



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands

November 4th, 2025

Ms. Joanne Sweeney  
Director  
Environmental Assessment Division  
Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change

**RE: Crown 5 Year Operating Plan, FMD 21, Amendment**

Pursuant to Section 49 of the *Environmental Protection Act* (2002), please see attached information for registration as an undertaking for the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands. This registration is an amendment to the current 5 Year Operating Plan in Forest Management District 21 for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to December 31<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

This amendment was requested by the community of Charlottetown. The community wants to use domestic wood cutting as a partial solution to reduce wildfire fuel loads inside and adjacent to the community.

If you have any questions regarding this registration, please contact myself or Dave Poole.

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**Bryan Oke**  
Director – Forest Ecosystem Management  
Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands

CC:

B. Adams  
D. Poole

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

Amendment to FMD 21 2022-2026 Five Year Operating Plan

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**Name of Undertaking:** Forest Management 21 (Port Hope Simpson), Five Year Operating Plan 2022-2026 (Amendment)

**Proponent:**

(i) **Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands**  
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(ii) **Assistant Deputy Minister**  
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(iii) **Principal Contact Person**  
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**The Undertaking:**

(i) **Nature of Undertaking**

Amendment to Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 21, managed by District Ecosystem Manager. Mr. Darren Jennings

**(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking**

This amendment was requested by the community of Charlottetown. Over the past few years, climate change has increased the rise of forest fires and community evacuations have become a common occurrence. Communities surrounded by forest are now evaluating the risk of forest fires and ways to fire smart their community. The community of Charlottetown want to use domestic wood cutting as a partial solution to reduce the fuel load inside and adjacent to the community. This would see a significant expansion in the Charlottetown Domestic Cutting Block CC21506.

**Description of Undertaking:**

**(i) Geographic Location**

Forest Management District 21 extends from Charlottetown, Labrador in the north to L'Anse Au Clair in the south. This harvesting amendment is for the eastern side of EA approved (EA 2151) Charlottetown Domestic Cutting Block CC21506 and also within Middle Pond Public Water Supply Area (PWSA).

The attached map identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendment.

**(ii) Operation**

The Charlottetown Domestic Block (CC21506) amendment covers 2,233 hectares of productive forest land and will provide access to an additional 19,343 m<sup>3</sup> of timber.

As per regulations under ENVC all domestic operations that are associated with Public Protected Water Supply (PPWSA), will be done with consultation with the town and under a Permit for Development from ENVC, Water Resources Management Division.

These areas will be harvested by domestic cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all the extraction will take place by snowmobile during the winter months. Based upon yearly domestic permit sales, the Forestry and Wildlife Branch estimates that approximately 3,040 m<sup>3</sup> of softwood and 128 m<sup>3</sup> of hardwood will be harvested in these areas over the duration of this Five-Year Operating Plan (2022-2026).

**(iii) Occupations**

There will be approximately 62 domestic wood cutters harvesting in this amendment area.

**(iv) Project Related Documents**

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management District 21 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026 (EA 2151). All applicable conditions and mitigations included in the original Five Year Operating Plan will also apply to this new plan amendment.

**Approval of the Undertaking:**

(i) Domestic Cutting Permits from the Forestry and Wildlife Branch District Office in Port Hope Simpson.

**Schedule:**

If approved, new domestic harvesting maps will be issued and cutting will commence immediately. The Forestry and Wildlife Branch requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment receives the completed registration form.

Nov 6, 2025  
Date

  
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Bryan J. Lee

Director - FAL



**5 Year Plan 2022-2026  
Commercial Harvest  
Overview Amendment Map**

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FMD: 21

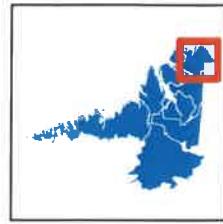
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**Plan Features**

