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Public Consultation

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the New Brunswick EIA Regulation (87-83), public notification of the proposed project is required. Evidence of notification will be provided to the NBDELG within 60 days of registration of the project. Presently, consultation has primarily focused on those individuals directly involved with the project through DND, DCC and the Town as well as provincial and federal regulatory authorities providing guidance on the regulatory requirements. The following individuals have been consulted:

Consultation within DCC/DND

The following internal consultation within DND was undertaken as part of this EA:

1. Alison McCoy – DND Project Manager
2. Deanna McCullum – DND, Range Biologist, Environmental Services, 5CDSB Gagetown
3. Andy Smith – DND, Aquatic Biologist, Environmental Services, 5CDSB Gagetown
4. Sheldon Downe – DND Chief of Environmental Services, 5CDSB Gagetown
5. Roy Hickey – DCC Environmental Project Coordinator, 5CDSB Gagetown
6. Steven Basque – Engineer, Town of Oromocto

Consultation with Other Departments

Federal and Provincial Departments contacted through email communication and/or telephone:

1. Dave Maguire – Manager, DELG Environmental Assessment Section
2. Shawn Hamilton – Project Manager, DELG Environmental Assessment Section
3. Tony Whalen – Engineer, DELG Water and Wastewater Management Section
4. Suzanne Tao – Engineer, DELG Water and Wastewater Management Section
5. Brent Suttie – Acting Manager, NB Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Archeological Services Unit
6. Stewart Lusk – DNR Species at Risk Biologist
7. Mélanie Leblanc – DELG Surface Water Planning Officer

Consultation with First Nations

The Oromocto First Nations community was contacted via telephone and email, to advise of the initial archaeological testing work and permit application. No response was received.

In accordance with the Duty to Consult, contact with the community will be made by way of registered mail to provide the opportunity to be consulted.

COMMUNICATIONS OBJECTIVES

The following objectives have been established by DND to ensure effective communications with the stakeholders and public:

1. Keep the public informed about the project through timely and meaningful information updates related to project progress, challenges, and construction impacts.
2. Consult with affected stakeholders in a timely manner in an effort to mitigate impacts.
3. Provide the public and interested stakeholder groups with opportunities to be involved and learn more about the project.

DIRECT WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO AREA RESIDENTS

Direct written communications regarding the Undertaking and its location will be conducted with potentially affected local residents, landowners and individuals. The written notification, including the required content of Public Notices [NBDELG, 2012], will be sent through the mail. The letter will be directed to all residents and landowners within 200 m of the Undertaking.

Each letter will contain the following information:

- Brief description of the proposed Undertaking;
- Description of the location for the proposed Undertaking;
- Map showing the location of the proposed Undertaking;
- Status of the Provincial Regulatory Approval process;
- Statement indicating that members of the general public can ask questions and/or raise concerns with the Proponent regarding any and all environmental impacts; and,
- Date that the public comment period expires.

REGISTRATION DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

DND will provide a copy of the Registration document to the NBDELG office in Fredericton and the Town of Oromocto. Requests for copies from the public, stakeholders and First Nation communities will be honoured by providing a copy of the Registration document directly. Subsequent submissions in response to issues raised by the Technical Review Committee will be made available upon request.