

**REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

Name of undertaking: Mink Farm-Route 340
Chapel Island NL.

Proponent:

(i) *Name of corporate body:* Cottlesville farm ltd.

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Nature of the Undertaking:

Proposed development of a 1000 female mink operation located of route 340 in Chapel Island, NL. To produce mink fur pelts for the auction house of North American Fur Breeders (nafa) in Ontario Canada.

The proposed proponent is Mr. Junior and Mrs. Katherine Philpott Who is born and raised in Newfoundland and has for the last twenty years been involved in establishing Cottlesville farm LTD as a Silver fox farm and a small layer poultry operation. We are in the process of expanding the company to include a 1000 breeder mink operation.

Purpose/Rational /and need for the undertaking:

Diversifying into mink fur pelts would give Cottlesville farm a better chance in the world market, where customer trends changes each year. A diversity of pelt products would increase our chances to be on top of that trend, and would ensure us of having what the market desires. This diversification would give Cottlesville Farm the opportunity to employ other employees for longer periods of time thus increasing employment opportunities in this community and surrounding areas. New land base is needed for this operation to be complete. With this proposed site it would be to our advantage. There would be better access to the farm for a Central Feed station truck to supply us with feed. And easier access to the farm in winter conditions.

Description of undertaking;

Geographic Location

The proposed site consisting of 7 ha of leased land located on route 340 Chapel Island with access by a forestry road constructed by Mr. Rex Philpott. It has great potential with crown land on the left of us to be applied for if needed in the future. Mr. Paul Reid trained in the forestry field and employed by Mr. Rex Philpott aided us into locating this property and we feel it is a good location in which to raise mink with good even surface. Maps of the area are included in Appendix 1. included are the aerial map, the crown land map and a proposed site map of the area.

Physical features:

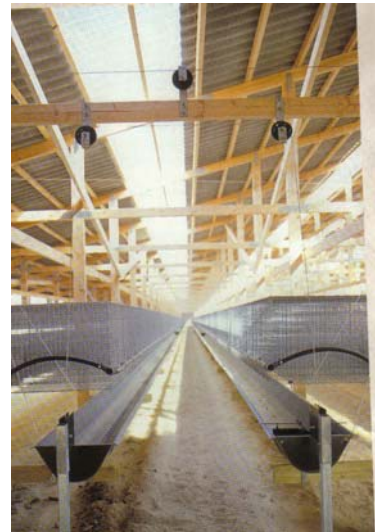
Physical requirements of the proposed site will include 3 100m x 12.5 meter sheds which will include both breeder and pelter cages, a Storage shed with a freezer unit, perimeter fence ,an artesian well as shown in the farm plot mat on appendix 1. 5 acres of land will be cleared to place the proposed buildings. and the remainder will be developed as needed.

Road:

Access to the farm will be a forestry road presently of route 340 at Chapel Island. The parameter of the land is close to this road and we will be constructing a short access road to the proposed site.

Sheds:

Three mink sheds will be built .all will be 100m by 12.5. One shed will hold the 1000 female mink breeders .two will be for the pelter Mink kits. They will be wooden posted, 2x4 structures to hold the cage work with galvanized aluminum sheeting on the roof, with fiberglass clear panels included for light. Fabrene sheeting will be used on the side to allow light and air circulation. Pictures below will show samples.



Each shed will be equipped with an automatic self-circulating water system. An artesian well will be dug on the farm for the mink to be provided with safe, clear water.

Storage shed:

A Storage shed/freezer unit will be built on the site to hold equipment and to freeze or keep cool the feed supplies, as well as to store any needed supplies.

Manure Storage:

A storage pad will be provided to store manure waste for short term only. According to the government environmental regulations. An organic vegetable farmer in the local area has shown interest in obtaining all our mink Manure .We will cooperate with him to make sure all the manure will be utilized. 1000 mink breeders will ensure little manure waste, usually they return to the same place to deposit their waste. Shavings and sawdust is used in these pens and sawdust is under the pens to mix with this waste. Regular cleaning under the pens will take care of any odors and other sanitary problems arising.