5 Year Plan Amendment Area  
Current Domestic 5 Year Plan Operating Area

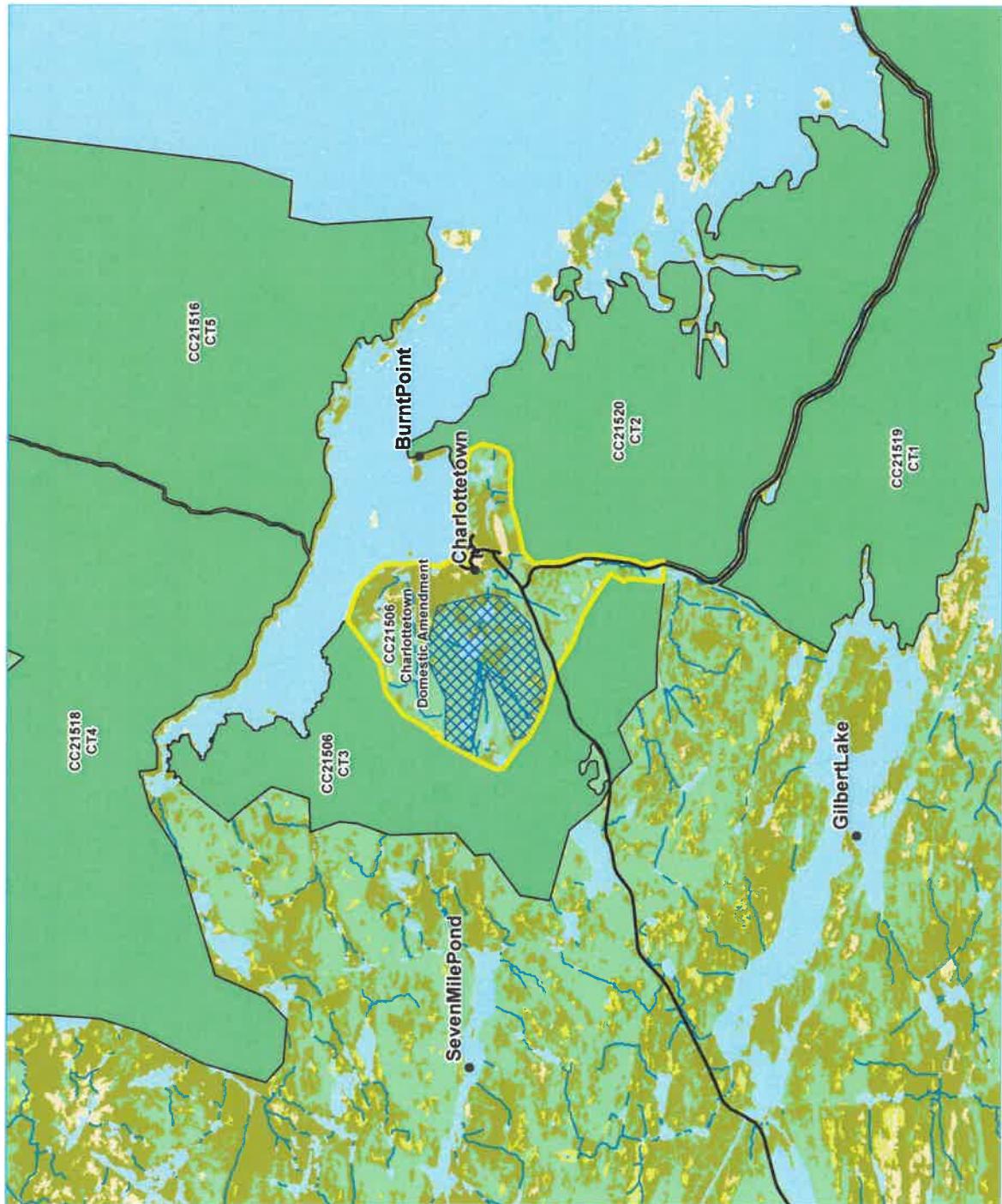
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- Regulatory
