

APPENDIX F

PUBLIC CONSULTATION DOCUMENTATION

Environmental Assessment Registration
Document for Irish Cove Quarry Expansion



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December 15, 2014

Potlotek First Nation
Chapel Island First Nation
P. O. Box 538
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Attention: Chief Wilbert Marshall

Re: Municipal Enterprises Ltd. (MEL), Irish Cove Quarry Expansion,
195 Irish Cove Road, Richmond County, NS - Registration Document for a Class 1
Undertaking Under Section 9 (1) of the NS Environment Assessment Regulations.

Dear Chief Marshall,

Further to correspondence dated September 8, 2014, this letter is to inform you that Municipal Enterprises Limited (MEL) will be formally submitting the above noted EA Registration document to Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) on January 7, 2014. Notices for the Registration are scheduled to appear in the provincial edition of the Chronicle Herald and in the Cape Breton Post on January 7, 2015 (see attached). Copies of the EA Document will also be placed for public viewing at the Potlotek Expedition Gas & Convenience, Sacred Heart Church (Johnstown), NSE Regional office in Port Hawkesbury and the NSE Main Office in Halifax. The document will also be available on-line at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea/>.

Questions or comments relating to the Document can be forwarded to the NSE EA Coordinator, Ms. Helen Yeh, or to MEL, until February 6, 2015. As noted previously, MEL, and/or their representatives, are available to answer any questions or meet with Potlotek First Nation representatives, at your convenience, should this be deemed advantageous to the First Nation Community.

In conclusion, we trust that this information is sufficient for your reference at this time. However, if you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned, at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Municipal Enterprises Ltd.

Gary Rudolph, P. Eng.
Director of Aggregates

cc:

Ms. Helen Yeh, NSE
Twila Gaudet, KMKNO
Roger Hunka, Native Council of Nova Scotia
Beata Dera, Office of Aboriginal Affairs

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NOTICE

Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise on January 7, 2015, Municipal Enterprises Limited registered the Irish Cove Quarry Expansion Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to expand the existing Irish Cove Quarry located at 195 Irish Cove Road, Irish Cove, Richmond County, Nova Scotia. It is noted that the existing quarry has been in operation at this location since 2010. The expanded quarry will occupy a maximum of 16 hectares (including the existing quarry) of land, with an expected project life of 20 years. The quarry will provide aggregate, primarily used in the road construction industry on Cape Breton Island. It is intended that the ongoing use of the quarry will be identical, or very similar, to what has taken place at the site since its inception.

Copies of the environmental assessment registration information may be examined at the following locations:

- Potlotek Expedition Gas & Convenience, 12012 Highway # 4, Chapel Island, Richmond County, NS
- Sacred Heart Church, 15338 Highway # 4, Johnstown, Richmond County, NS
- Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, Port Hawkesbury Office, 218 MacSween St., Suite 12, Port Hawkesbury, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment Library, Barrington Place, 1903 Barrington St., Suite 2085, Halifax, NS
- EA website (when available)
<http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>

The public is invited to submit written comments to:

Environmental Assessment Branch, Nova Scotia Environment
P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8

on or before **February 6, 2015** or contact the department at (902) 424-3600, (902) 424-6925 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@novascotia.ca.

All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review in the Nova Scotia Environment Library, Barrington Place, Suite 2085, 1903 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS.

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195 Irish Cove Road, Irish Cove, Richmond County, NS - Registration
Document for a Class 1 Undertaking Under Section 9 (1) of the NS Environment
Assessment Regulations.**

Dear Chief Marshall,

On behalf of Municipal Enterprises Ltd. (Municipal), this correspondence is to let you know about a project Municipal is undertaking on their property (PID #'s 75075309 & 75204032) located at 195 Irish Cove Road, in Irish Cove, Richmond County, NS (See Map Attached). The project is an expansion of an existing rock quarry, which has operated on the south-eastern portion of the property since 2008. The proposed expansion is to the north and west of the existing quarry, which will enable Municipal to continue the production of aggregate, primarily used in the road construction industry, for approximately 20 years into the future.

To facilitate the proposed expansion, Municipal is in the process of completing the above noted Registration Document and plans to submit it to Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) as a Draft in late October, 2014. The document was prepared by WMR Environmental Services & Associates (Mr. Wayne MacRae; H2OGEO Environmental Services Inc.; Envirosphere Consultants Limited; and Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Group Limited) and follows the NS Environment "Guide to Preparing an EA Registration Document for Pit and Quarry Developments in Nova Scotia". It includes sections detailing the Undertaking; Public Involvement; Human Uses of the Environment; Existing and Future Operations; Valued Environmental Components and Effects Management including Socioeconomic and Biophysical Impacts and concludes by identifying Impacts of the Environment on the Project, Cumulative Impacts and recommended Environmental Monitoring.

Of particular significance to the Potlotek First Nations community, is the inclusion in this document of an Archaeological Screening and Reconnaissance Report prepared by CRM Group Ltd., which has also been submitted to the Heritage Division, with the associated work conducted under Heritage Research Permit Number A2013NS113. The CRM report concluded that:

“The 2013 archaeological screening and reconnaissance of the Irish Cove Quarry Expansion study area consisted of historical background research and a visual inspection. It did not involve sub-surface testing. The background research and field reconnaissance conducted by the CRM Group determined the study area to exhibit low potential for encountering either Native (both Precontact and historic) or Euro-Canadian archaeological resources”.

