

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

**EA #:** 2395 - Codroy Valley Fibre Cable Installation (the Project)  
Bell Canada (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 operate heavy equipment during the construction and operations phase of the Project in a manner that maximizes fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could contribute to climate change. For further information, please contact the Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-1485.

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

- 2.1 Proponent is advised to comply with the Air Pollution Control Regulations under the **Environmental Protection Act** and be aware of the prohibitions of burning waste according to Schedule D of these Regulations.
- 2.2 Proponent is advised that a Pesticides Applicator Licence is required under the Pesticides Control Regulations for the use of pesticides, and any contractor hired to perform that service must have a valid Pesticide Operator License.
- 2.3 Proponent is advised that all fuel storage tank systems, other than those connected to a heating appliance of capacity of 2,500 litres or less, require registration prior to installation.
- 2.4 Proponent is advised all fuel storage systems must meet the Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations.
- 2.5 Proponent is advised that the storage, handling and disposal of used and or waste oil/glycol must comply with the Used Oil and Used Glycol Control Regulations.
- 2.6 Proponent is advised that the use of halocarbons or other related substances in fire suppression, air conditioning or refrigeration systems associated with the Project are subject to the Halocarbon Regulations.
- 2.7 Proponent is advised to refer to the Treated Wood Waste Guidance Document: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccm/files/env-protection-waste-guidancedocs-gd-ppd->

[075.1treated-wood-waste-disposal-.pdf](#). For further information, 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 according to the 1:50,000 topographic map, the proposed Codroy Valley Fibre Cable route intersects several streams, waterbodies, wetlands, and the 20-year and 100-year floodplains of the Codroy Valley at multiple locations.
- 3.2 Proponent is advised to obtain a Section 48 permit under the **Water Resources Act** for any work in or within 15 metres of a body of water (including floodplain and wetlands) prior to commencement of Project.
- 3.3 Proponent is advised to obtain a Water Use Licence under the **Water Resources Act** prior to the commencement of Project for the use of water from any source for any purpose.
- 3.4 Proponent is advised to obtain a permit for any proposed development adjacent to or within the Protected Public Wellhead Water Supply Area. Also, any work adjacent to or within this designated Protected Public Wellhead Water Supply Area shall comply with this Department's Policy for Land and Water Related Developments in Protected Public Water Supply Areas <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/waterres/regulations/policies/water-related/>.
- 3.5 Proponent is advised that untreated poles are recommended to be utilized in unprotected groundwater public water supply well areas.
- 3.6 Proponent is advised that any effluent leaving the site will be required to conform to the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations. For further information, contact Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563.

### **4 Department of Energy and Mines**

- 4.1 Proponent is advised that this Project does fall within a hydrocarbon basin (Bay St. George) area having oil and gas potential, however, it is not within an onshore petroleum permit, licence or lease; and it is not within 100 metres of an onshore petroleum well.

### **5 Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture**

- 5.1 Proponent is advised to review and follow recommended best practices and guidelines when conducting work with heavy machinery near water to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species, both into or out of the project area.
- 5.2 Proponent is advised to consult with local fish harvesters and processors, specifically those in the Northwest Atlantic Fishing Organization Division 4R, to mitigate any possible impacts. Harvesters and processors can be consulted directly, by way of local Small Craft Harbour authorities or through the Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union. For further information, contact the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture at (709) 729-5001.

