

## **REGISTRATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

### **NAME OF UNDERTAKING:**

**Hiking Trail - Pouch Cove to Cape St. Francis**

### **PROPOSER:**

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### **THE UNDERTAKING:**

- The project will upgrade a traditional coastal trail from Pouch Cove to Cape St. Francis (approximately 7 km.) to world class standards
- This project is a continuation of the trail development work that has been undertaken from St. John's to Pouch Cove.
- The hiking trail system will provide a valued resource to the tourist industry that services both international visitors and local residents

- Upgrading the trail bed will provide a robust and safe hiking surface built to withstand the higher volume of traffic and minimize damage to sensitive environments such as wetlands and stream crossings.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

### Geographical Location:

- The proposed route generally follows the traditional path from Cape St. Francis to Pouch Cove with minor deviations to access exceptional view points or avoid areas that may be vulnerable to environmental damage from hiking traffic.
- The trail is located on crown land, municipal lands and right of ways shown on NTS sheet 1N15

### Physical Features:

- The trail bed will be approximately one meter in width and will extend for a distance of about 7 km. from Pouch Cove to Cape St. Francis.
- The major constructed physical features will be boardwalks, crib steps and bridges (no in-water construction)
- Structures are only to be employed in instances where keeping the trail in its existing state may result in damage to the environment, or where user safety and comfort are an issue.
- Construction techniques and structure are designated to have minimal impact on the existing natural setting
- Construction will occur on designated sites identified as likely to, or currently being, degraded by use (e.g. wet areas, stream bank, slopes).
- The trail will proceed for the most part, through a wilderness setting with the addition of boardwalks, stairs and bridges only where necessary.

Construction:

- The construction will take place over the next two years
- The only potential sources of pollutants come from the use of generators and chainsaws (i.e. oil and gasoline)
- Workers will be trained in the proper care and maintenance of these machines and on the proper action to take in dealing with pollution associated with their use.

Operation:

- The trail will be a permanent facility
- The only potential sources of pollutants during the trail's operation are litter and human waste.
- The trail will be operated and maintained by the East Coast Trail Association, a volunteer, non-profit organization created for this function.
- Volunteer custodians and volunteer members of the East Coast Trail Association will be responsible for trail clean-up and the reporting of trail conditions.
- The East Coast Trail Association will be responsible for the maintenance of the trail bed and trail structures

Occupations:

- The project will generate approximately 154 persons/month employment during construction
- Workers will be employed directly by East Coast Trail Association for the following occupations, according to the National Occupational Classification 2006
  - 1 Construction superintendent (0711)
  - 2 Construction crew leaders (7217)
  - 5 Chain saw operators (8421)
  - 12 Construction labourers (7611)

## Project Related Documents:

- East Coast Trail Association. June 2009, *Application to ACOA for Funding Support, Trail Development 2009 and 2010, Logy Bay to Flatrock and Pouch Cove to Cape St. Francis*
- Registration for Environmental Assessment Process for the East Coast Trail from Pouch Cove to St. John's

## APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

The main permits, licences, approvals, and other forms of authorization required for the undertaking, together with the names of the authorities responsible for issuing them are listed below:

- Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Environment and Conservation  
All incorporated municipalities from Portugal Cove to Pouch Cove  
Licence to Occupy  
Status: Approval granted
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Authorization for works or undertakings affecting fish habitat (i.e. bridges)  
Status: Notification form will be submitted if required
- Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Environmental approval for bridges  
Status: to be applied for if need to build bridges as the trail is developed

## SCHEDULE:

- Tentative start date for construction is February 1, 2010 for completion by November 30, 2010.
- East Coast Trail Association is seeking authorization for approved funds to be used within these dates.

## FUNDING:

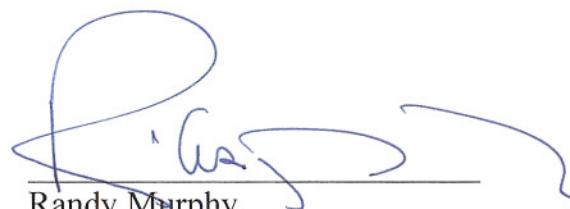
Funds will be provided by the following agencies:

- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency  
P.O. Box 1060  
Station C  
St. John's, NL.  
A1C 5M5
- Department of Innovation Trade & Rural Development  
28 Pippy Place  
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The capital cost of this project is estimated to be \$586,000.00

2009/11/10

Date



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