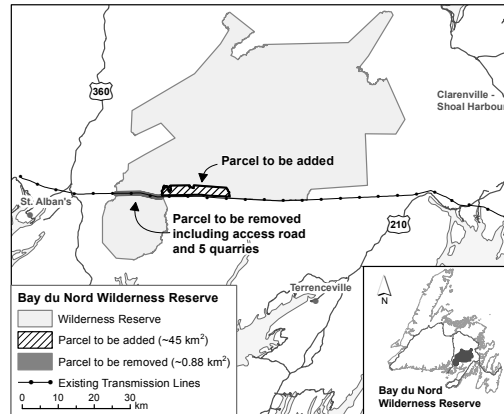


Public Notice

Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Bay du Nord Wilderness Reserve

The Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister of Environment and Conservation, wishes to inform the public that NL Hydro has requested changes to the area previously proposed for removal from the Bay du Nord Wilderness Reserve to permit the construction of a new transmission line adjacent to the two existing transmission lines (see map). In addition to a narrow linear corridor, proposed for removal at a public hearing in October, 2015, there is a request to remove from the reserve an access road right-of-way and five quarries for road building. As noted at the public hearing in October, the Department of Environment and Conservation is proposing that a parcel south of the Bay du Nord Wilderness Reserve and north of the existing transmission lines be added to the Reserve. This added area of conservation value will increase protection of caribou habitat and forested habitat in the region.



As per Section 16 of the *Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Act*, the Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council is hosting a public hearing to discuss removing from the Bay du Nord Wilderness Reserve, in addition to a transmission corridor 40 m by 13 km (0.51 km²), the following areas: 1) a 10 m-wide access road right-of-way and 2) five small quarries (100 m x 100 m) to provide fill for building the access road. The additional area to be removed from the reserve would be 0.37 km² for a total area to be removed of 0.88 km².

The Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council will host an evening session to gather public input at the Vancor Motel in Milltown-Head of Bay d'Espoir on Friday, **April 8, 2016** from **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** An online comment form will also be available as of that date on the Department of Environment and Conservation website at: www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/index.html.

Any person wishing to make a presentation at the public hearing on any aspect of changes to the Reserve boundary must notify the Minister of that intention within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Such notice should be sent to the attention of:

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