaeological Investigation Permit prior to any ground disturbance and implementing measures to avoid, protect, or mitigate potential impacts on historic resources. For further information, please contact the Provincial Archaeology Office at (709) 729-2462.

## **10 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure**

- 10.1 Proponent is advised that highway access permits and permits to work within the Right of Way (ROW) are required with respect to Building Near Highways Regulations.
- 10.2 Proponent is advised that any construction in the department's ROW will require a permit.
- 10.3 Proponent is advised that no encroachment onto TI property is permitted without prior written consent from the Department. The Proponent is responsible for identifying the boundaries of TI property and any associated highways. For further information, please contact Transportation and Infrastructure at (709) 729-5972.

## **11 Environment and Climate Change Canada**

- 11.1 ECCC advises avoiding nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory birds, operations should consider nesting locations between mid-April and Mid-August in this region. Environment and Climate Change

Canada requests that species at risk sightings be reported to the Canadian Wildlife Service at <http://accdc.com/en/contribute.html>.

11.2 Proponent is advised to develop the following plans:

- A Contingency Plan that considers potential accidents and malfunctions, and site-specific conditions and sensitivities.
- An Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plan.
- A Wildlife Emergency Response Plan.

11.3 Proponent is advised to maintain a 30-metre buffer from the high-water mark of any water body (1:100 Flood Zone) in order to maintain movement corridors for migratory birds. For further information, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/avoiding-harmmigratory-birds/reduce-risk-migratory-birds.html>. For further information, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at (709) 772-4313 or (709) 853-1304.

## 12 Fisheries and Oceans Canada

12.1 Proponent is advised to refer to the Projects Near Water website for information about how to comply with the **Fisheries Act**, as well as information on the project review process when conducting work in or near water. The 'Projects Near Water' website is located at <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

## 13 Transport Canada

13.1 Proponent is advised that the proposed Project may require approval(s) under the **Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA)**, as it includes the construction of a trailhead gateway and a 26.6-kilometre multi-use trail with multiple bridge crossings. Although the Project excludes construction of the bridge at Parson's Pond, the remaining proposed bridge crossings should be assessed to determine whether any meet the criteria for a Major Work under the CNWA. For further information, please contact Transport Canada at (514) 213-1846.