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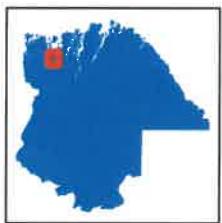
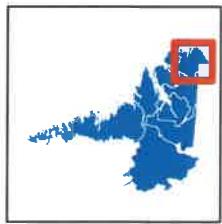
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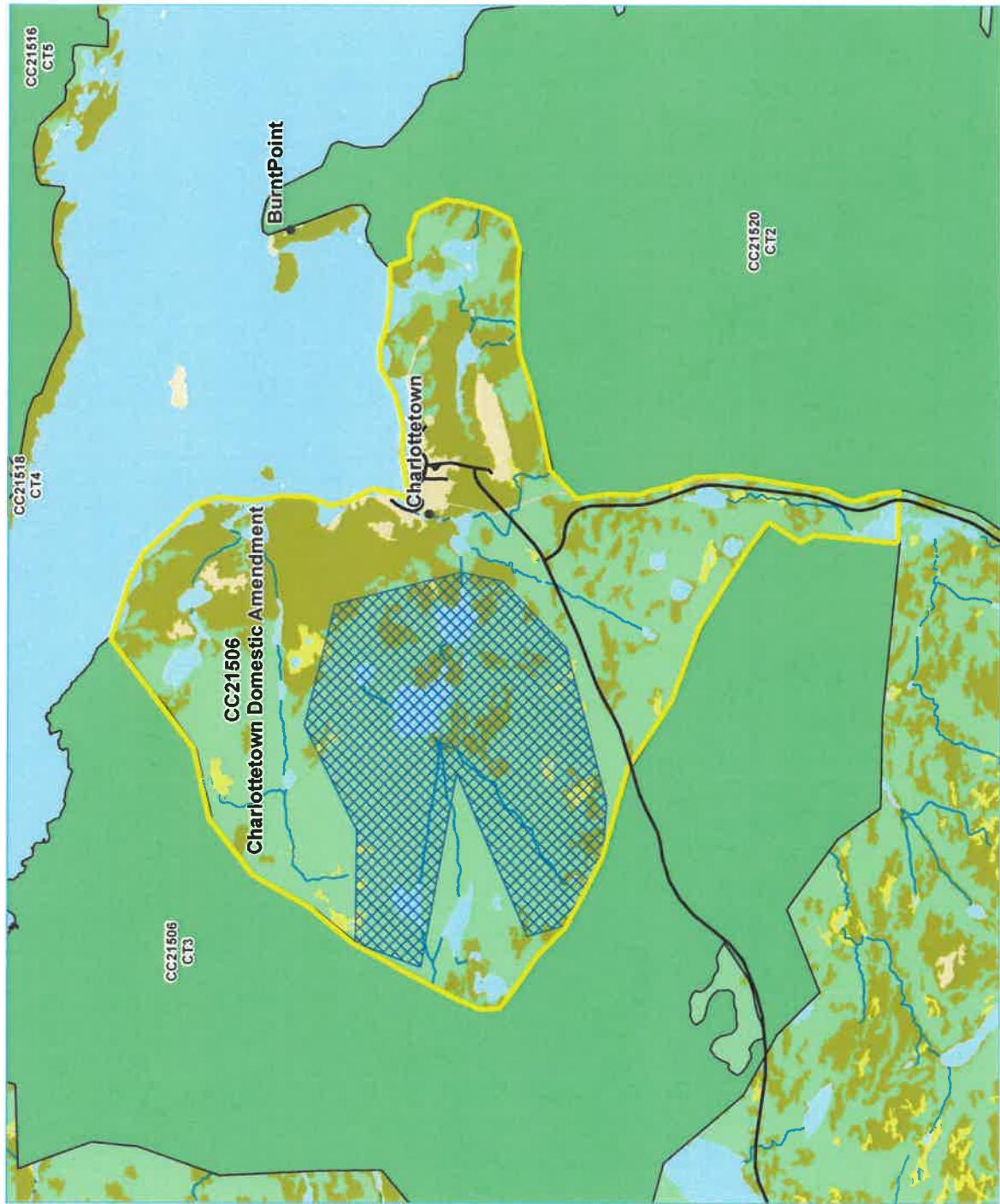
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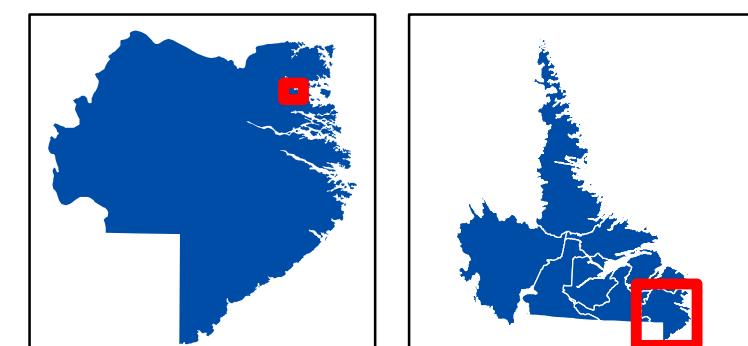
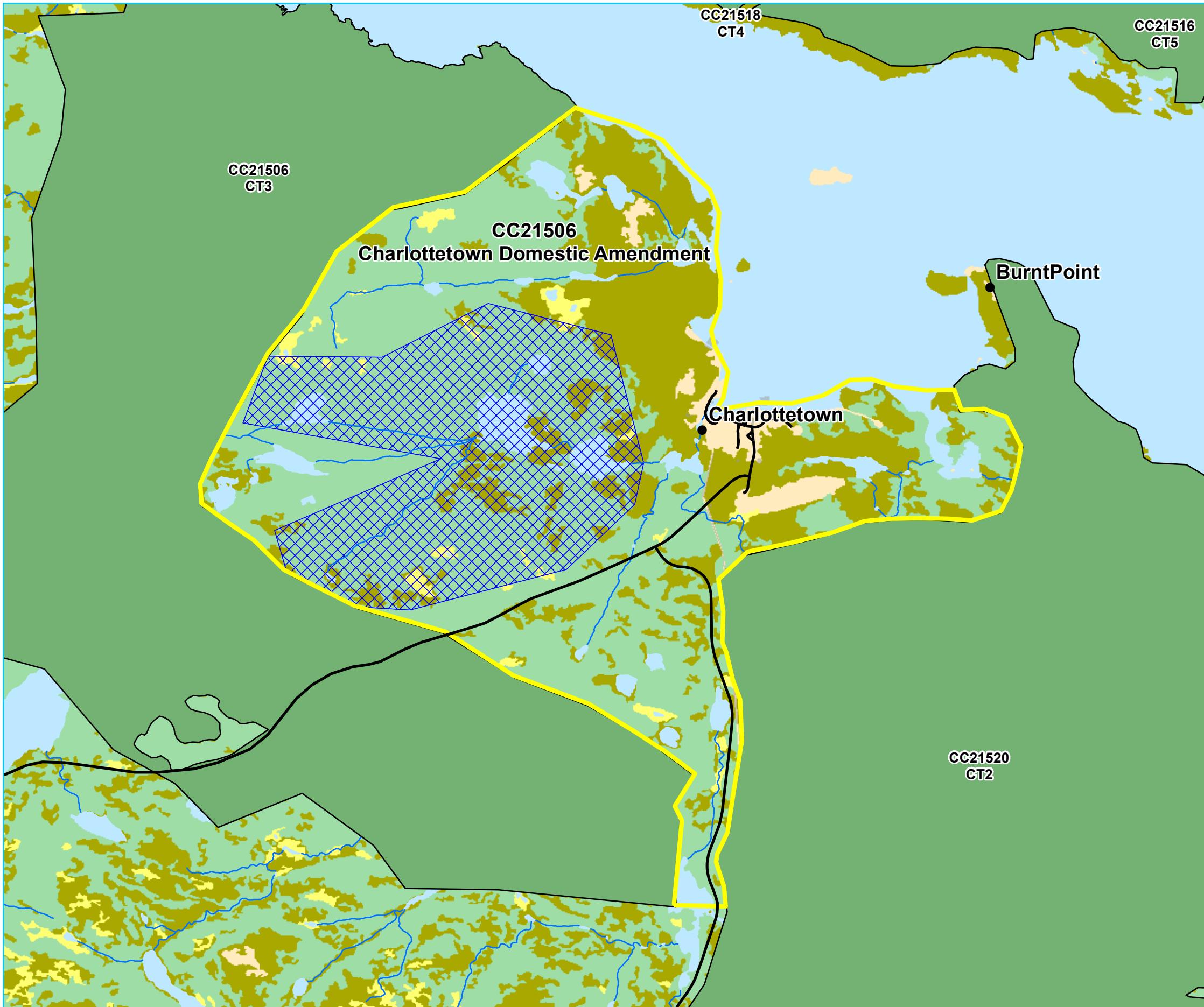




