

## Example LOU (details will vary some case-by-case)

### Letter of Understanding for Wetland Restoration to Meet Compensation Requirements

This document represents a *letter of understanding* between [Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional name and address here] and [Proponent X full name and address here].

**Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional** is a [describe business and history and capabilities in wetland restoration/enhancement/creation]. **Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional** offers a service to clients who need to restore wetlands as a result of an approved wetland alteration application through Nova Scotia Environment. Based on details provided by Nova Scotia Environment on compensation requirements for this project [provide project description details here – e.g., name, location NSE File number], the client will enter into a contract with [Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional] who will develop and implement a plan to restore a wetland, approved by Nova Scotia Environment.

#### Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional agrees to:

1. Construct an X.X hectare [wetland type – e.g., bog, fen, freshwater marsh, salt marsh, vernal pool, shrub swamp] wetland for a total cost of \$xx,xxx (plus HST) in [name area of Nova Scotia] at an NSE approved compensation location [name intended target location – could be a watershed name as well].
2. Complete the project by [include date here – should be within 2 years signing agreement].
3. Complete the project on its own, or as part of a larger wetland compensation project within the area noted above.
4. Obtain all necessary approvals and permits from landowners and Provincial or Federal Government Departments as required by regulation.
5. Provide a detailed site plan, project time lines and a description of the proposed compensation project to Proponent X and Nova Scotia Environment by [include date here – should be within one year of signing agreement].
6. Maintain and manage the project, as well as, be responsible for the liabilities associated with health and safety issues during construction and for a period of X years [should be at least 30 years; in perpetuity best].
7. Monitor the project for three years post construction and provide a report to NS Environment yearly commencing one year following the completion of construction.

#### Proponent X agrees to:

1. **Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional** restoring X.X ha of [wetland type] wetland to compensate for the altered or lost wetland for Nova Scotia Environment File # xxxxx-xx, at an NSE approved compensation location [nearest town or city name here].
2. Enter into a “Professional Service Agreement” with **Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional** for the delivery of a X.X hectare wetland compensation project that includes financial and accountability considerations necessary to ensure project completion.

Date:

Signed:

**Name of Representative of Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional**  
**Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional**  
**Address of Third Party Wetland Restoration Professional**

Date:

Signed:

**Representative of Proponent X, Proponent X, Address of Proponent X**