Environment Minister Kevin Aylward has announced the following events relative to the Environmental Protection Act.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED:

Cartwright Junction to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Trans Labrador Highway
Proponent: Department of Works, Services and Transportation

The minister has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for the project. The EIS will be required to examine, among other things, potential impacts on: water quality, runoff characteristics and water flow; wildlife populations and their habitat; forest resources; stream crossings upon navigability; fish and fish habitat; on increased access and development pressure; and, on tourism.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Cartwright Junction to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Trans Labrador Highway Environmental Assessment Committee

The minister has appointed representatives from the following agencies to the environmental assessment committee:

- Environmental Assessment Division, Department of Environment (Chair)
- Water Resources Division, Department of Environment
- Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods
- Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
- Parks and Natural Areas Division, Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
- Strategic Tourism Product Development, Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
- Cultural Heritage, Archaeology Section, Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
- Inland Fish and Wildlife Division, Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
- Urban and Rural Planning Division, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs
- Parks Canada
- Environmental Protection, Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT RELEASED:

Avondale Automobile Drag Racing
Proponent: Newfoundland Stock Car Association (Mr. Bernard Hickey)

The undertaking was released from further environmental assessment on June 17, 2002 as per requirements of the Environmental Protection Act. The release is conditional on the proponent posting a $10,000 security bond. This bond would be used to rehabilitate the environmental effect of an accidental or other effect respecting the undertaking, or to rehabilitate the environmental effect of a failure to comply with the terms and conditions applicable to the release of the undertaking.

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