

Notice determination

July 26, 2021 – Indigenous Services Canada has determined that the proposed Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg – Pic Mobert First Nation Family Services Building is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects

The determination was based on a consideration of the following factors:

- impacts on rights of Indigenous peoples
- community knowledge
- mitigation measures

Implementation of mitigation measures is required for the project to address:

Septic Systems

Please note, it is recommended that an ISC Environmental Public Health Officer approve the design and carry out an inspection of the installation before backfill.

Construction Waste:

All construction waste should be disposed of at an appropriate facility. Any fluids removed as part of this project should be properly stored, transported from the community, and disposed of at an appropriate facility.

Spills (from machinery/accident)

If, during the course of the project, a spill should occur, every measure possible should be taken to stop and contain the spill immediately as long as it can be safely achieved without risk to the employee. Any spills must be reported to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECP) Spills Action Centre (Toll Free: 1-800-268-6060), as soon as possible. Both the determination of extent of contamination and its excavation/handling are to be supervised by a qualified person (environmental consultant) using methodologies as per the CCME Guidance Manual for Environmental Site Characterization and Human Health Risk Assessment (2016).

Contaminated Soils:

Should contaminated soils be discovered, an immediate halt to work will be ordered, Chief & Council and ISC will be informed and actions taken to identify the extent and source of contamination. This latter work will only be done by a qualified person utilizing methods in keeping with the CCME Guidance Manual for Environmental Site Characterization and Human Health Risk Assessment (2016).

Species at Risk:

It should be noted that while the proponent may be excluded from conducting any further environmental review, their responsibility to adhere to the Species at Risk Act (SARA), and other environmental legislation, remains. The purpose of SARA is to prevent wildlife species from being extirpated or becoming extinct, to provide for the recovery of wildlife species that are extirpated, endangered or threatened as a result of human activity and to manage species of special concern to prevent them from becoming endangered or threatened. Under SARA it is stated that no person shall kill, harm, harass, capture or take an individual of a wildlife species that is listed as an extirpated species, an endangered species or a threatened species. **A site walkover should occur at the site prior to construction to ensure there are no species at risk at this location.**

Migratory Birds:

Please note that the MBCA (section 6 of the *Migratory Bird Regulations*) prohibits the incidental take of migratory birds and the disturbance, destruction or taking of the nest of a migratory bird. 'Incidental take' is defined as the harming or killing of migratory birds due to actions that were not primarily focused on the taking of migratory birds. Migratory birds should be considered during the clearing and

grubbing and excavation stages of this project. **Suitable mitigation would be a site walk over to ensure there are no nests on site.**

Breeding Seasons:

Although season variations may occur, the following timeframes are indicated by Environment Canada for migratory bird breeding seasons in the Boreal Forest Zone:

- Forested habitats May 17 to Aug 03
- Open habitats May 15 to Aug 03
- Wetland habitats May 03 to July 31

Encountering Archaeological Sites (in Site Preparation)

If archaeological resources are encountered during excavation, the excavation will be halted immediately, Chief & Council and the archaeological Services Branch of Parks Canada contacted for advice. If the resources include human remains the local police will also be contacted.

Notify Thomas Hammer, (819-994-4905, thomas.hammer@pc.gc.ca) or Karen Blackbourn, (819-953-8716, karen.blackbourn@pc.gc.ca) at the Archaeological Services Branch of Parks Canada for preservation and management of archaeologically and cultural significant artifacts