

Advice to Minister

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Environment and Labour **Briefing Note**

Parker Mountain Aggregates Limited; Application for Quarry Tiverton, Long Island, Digby County

Issue: Mr. Michael Lowe of Parker Mountain Aggregates has submitted an incomplete application for a quarry at Tiverton. The rock from the proposed quarry site is intended to be used to repair the local fisherman's wharf and later to construct a new harbour facility at Tiverton.

Key Message:

- An incomplete application for a rock quarry at Tiverton was received at the Yarmouth District Office on March 3, 2003, and the applicant, Mr. Michael Lowe of Parker Mountain Aggregates, was notified that an administration fee is required.
- The rock is intended to be used to repair the local Fisherman's Wharf and for another future project at Tiverton. The Fisherman's Wharf must be repaired as soon as possible.

Background:

- An incomplete application for a quarry at Tiverton was received at the Yarmouth District office on March 3, 2003. The applicant was notified by fax that an administration fee of \$2,500.00 is required to accompany the application.
- It is intended the proposed quarry will supply rock for two specific projects; repairs to the local Fisherman's Wharf and later the construction of a new harbour facility.
- Since yesterday, the Yarmouth Office has received three calls regarding this application.
- Mr. Wayne Outhouse with the Local Harbour Authority phoned yesterday explaining that the work at the Fisherman's Wharf must be completed by the end of March due to funding restrictions.
- NS Department of Transportation and Public Works staff have phoned to explain that rock is urgently needed to repair the wharf and that the matter is serious. Mr. Comeau with NSDOT&PW explained that 3000 tonnes of 10 tonne armour are needed and due to pending road weight restrictions, the rock must be acquired locally.

Recommendation / Current Position:

- Once a completed application package is received, staff will review the submission for compliance with the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment Pit & Quarry Guidelines, Rev. May 1997.
- Although it has been expressed there is an urgent need for repairs to the wharf, a local quarry cannot be considered without a complete application package and a thorough review of the proposal.

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