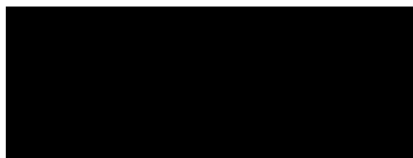


August 29, 2019



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: AESL/058/2019]

On August 20, 2019 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour received your request for access to the following records/information:

“July 2019 information note titled "Environmental Assessment of the Kenmount Road Cannabis Production Facility.””

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted and the requested record is attached.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (act) requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Seaward".

SHARON SEAWARD
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment

Information Note
Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour

Title: Environmental Assessment of the Kenmount Road Cannabis Production Facility

Issue: To provide an analysis of the environmental assessment for the Kenmount Road Cannabis Production Facility (Environmental Assessment Registration #2036).

Background and Current Status:

- The proponent proposes to develop and operate a licensed cannabis production facility located in Kenmount Crossing Industrial Park at 736-760 Kenmount Road in St. John's. The facility will include the construction of an 110,000 square foot two-story structure. The cultivation area will contain 31 grow rooms and associated processing rooms.
- Construction will include site preparation, concrete/foundations, structural components, processing facility and warehouse construction, security infrastructure, electrical and mechanical components and finishings. Clarification as to what jobs are associated with the construction phase and what the hiring arrangements will be has been requested from the proponent. Construction is expected to commence August 2019 and will be completed in fall 2020.
- Operations will include growing of cannabis and monitoring the environment. The proponent will employ approximately 81 full-time permanent occupations during the Operations Phase in the areas of Business Administration, Marketing, Sales, Finance and Human Resources. For more information on the employment breakdown during operations see Section 4.5, page 14 of the project registration. Operations are expected to commence in fall 2021.

Analysis:

- This project is not anticipated to have a negative socio-economic impact, and therefore further environmental assessment is not required from this perspective.

Action Being Taken:

- The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment has requested that opinions on this project from departments and agencies be received no later than August 1, 2019.
- It is recommended that the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour provide the following opinion to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for this project:
 - The undertaking may be released from environmental assessment, subject to provision of requested information on hiring and employment.

Prepared/approved by: K. Warren/G. Newman/M. Snow

Deputy Minister Approval:

Fiona Sanger

July 25, 2019

RECOMMENDATION REQUEST FORM

Date (YYYY/MM/DD): 2019/07/19 File No.: 2.3254.0009

Name and Agency: Fiona Langor, Deputy Minister, Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour

Undertaking: Kenmount Road Cannabis Production Facility

Proponent: Atlantic Cultivation Ltd.

Location: 736-760 Kenmount Road, St. John's

Please check on of the following: (Record comments on attached sheet)

- An Environmental Impact Statement is recommended.
- An Environmental Preview Report is recommended and an Environmental Impact Statement may be required.
- The Undertaking may be released from environmental assessment.
- Recommend the Undertaking be rejected due to unacceptable effects and / or contravention of law or Policy of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATION:

Please complete the appropriate section:

- I nominate [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) to represent this Department on an Environmental Assessment Committee if one is needed. I also nominate [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) as an alternate in the event that the above nominee is unavailable.
- I do not think it is necessary for this Department to be represented in this assessment and therefore will not make any nominations.

Screening Representative: Karen Warren Date (yyyy/mm/dd): 2019/07/19
Deputy Minister: Fiona Langor Date (yyyy/mm/dd): 2019/08/01

F Langor

RECOMMENDATION IS DUE BY: August 1, 2019

Registration No.: 2036

COMMENTS:

1. What are your agency's regulatory, approval, licence, or permitting requirements relevant to this undertaking? ***Please list associated legislation, guidelines, policy for approvals, licences, permits, etc.*** No regulatory requirements of the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour apply to this project. However, the information indicated below should be provided by the proponent prior to the Ministerial decision, or be conditions of the project's release from further environmental assessment.
2. Does your agency have any advice on mitigation and/or best management practices to provide to the proponent for project planning, construction, operation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and/or decommissioning? As part of its initial registration, the proponent provided most of the information sought by the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour regarding occupations associated with the project. Additional information related to occupations was requested from the proponent, however. Specifically: Clarification as to what jobs are associated with the construction phase and what the hiring arrangements will be along with 2016 National Occupational Classification codes; Clarification on the number of occupations required during the constructions phase.
3. If you recommend release of this undertaking, does your agency require a condition of release? If so, what is the recommended wording? N/A
4. If your agency's mandate or regulatory requirements call for further environmental assessment, what information, study, research, etc. is required? N/A
5. If you recommend rejection of the project, what law or policy of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council does the project contravene and/or what is the unacceptable environmental effect? N/A

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