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Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry
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Dear Mr. Schosser:

In August 2019, the ministry received 74 Part II Order requests asking that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the disposition of Crown land for the McClintock Quarry and Pit.

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that an individual environmental assessment is not required. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the requests, the project documentation, the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act.

The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached letter to the requester. In the interest of transparency, I encourage you to make this letter available to the greater public on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's website.

Concerns were raised in the Part II Order requests relating to hydrogeological features including the groundwater table, wetlands and Harvey Lake. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks recommends that you work with the disposition applicant to address any impacts to hydrogeological features as a result of the project through the Aggregate Resources Act permitting process.

With this decision having been made, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry can now proceed with the project, subject to any other permits or approvals required. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry must ensure the project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, commitments and environmental and other provisions therein.

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Lastly, I would like to ensure that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry understands that failure to comply with the Act, the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, and failure to implement the project in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act.

I am confident that Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry recognizes the importance and value of the Act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects are satisfied.

Sincerely,



Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Attachment

c: Requesters
EA File No. 19072 – McClintock Quarry and Pit