## 6 Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands

- 6.1 Proponent is advised to operate under the established legislation and regulations of the **Lands Act**. It is the proponent's responsibility to identify Crown lands required for their undertaking.
- 6.2 Proponent is advised that the Project area as defined appears to overlap numerous Crown lands issued titles. There may be private land located within this area which may not be on record with the Crown Lands Office. If work is planned on these private lands or issued title sites, permission is required from the landowners.
- 6.3 Proponent is advised that any activities that occur within the 15 metre Shoreline Reserve of any water body must strictly adhere to the regulations in Section 7 of the **Lands Act**.
- 6.4 Proponent is advised that for Crown land applications which fall within an infilling limit, consultation with Land Management Division is recommended prior to submitting the Crown lands application. For further information, contact the Land Management Division at (709) 637-2081.
- 6.5 Proponent is advised to comply with the Cutting of Timber Regulations under the **Forestry Act**, which requires a Cutting Permit before any timber harvesting or removal. Additionally, during the forest fire season, an Operating Permit under Section 13 of the Forest Fire Regulations and a Permit to Burn on or within 300 metres of forest land under Section 3 of the Forest Fire Regulations are required.
- 6.6 Proponent is advised to maintain a five-metre buffer around all geodetic survey monuments within the Project area. The GIS and Mapping Division of FAL must be contacted via email at [GMD@gov.nl.ca](mailto:GMD@gov.nl.ca) if Project activities have the potential to disturb an existing Control Survey Marker per Section 65 of the **Lands Act**.
- 6.7 Proponent is advised that the Project should not interfere with any agriculture development or titles in the area.
- 6.8 Proponent is advised that several species are currently being assessed for designation and listing under the **Newfoundland and Labrador Endangered Species Act (NLESA)** and the federal **Species at Risk Act**. The Proponent should be aware that if species that are designated and listed under this legislation are found within the Project area, the Proponent may be required to develop mitigations, in consultation with the Wildlife Division and must obtain a Section 18 permit of the **NLESA** for any Species at Risk surveys that could potentially disturb the species. For further information, please contact the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands at (709) 637-2950.

## 7 Department of Government Services - Government Service Centre

- 7.1 Proponent is advised that all waste material generated during the construction and operation of the facility is to be placed in suitable refuse containers and removed to an approved waste disposal site on a weekly basis, with the approval of the site owner/operator.

- 7.2 Proponent is advised that any proposed fuel cache will require approval by the Government Service Centre prior to installation.
- 7.3 Plans and specifications for floor drains from service bays or other areas handling used or waste oils must be submitted for review and approval by the Government Service Centre prior to installation.
- 7.4 Proponent is advised to apply to the Department of Government Services for Fire/Life safety and Building Accessibility review/approvals.
- 7.5 Proponent is advised that any electrical work within the province requires that you hire the services of an electrical contractor. Electrical plans shall be submitted to the Government Service Centre for review and approval.
- 7.6 Proponent is advised that development permits are required for any construction within 100 metres and up to 400 metres of the centre line of any Protected Road for the construction of an access road in a Protected Area or Protected Road Zone, and an Access to Provincial Roads Permit for any access onto a Provincially maintained roadway or Protected Road.
- 7.7 The Proponent is advised that on-site stockpiles of treated utility poles and timber should be stored such that they are not in direct contact with the ground.
- 7.8 Proponent is advised any spill or leak of gasoline or associate product is to be reported immediately to Government Service Centre by calling the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at (709) 772-2083 or 1-800-563-9089. For further information, please contact Government Service Centre at (709) 729-2008.

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

- 8.1 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.

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

- 9.1 Proponent is advised that a Temporary Vehicular Access (TVA) permit is required for vehicular travel along the Newfoundland and Labrador T’Railway Provincial Park (T’Railway) from the Parks Division. Furthermore, a TVA (Commercial fees) permit and/or a Construction & Use permit (Commercial fees) may be applicable. For more information, please contact the Parks Division at [trailway@gov.nl.ca](mailto:trailway@gov.nl.ca).
- 9.2 The Proponent is advised to engage directly with nearby outfitting operators, including Mountain Top Cabin Ltd. and Island View Cabins. For further information, please contact the Tourism Production Development Division at (709) 729-0559.

## 10 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

10.1 Proponent is advised to strictly adhere to the Access Policy Regulation section under the **Work, Services and Transportation Act**. For further information, please contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure at (709) 729-5972.

## 11 Environment and Climate Change Canada

11.1 Proponent is advised to develop the following plans:

- A oil spill prevention and response plan
- A wildlife emergency response plan
- A contingency plan that considers potential accidents and malfunctions, and site-specific conditions and sensitivities.

11.2 Proponent is advised that in order to avoid 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 request that species at-risk sightings be reported to the Canadian Wildlife Service at [ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.gc.ca). For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4313.

11.3 Proponent is advised to develop and implement measures to diminish the risk of introducing invasive species. For further information, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at (709) 772-4313.

## 12 Fisheries and Oceans Canada

12.1 Proponent should 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.