

Registration Pursuant to Section 49 of the Environmental Protection Act

**NAME OF UNDERTAKING:** Na-tallie Ranch Limited  
Mink Fur Farm Expansion

**PROPOSER:**

(1) Name of Corporate Body: Na-tallie Ranch Limited

(2) Address: 42 Birch Avenue  
Cormack, NL  
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(3) Chief Executive Officer:  
Name: Barry T Samms  
Official Title: President  
Address: (same as above)  
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E-Mail Address: [barry.samms@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:barry.samms@nf.sympatico.ca)

(4) Principal Contact Person for Purpose of Environmental Assessment:

Name: Barry T Samms  
Official Title: President  
Address: (same as above)  
Telephone #: (same as above)

**THE UNDERTAKING:**

(1) Nature of the Undertaking:

To expand our current operation of 1100 female breeders to 2500 female breeders over a six year period.  
- Breeding season 2007- 1500 breeders  
- Breeding season 2009- 2000 breeders  
- Breeding season 2011- 2500 breeders

(2) Purpose/Rationale/Need for the Undertaking:

We believe now is a good time to expand the operation with an increased demand for fur globally creating a rise in market prices. Our goal is to establish financial security for the ranch should the future market take a downturn. As well we see an opportunity to create gainful full-time employment for our current part-time employee as well as additional employment opportunities for the area.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

(1) Geographical Location:

Na-tallie Ranch Limited is located in the municipality of Cormack, NL. An agricultural community in support of growth. The actual farm is located on 6 acres at the end of Birch Avenue with an additional agricultural land base of 95 acres also located on Birch Avenue. (See attached maps)

(2) Physical Features:

Existing:	Mink shed- 300x38
	Mink shed- 192x32
	Mink shed- 125x21 (to be replaced)
	Mink shed- 75x21 (to be replaced)
	Feed kitchen-1 <sup>st</sup> story- 50x30, 2 <sup>nd</sup> story- 20x30
	Including 2 freezer rooms- 20x20 & 20x20
	Storage Shed- 18x40
Proposed:	Mink shed- 400x38 (2007)
	Pelting Facility/storage/lunch room- 40x40 (2007)
	Mink shed- 400x38 (2009)
	Mink shed- 400x38 (2011)

The existing sheds as well as the proposed sheds are pole style wood frame construction with galvanized aluminium sheeting for roofing and lower 4' exterior walls. The roof also incorporates fibreglass panel skylights for light and the upper 4' exterior wall is fabreen fabric over wire that allows natural lighting and ventilation. One of the existing sheds has the fabreen sides on a manual pulley system that allows them to be adjusted (opened/closed) daily according to current weather conditions. The proposed new sheds will also have this system for ventilation and light. The exterior walls are 12" down into the ground to make it impossible for any animals to escape from the facility. All sheds both existing and proposed have automated watering systems that give a continuous supply of water to animals. The new pelting facility will have a pelting room, lunch room, washroom and storage area. The farm is located at the end of a cul de sac with the closest neighbour (also a fur farmer) being approximately ½ km away.

(3) Construction:

Pending approvals, construction will begin as soon as possible.

Spring 2007-	mink shed 400x38
Summer/Fall 2007-	Pelting Facility
Fall 2008/Spring 2009-	mink shed 400x38
Fall 2010/Spring 2011-	mink shed 400x38

(4) Operation:

A mink ranch incorporates a full year cycle:

- Conditioning- Jan & Feb conditioning mink for breeding season
- Breeding- 1<sup>st</sup> week of Mar and lasts for 3 weeks

- Whelping- begins approx Apr 20<sup>th</sup> to mid May
- Weaning- when kits are 6 to 8 weeks old in late June early July
- Vaccinations- given in July at approx. 10 weeks old
- Growing/Furring- through summer to pelting
- Grading- in fall before pelting
- Pelting- early Dec

Mink are housed in cages and the manure and urine collects directly under the cages in the sheds. Shavings and sawdust are used in the nest boxes and falls through the wire creating a more solid manageable waste product. We have a manure bucket that attaches to a small Bobcat tractor, as we drive through the shed the manure is collected in the bucket, dumped in the manure spreader and spread on our hay fields. This is done as early as possible in the Spring, throughout the summer and as late as possible in the Fall. Na-tallie Ranch Limited has a total land base of 101 acres with 40 acres of productive land, thus providing ample land base for manure disposal.

A manure storage pad if required will be constructed according to environmental specifications.

Upon completion of the pelting facility carcasses will be disposed of in compliance with government environmental regulations.

A proper septic system will be installed for the washroom to be located in the new pelting facility.