Construction:

Construction was suppose to start in Sept of 2005, but because of a delay the construction will be started as soon as we get the letter of offer from APF. Two years and three months will be left of the Apf funding project so the entire project will be completed by Nov 2007 if possible, or if an extension for one more year can be obtained.

Operation:

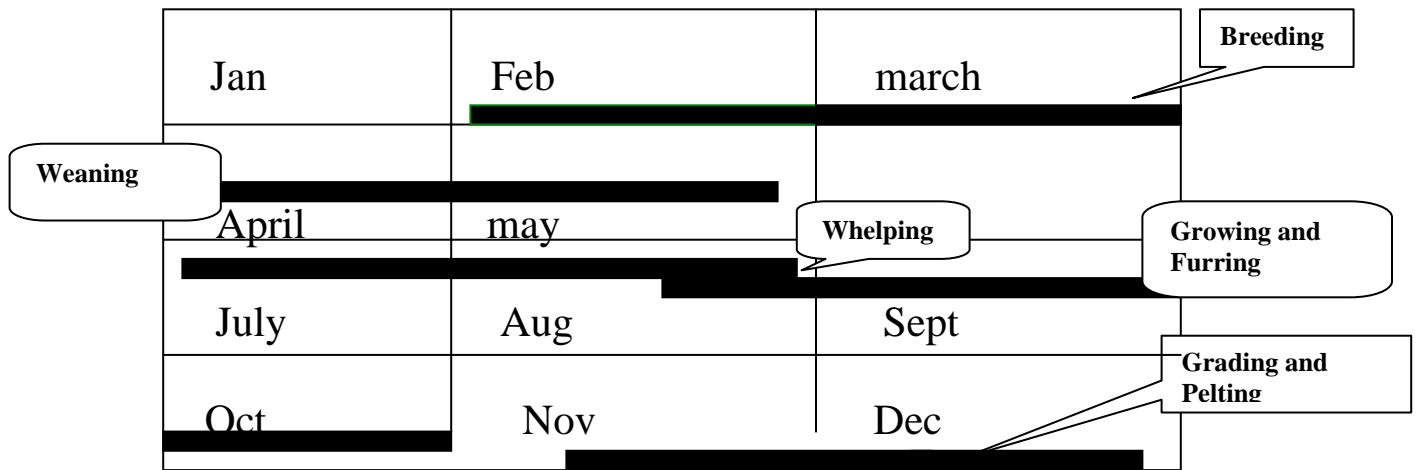
The minks **Breeding** cycles will determine what is done in the operation of a mink farm. Breeding of the mink will begin in early march.

Whelping (having the kits or babies) will begin anywhere from the third week of April until the end of May

Weaning (separating from mother) will begin in early July through August

And beginning in late July until Pelting Season,

The Growing and furring season will take place to ensure you maintain a high level of feeding and nurturing to produce top quality pelts in which the **Grading and Pelting** will end the cycle in December.



Cottlesville farm intends to have 100 breeder female mink and their kits to place on the proposed site by spring 2006 and to increase its production by Nov 2007 to 1000 mink breeders. Its first 100 mink will be purchased on the island from reputable existing farmers and will not need any permits or quarantine to be moved to this site.

Occupations:

Junior and Katherine Philpott will continue to run this operation along with their other farm commodities. Part time or full time help will be hired when needed as the project unfolds. A number of skilled labors will be hired to construct the farm itself.

Project –Related Documents;

N/A

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

Approvals required for the construction and operating of Cottlesville mink farm are as stated

- . **Crown land approval** – all other referral agents returned and Approved
- . **APF-** Approved may 21st 2005
- . **ACO** Pending environmental assessment.
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Schedule:

Construction of the mink farm will begin as soon as the weather permits whenever the letter of Offer from APF is received after the approvals from the above departments are in order.

