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Reg. #1972

Mr. Faron Knott
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Dear Mr. Knott:

RE: CBPP Zone 6 Five-Year Operating Plan (2019-2023) – Registration 1972

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- A Women's Employment Plan for this project shall be submitted to and approved by the Women's Policy Office prior to construction. Contracted companies must be informed during the tendering process to submit a Women's Employment Plan for the project as a requirement of successful bidding. For further information, please contact the Women's Policy Office at (709) 729-3867.
- The proponent must maintain a 15-metre undisturbed buffer around the hydrometric stations at Highlands River at Trans-Canada Highway (Station Number 02ZA002) and Grand Lake East of Grand Lake Brook (Station Number 02YK010). For further information on these stations, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563.
- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer along all watercourses, waterbodies, and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

It is understood that the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, Forestry Branch will be engaging the forest industry sector, and in particular CBPPL, to provide a plan for the development of best management practices related to the protection of avifauna. Forestry Branch will be incorporating the best management practices into the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resource Management (Guidelines) as a means to address the issue of incidental take of avifauna during forestry operations. These Guidelines will be applied to CBPPL's annual Certificate of Managed Land and to the commercial cutting permits.

I understand that you are working with the Sector Diversification Division of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation to reduce the view of cutovers in specific areas (i.e. adjacent to or in view of major touring corridors). Through this process, I understand that you have committed to undertake landscape design techniques for Camp 185 (K14-62), Fishell's River (K-14-63), McPherson's Pond (K14-65), Codroy Pond (K14-66), and Crescent Pond (K15-61) to minimize negative visual impacts. For further information, please contact the Sector Diversification Division at (709) 729-4518.

The Local Governance and Planning Division of this department advise that some cut blocks are located within municipal boundaries. They advise that you contact each municipality for permit requirements. For further information, please contact the Local Governance and Planning Division at (709) 729-3090.

The Water Resources Management Division of this Department advises that you must obtain a permit for any proposed development adjacent to or within Protected Public Water Supply Areas (PPWSA) including Steady Brook, Mount Mariah, Humber Arm South, Deer Lake, Pynn's Brook, Pasadena and Gallants. This work must comply with the Department's Policy for Land and Water Related Developments in Protected Public Water Supply Areas found at http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/waterres/regulations/policies/water_related.html.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL advises that a development permit is required under the *Protected Road Zoning Regulations* for access roads in protected road buffers. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 637-2229.

The Mines Branch of the Department of Natural Resources advises that you contact them to discuss select quarry and cut block locations in Forest Management Zone 6. For further information, please contact the Mines Branch at (709) 729-5738.

The Parks Division of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation advises that permits are required for access of the T'Railway Provincial Park. They also advise that access across any bridge or trestle along the T'Railway Provincial Park is prohibited without an independent engineering study confirming the bridge or trestle can withstand forestry-related traffic. For further information, please contact the Parks Division at (709) 637-8077.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

ANDREW PARSONS, QC
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment

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