**(5) Occupations:**

The proposed project will require six employees for construction during the construction periods. There will initially be two full-time plus two part-time employees to work on the ranch, growing to an estimated three full-time and four part-time employees when the full expansion is complete.

**(6) Project Related Documents: N/A**

**APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

- Environmental Approval- Government of NL
- Approval of Government Services
- Municipal Approval and Permit (See attached letter of support from town)

**SCHEDEULE:**

The proposed expansion will commence as soon as possible upon approval from required departments.

**FUNDING:**

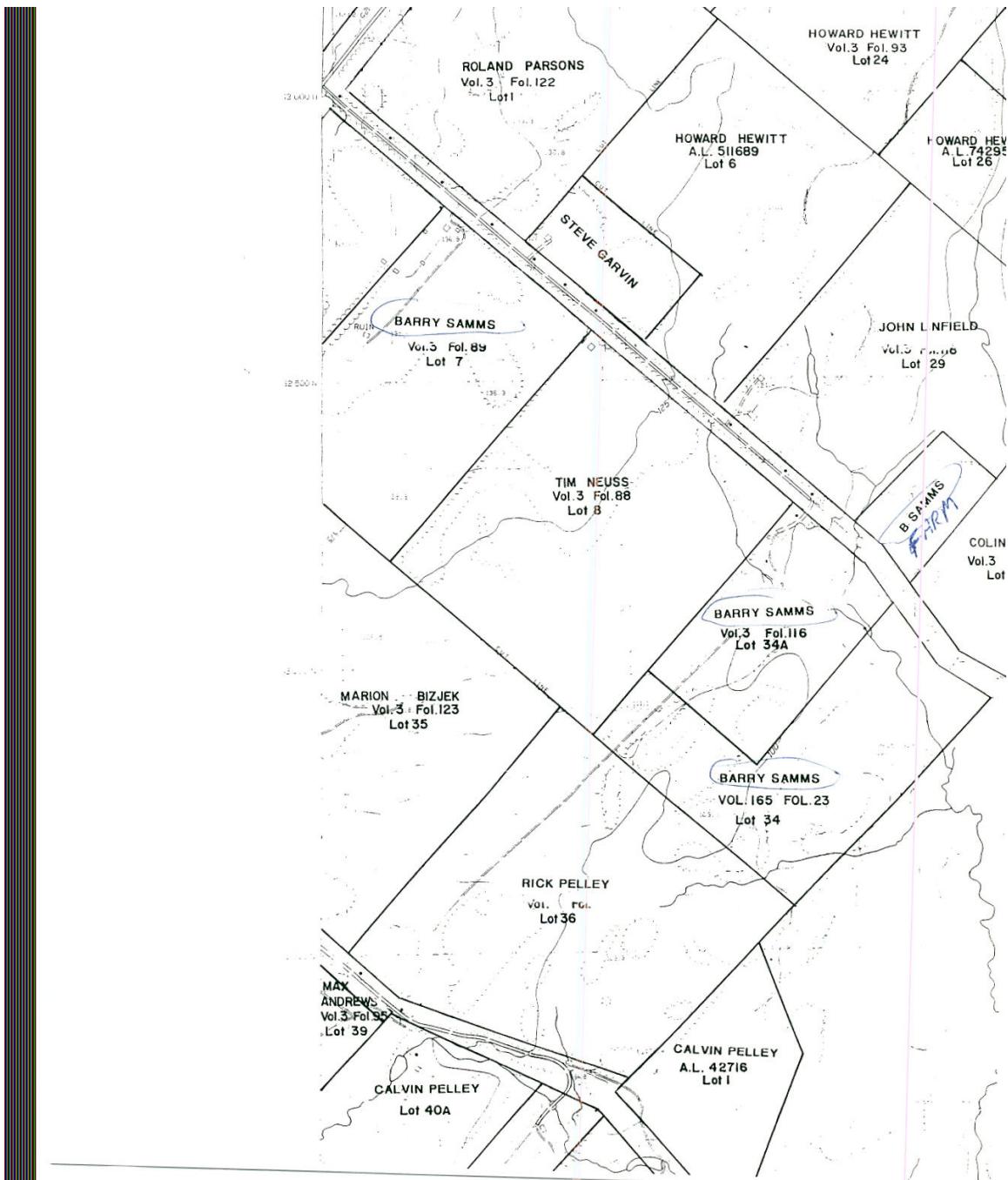
The proposed expansion will be financed by Na-tallie Ranch Limited with assistance from provincial and/or federal funding programs and/or agencies.

