

APPENDIX F
PUBLIC CONSULTATION DOCUMENTATION

Environmental Assessment Registration Document:
Gabarus Quarry Expansion
Gabarus, Gabarus Lake, Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Nova Scotia



June 21, 2019

Office of Aboriginal Affairs
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Attn: Claire Rillie, Consultation Advisor

**Re: Gabarus Quarry Expansion, Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM)
Class 1 Undertaking Under Section 9(1) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations**

This letter is intended to provide advance notification regarding the Gabarus Quarry Expansion Project (the Project) that Dexter Construction Company Limited (Dexter) intends to register for Environmental Assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*. Dexter operates an existing less than 4 hectare Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) approved aggregate quarry located at 605 Grand Mira Road (PID 15852478) in Gabarus, CBRM, Nova Scotia. The existing quarry has been operated for approximately 20-25 years, and is utilized on an as-needed basis to supply aggregate for local and provincial highway and roadwork projects in the area. It is the intent of Dexter to expand the existing quarry to a maximum working footprint of approximately 13 hectares to provide additional aggregate reserves to support local infrastructure needs. Attached is a plan showing the Study Area for this project. It is anticipated that future quarry operations will be consistent with those previously experienced at the site.

Dexter is in the process of completing an Environmental Assessment (EA) Registration Document for submission to NSE. The EA Registration Document will include specific information regarding the Project, including stakeholder engagement, current and future operations, existing socioeconomic and biophysical conditions, and environmental mitigation strategies. At this time, it is anticipated that the EA Registration Document will be officially registered with NSE in the late summer or early fall of 2019.

The nearest First Nation community to the Project is Eskasoni First Nation located approximately 31 kilometers west of the existing quarry. The Membertou First Nation Reserve is located approximately 34 kilometers north of the existing quarry. It is noted that the unpopulated Caribou Marsh 29 First Nation land holding of 219 hectares, administered by Membertou, is located 23 kilometers north of the existing quarry. Of interest to First Nation stakeholders may be the inclusion of an Archaeological Screening and Reconnaissance Report that was prepared by Cultural Resource Management Group Ltd. (CRM). As part of its investigation, CRM contacted the Kwilmu'lw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office's Archaeological Research Division (KMKNO ARD) for information pertaining to traditional or historical Mi'kmaw use of the study area. Comments from the KMKNO ARD were received and included with the final report. Overall, the CRM Report concluded that;

"The 2019 archaeological screening and reconnaissance of the Gabarus Quarry 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 exhibits low potential for



encountering either Mi'kmaq (both Precontact and historic) or historic Euro-Canadian archaeological resources. This determination is based on the area being relatively low, wet and without evidence of historic activity.

Based on these results, CRM Group offers 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 investigations.*
- 2) In the unlikely event that archaeological deposits or human remains are encountered during activities associated with the Gabarus 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).*

Dexter will follow up with a second notification letter in the weeks leading up to registration with NSE. In the interim, we would be pleased to meet with yourself to discuss the Project should you have any questions or concerns. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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February 6, 2020

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Attn: Gillian Fielding, Consultation Advisor

**Re: Gabarus Quarry Expansion, Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Class 1 Undertaking Under Section 9(1) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations**

Further to our letter of June 21, 2019 regarding the proposed Gabarus Quarry Expansion Project (the Project), this letter is to inform you that Dexter Construction Company Limited (Dexter) will be officially registering the Project for Environmental Assessment (EA) on March 3, 2020. Public Notices accompanying the registration will appear in the Chronicle Herald and Cape Breton Post on March 3, 2020 (copy of the Notice attached). Hard copies of the EA Registration Document will be available for review at the Gabarus Post Office, the Marion Bridge Post Office, and the Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) Regional Office in Sydney, Nova Scotia. An electronic copy of the document will be available through the NSE website (<https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>).

Any questions or comments regarding the Project can be forwarded to Dexter or Ms. Bridget Tutty, NSE EA Coordinator, until April 2, 2020. In the interim, we would be pleased to meet with yourself to discuss the Project should you have any questions or concerns. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

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NOTICE

Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on March 03, 2020, Dexter Construction Company Limited registered the Gabarus Quarry Expansion Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to expand an existing quarry located at 605 Grand Mira Gabarus Road, Gabarus Lake, Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia. The existing quarry has been in operation for approximately 20 years. The land associated with the expanded quarry will occupy a maximum of 13 hectares, which includes the existing quarry footprint. A project life of up to 40 years is expected. The expanded quarry will support continued extraction and production of aggregate products used primarily in the road construction industry in CBRM. It is expected that the continued use of the quarry will be identical, or very similar, to historic use at the site. The project is anticipated to commence during the 2020 construction season with production volumes of approximately 50,000 tonnes per year during years in which the quarry is active.

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

- Gabarus Canada Post Office: 8841 NS-327, Gabarus, NS
- Marion Bridge Canada Post Office: 3970 Gabarus Highway, Marion Bridge, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, Sydney Office: 1030 Upper Prince Street, Suite 2, Sydney, NS
- NSE EA website (when available) <https://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, Nova Scotia B3J 2P8

on or before April 02, 2020 or contact the Department at (902) 424-3600, (902) 424-6925 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@novascotia.ca.

All comments received from the public consultation will be posted on the department's website for public viewing. In the case of an individual, the address, email and contact information will be removed before being placed on the website. By submitting your comments, you are consenting to the posting of your comments on the department's website.

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