CRM went on to offer the following management recommendations for the study area:

1. It is recommended that the study area, as defined and depicted in this report, be cleared of any requirement for future archaeological investigation.
2. In the unlikely event that archaeological deposits or human remains are encountered during activities associated with the Irish Cove Quarry Expansion, all work in the associated area(s) should be halted and immediate contact made with the Special Places Program (Sean Weseloh McKeane: 902-424-6475).

As noted it is our intent to submit the document as a Draft to NSE in late October, 2014 which will be subject to an intergovernmental review. Following this process the document will be revised as necessary and then formally submitted to NSE. In tandem with this formal submission, will be public notification via the placement of an advertisement (Notice) in a local newspaper as well as the provincial edition of the Chronicle Herald. The notices will provide a brief outline of the project and identify locations where the document can be accessed and reviewed by interested members of the public. From this point comments may be submitted in writing to NSE, which will also be made available for public review.

Prior to the submission of the Draft EA document in late October, Municipal representatives are available to meet with representatives of the Potlotek First Nation to discuss the specifics of the project and provide any background material that may be required for your internal review. In this regard, we would suggest a tentative meeting date during the first two (2) weeks of October, between October 6th and October 17th. However, we are available to meet and discuss the project at any time, based on your convenience and availability.

In conclusion, we trust that this information is sufficient for your reference at this time. However, if you have any questions or comments during the interim, please contact the undersigned, at your convenience.

Sincerely,
H2OGEO Environmental Services Inc.



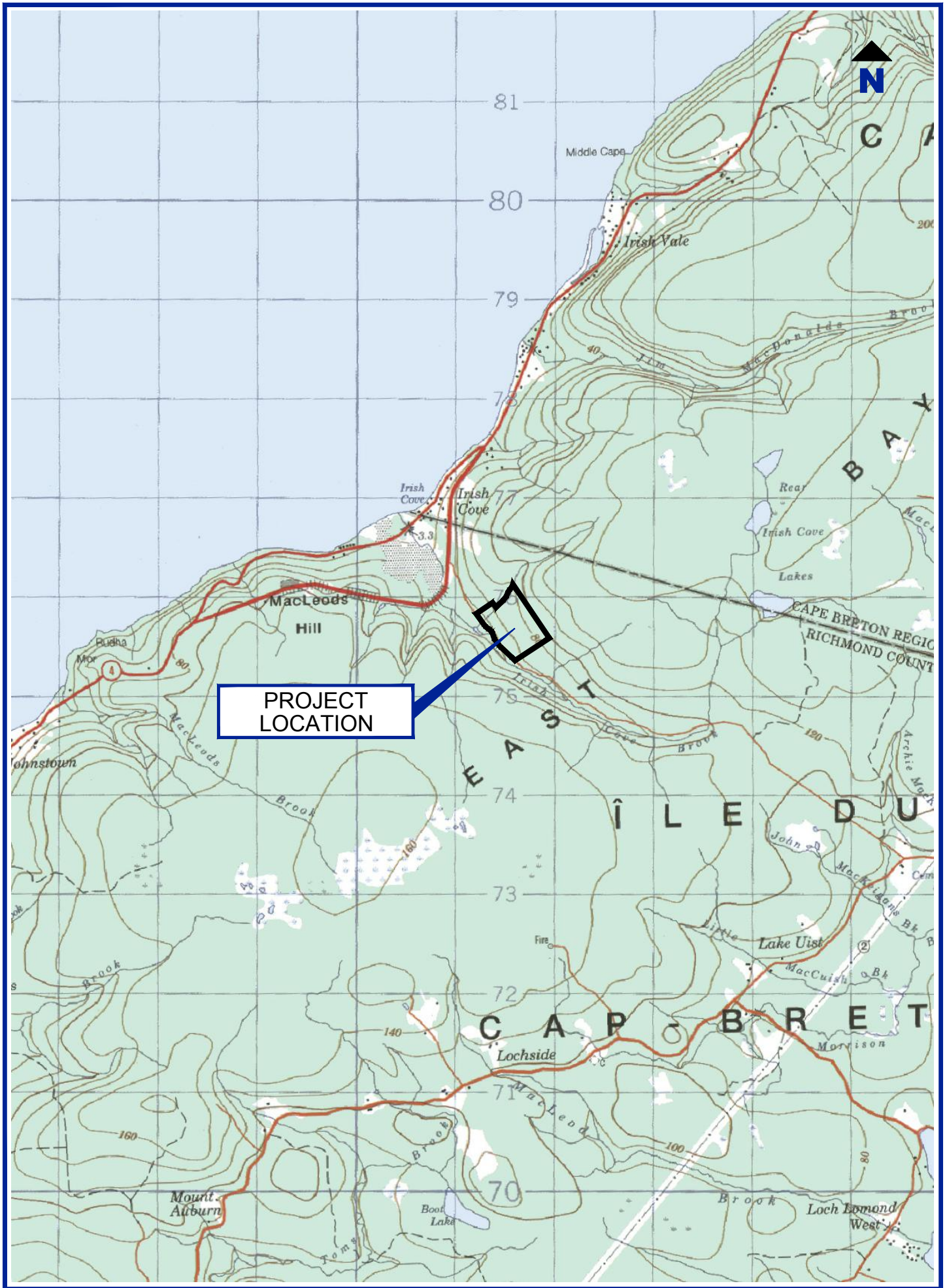
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President

Attachment:

cc: Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO);
Att.: Heather MacLeod-Leslie
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