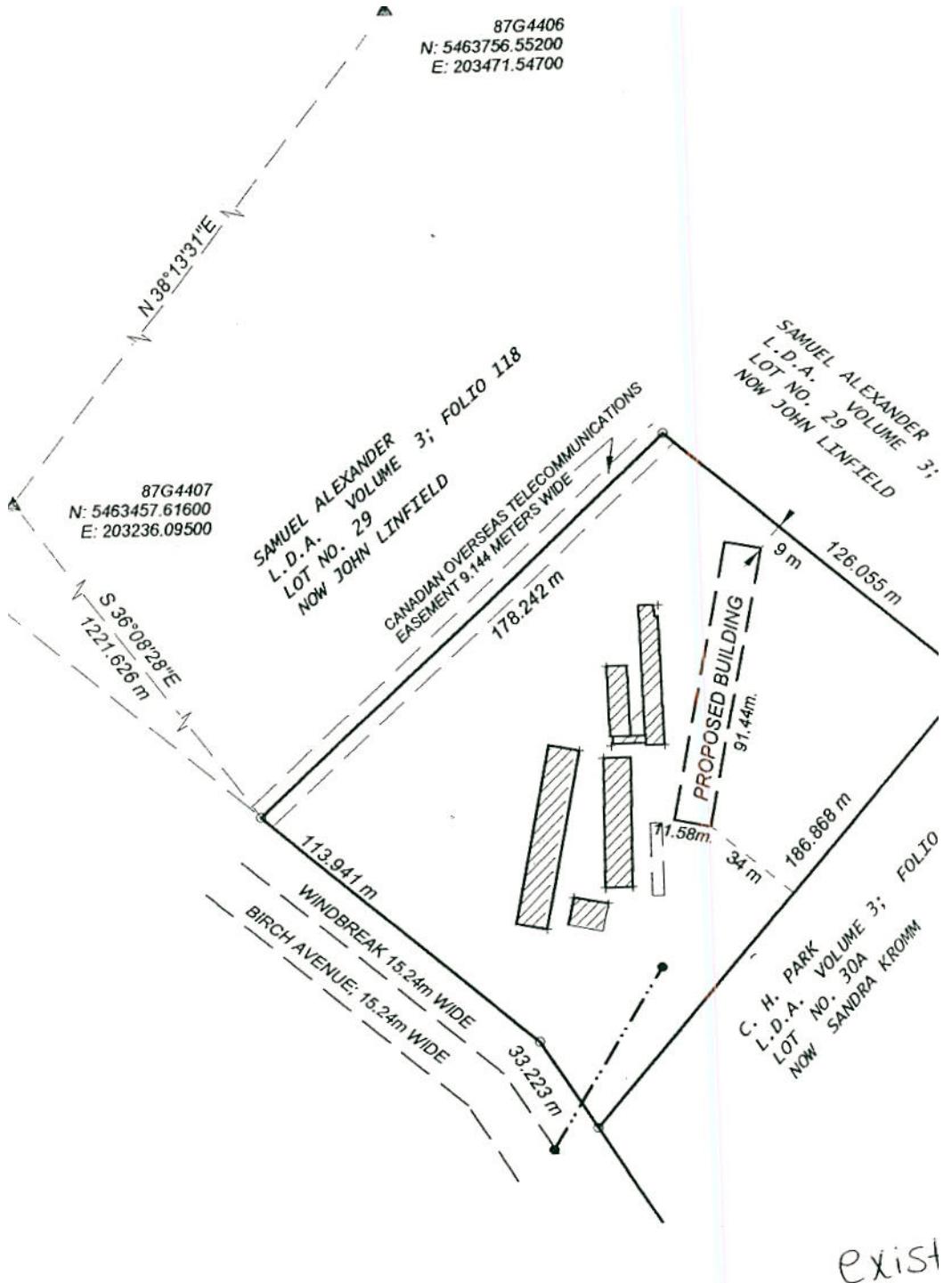
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December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

Re: Support for Expansion of Na-tallie Ranch Limited Mink Operation

To Whom it May Concern:

The Town of Cormack wishes to offer its support to Na-tallie Ranch Limited in their plan to expand their mink operations over the next five (5) years: from 1100 to 2500 female breeders between 2007-2011. We are pleased to see such growth in our agricultural community, and feel it is important to support our local farmers. Our Strategic Economic Plan has placed its highest priority on agricultural development.

Please note that prior to any new development or construction, Na-Tallie Ranch Limited will be required to obtain the appropriate permits and comply with the Town's development regulations.

Sincerely,

  
Cynthia Fry  
Town Clerk Manager



# Environmental Farm Planning

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## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

*Let it be recognized that*

### ***Na-tallie Ranch Ltd***

*has completed the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Farm Plan Workbook and is taking important steps towards sustainable agriculture and environmentally sound production in our Province.*

Jane M. P.

Environmental Farm Planner

November 25, 2005

Date



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