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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment  
Office of the Minister

File # 2.2213.0010

Reg. #1986

Mr. Nelson Chatman  
P.O. Box 439  
5 High Street  
Grand Falls-Windsor, NL A2A 2J8

Dear Mr. Chatman:

**RE: Grand Falls-Windsor Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion – Registration  
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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:

- The Town of Grand Falls-Windsor must develop a Women's Employment Plan for the construction phase of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion. The Plan should identify specific commitments to support the recruitment, training, employment and retention of women. All contractors and sub-contractors will be required to adhere to the commitments as laid out in this plan. The Plan must be approved by the Deputy Minister Responsible for the Women's Policy Office prior to the startup of any work on the project. Please contact the Women's Policy Office at (709) 729-2119.
- As the existing wastewater treatment facility is closer to residential areas than the recommended separation distance of 300 metres, the existing tree line must be maintained to minimize odour impacts.

The Water Resources Management Division of this Department requires that you apply for and obtain permits under the Water Resources Act for the wastewater treatment plant and associated works. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-4048.

The Forestry Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requires that you obtain a commercial cutting and an operating permit prior to any harvesting or timber removal activities. For further information, please contact the Bishop's Falls District Office at (709) 258-5334.

The Crown Lands Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requires

that you submit a Crown Lands Application for the proposed parcel of land unless title to the land can be demonstrated with title documents. For more information, please contact the Central Regional Lands Office in Grand Falls – Windsor at (709) 292-4276.

The Department of ServiceNL requires that you apply for and obtain electrical permits, Fire and Life Safety Plan Review and Building Accessibility Registration. For further information, please contact Service NL at (709) 292-4206 or (709) 292-4259.

Should the Wastewater Treatment Facility require the development of a new outfall, an archeological impact assessment may be required. For further information, please contact the Provincial Archaeological Office at (709) 729-2462.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) advises that proponents working in or near water are to self-assess to determine if their project requires a review by DFO. For further information, please visit the Fisheries Protection Program website at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html> or call (709) 772-4140.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment supports Environment and Climate Change Canada's recommendation that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> in this region. However, as some species protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MCBA)* do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the *MCBA* and associated regulations.

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](mailto:susansquires@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



GRAHAM LETTO, MHA

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment



cc: Allan Hawkins, MHA  
District of Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans