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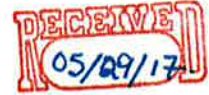
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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Natural Resources
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Mr. Trent O'Brien
President, Combined Councils of Labrador
P.O. Box 132
32-34 Lodge Bay Road
Mary's Harbour, NL
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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

RE: Labrador Rate Payers be Impacted by Muskrat Falls Costs

Thank you for your February 27, 2017, correspondence in which you provided a copy of Resolution 2017-08 passed at the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Combined Councils of Labrador. The resolution states that the Combined Councils of Labrador will lobby government "to ensure that no Labrador community, not on the Muskrat Falls grid, be negatively impacted by rates related to the project".

Our government understands that the cost of providing electricity service to Labrador coastal communities is amongst the highest of any region of the province. To ensure that ratepayers in isolated coastal diesel communities do not pay the full cost, their electricity rates are offset by two major subsidies: the ratepayer-funded Rural Deficit Subsidy and the Government-funded Northern Strategic Plan electricity rebate.

The Rural Deficit Subsidy for isolated domestic customers provides funding to make their monthly basic customer charge equal to that of the Island Interconnected System, as well as three tiers of energy at prices significantly lower than the actual cost of service. The first tier provides residential customers with a "lifeline block" at Newfoundland Power's Island Interconnected rate to cover basic electricity needs. The lifeline block covers the first 1,000 kWh per month consumed in the winter and first 700-900 kWh per month consumed in the summer. The rates for the second and third tiers are higher and apply to electricity consumption that surpasses the lifeline block. These tiers are also tied to Newfoundland Power's Island Interconnected rate. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's most recent General Rate Application noted that Labrador isolated diesel residential customers consume an average of approximately 825 kWh per month, of which approximately 80 percent falls within the lifeline block.

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While the lifeline block is tied to Newfoundland Power's Island Interconnected rate, government's Northern Strategic Plan electricity rebate further reduces the monthly basic customer charge and lifeline block price to those charged to customers on the Labrador Interconnected System. As such, rate increases on the Island Interconnected System currently do not impact the lifeline block for Labrador isolated coastal communities. However, the price of electricity consumption above the lifeline block are tied directly to any rate changes for Island Interconnected customers, including any rate increases that relate to the Muskrat Falls Project.

With respect to General Service customers, including commercial enterprises, their rates also benefit from the Rural Deficit Subsidy. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's General Rate Application Compliance Filing noted that, on average, Labrador isolated diesel general service customers pay only 27 percent of the actual cost of service.

Our government shares the concerns of all ratepayers regarding the forecasted rate increases associated with the Muskrat Falls Project. In June 2016, Nalcor forecasted electricity rates for domestic customers on the Island Interconnected System would rise to 21.4 cents per kWh by 2021 unless mitigating actions are implemented. While this is 6.3 cents per kWh more than forecasted when the Muskrat Falls Project was sanctioned in December 2012, we are committed to offsetting electricity rate increases, and to ensure rates are competitive. Our government has directed Nalcor CEO, Stan Marshall, to identify opportunities to accomplish this over the next few years. In addition, we recently secured a commitment from the Government of Canada to provide additional loan guarantee support up to an additional \$2.9 billion. This will also assist in mitigating future electricity rates.

Thank you, again, for sharing the concerns of the Combined Councils of Labrador on this very important issue.

Sincerely,



SIOBHAN COADY, MHA
St. John's West
Minister

- c. Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier
Minister Perry Trimper, Service NL
Randy Edmunds, MHA, Torngat Mountains
Lisa Dempster, MHA, Cartwright – L'Anse Au Clair
Graham Letto, MHA, Labrador West /
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment



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May 11, 2017

(COR/2016/05028-01)

Mayor Jamie Snook
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay
PO Box 40
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL

Re: Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Prime Consultant Agreement, Project No. 17-MYCW-15-00017, Municipal Depot Extension

SNC Lavalin Inc has submitted a draft copy of the Prime Consultant Agreement (PCA) in the amount of \$23,161.00 (HST included) for the above mentioned project. The document has been reviewed and accepted by the Department and we recommend signing. Please ensure the signed PCA includes an attached valid Prime Consultant Insurance Certificate.

Please contact your consultant and arrange to have 3 copies of this document signed. When the agreement has been executed, please return on signed copy to the Labrador Regional Office.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Power".

Chris Power, P. Eng
Regional Engineer

cc: Mr. Martin Elson, DMAE
Ms. Jessica Dahn, DMAE
Mr. Walter Oakley, SNC Lavalin Inc.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Following the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment's February 10, 2017 circular regarding Fall 2016 amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act* (namely, campaign contributions) please find herein additional information in response to common enquiries received.

The purpose of section 67 of the Act is to promote transparency and accountability by candidates on the source(s) of his/her campaign contributions. This section was amended to include in-kind contributions in the definition and treatment of contributions under the Act. This means that contributions of money, goods or services received by a candidate and donated to a candidate's campaign with a value of over \$100.00 (or another amount if prescribed in a municipal regulation) must be declared and counted by a candidate when reporting on campaign contributions received. To value any goods or services received, one must use the equivalent lowest market value of the goods or services received as if they were sold.

In summary, this amendment means that any goods or services contributed to a campaign, such as printing, signage, office space and advertising may now need to be included by candidates when reporting on campaign contributions. Personal time and services donated are not meant to be captured. However, candidates are required to disclose financial contributions made by the candidate to his/her own campaign.

If you require general information or support, please contact your local Municipal Affairs and Environment regional office at:

Region	Fax	Phone
Labrador	(709) 896-8847	(709) 896-2941
Western	(709) 637-2548	(709) 637-2332
Central	(709) 256-1060	(709) 256-1050
Eastern	(709) 729-0477	(709) 729-0259

Sincerely,

TARA KELLY
Assistant Deputy Minister
Fire, Emergency, and Corporate Services



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Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Labrador Regional Office

May 31, 2017

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Mayor Jamie Snook
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay
PO Box 40 Station B
Fax No. (709) 896-9454

Dear Mayor & Councillors:

Re: 17-MYWC-15-00026, Fire Services Plan, Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay

Emergency Management & Training Inc. has submitted a draft copy of the proposed agreement in the amount of \$31,448 for review. The document has been reviewed by this Department and can be recommended for signing.

Please contact your consultant for signing additional copies in triplicate. When the agreement has been executed, please return one signed copy to the Labrador Regional Office for filing.

Yours truly,

Chris Power, P.Eng
Regional Engineer

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cc: Emergency Management & Training Inc ('akeenan@emergencymgt.com')
Ms. Jessica Dahn, Eng III
Mr. Randy Dillon, Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay
Mr. Dave Dewling



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Government of Newfoundland Labrador
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Labrador Regional Office

June 13, 2017
Mayor Jamie Snook
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay
PO Box 40
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL

RE: Request for Proposals for Owner's Advisor Services for Wellness Centre, Phase II, 17-MYCW-15-0024

Mayor Snook,

The Department of Municipal Affairs (DMA) issued a Request for Proposals for Owner's Advisor Services on behalf of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Proponents were required to submit Technical proposals and Cost Valuation. Proposals were received from seven proponents and reviewed by the technical committee consisting of two representatives of DMA, 3 representatives of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and 1 representative from the YMCA. After review by the committee, the scoring of three Technical Proposals were found to rank below 70%, meaning these three proponents would not proceed to the next level of evaluation and have their Cost Service envelope opened. The unopened Cost of Service envelopes have been returned to the unsuccessful proponents by DMA.

Scoring of the Cost of Service resulted in Architecture 49 achieving the highest overall score and is deemed the successful proponent. Their overall cost excluding HST was \$717,830.00. I have attached a draft copy of a successful proponent letter that will have to be sent to the consultant on the Town's letterhead. The successful proponent letter will initiate the next phase of the project which is the approval and signing of the Prime Consultant Agreement.

Additionally, the Town will be responsible for sending notification letters to the three consultants who were unsuccessful. I have attached a draft copy of that letter, which should also be sent out under the Town's letterhead. Consultants who were unsuccessful past the first round will be sent a letter of notification along with their returned, un-opened cost envelope.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Power".

Chris Power, P. Eng
Regional Engineer