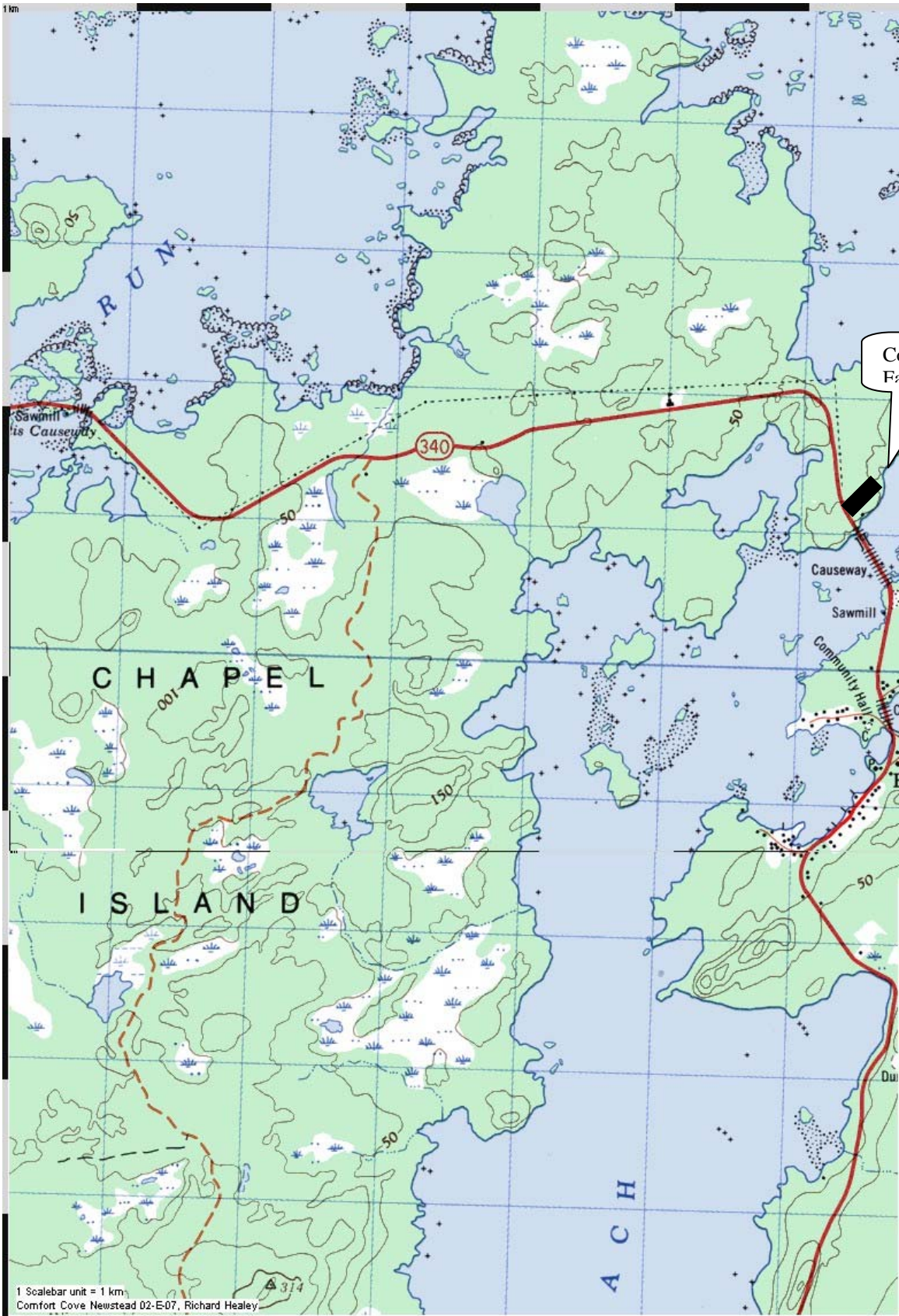
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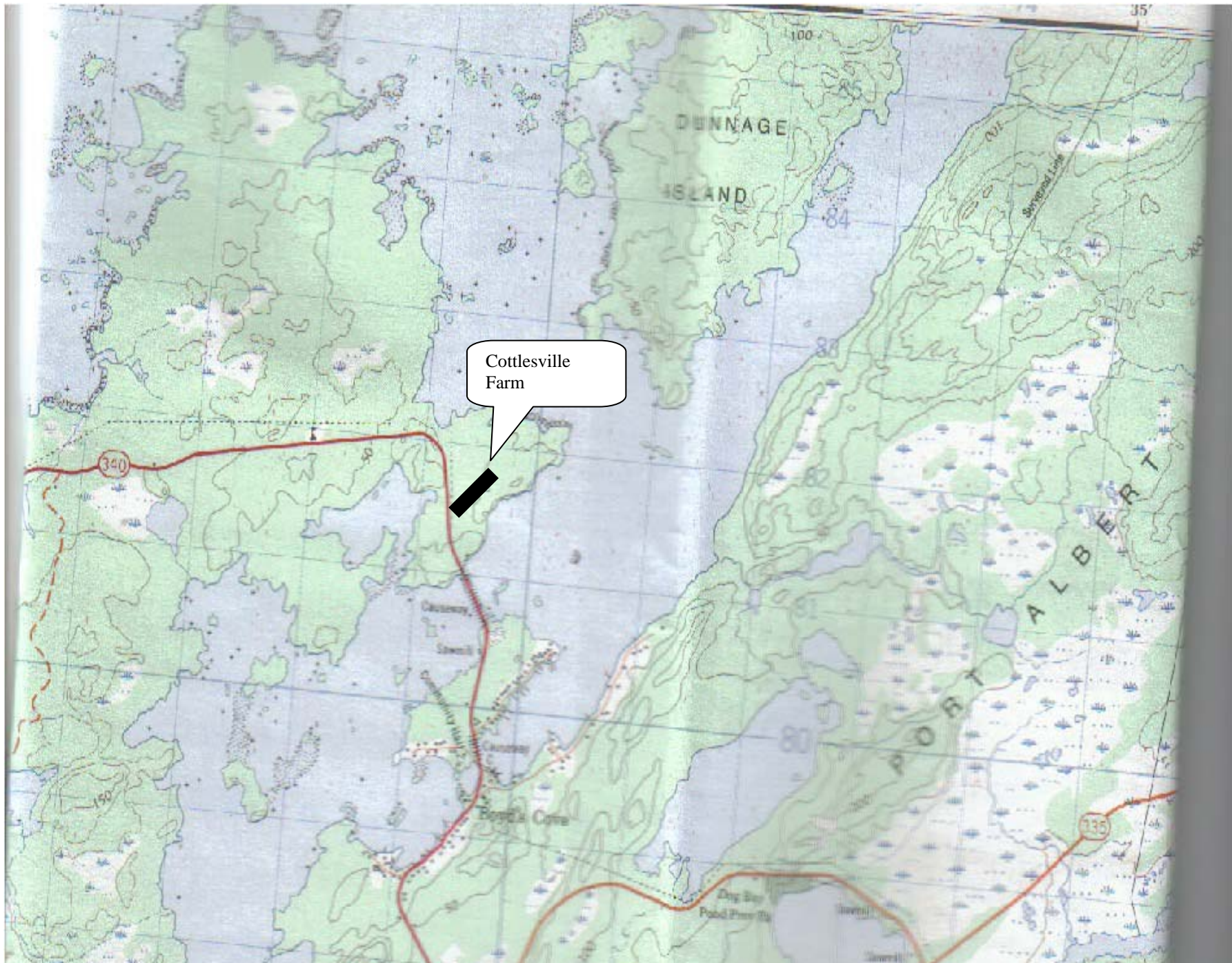
CROWN LAND FORESTRY RESOURCE MAP





Cottlesville Farm

1 Scalebar unit = 1 km
Comfort Cove Newstead 02-E-07, Richard Healey



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