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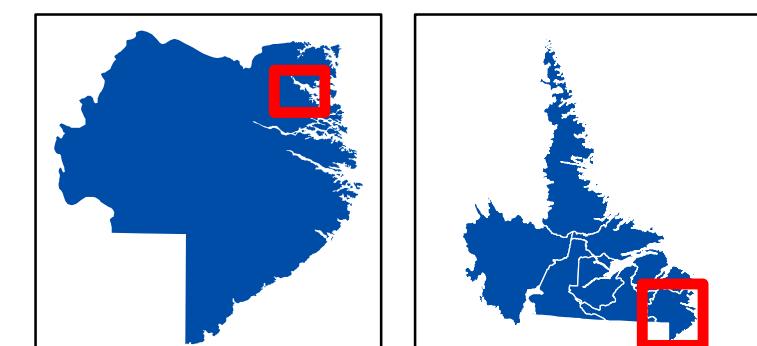
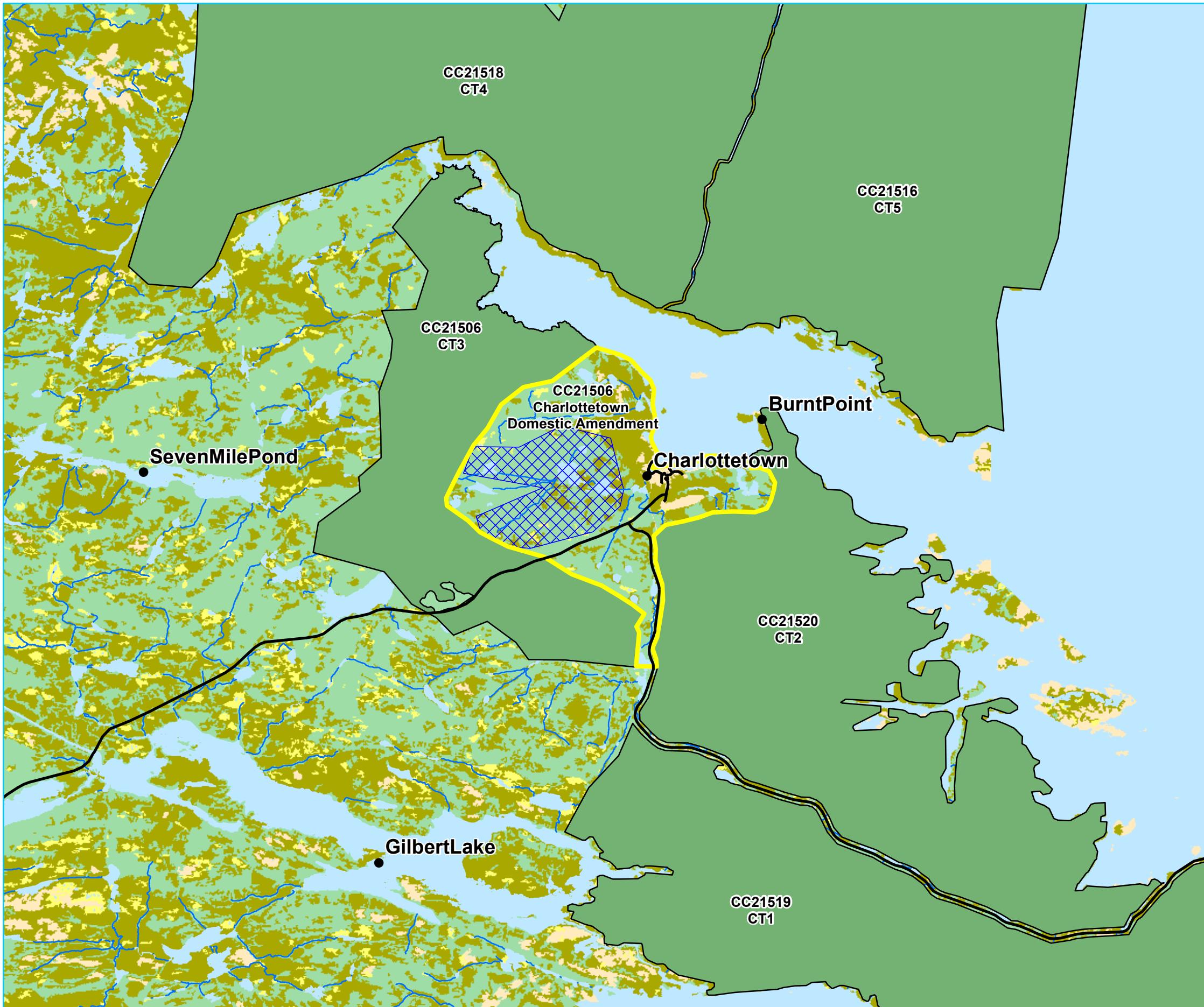
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