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Attention: Karen von Muehldorfer

RE: Notice to the Minister - permission to proceed under the *Navigation Protection Act* for the Temporary Bridge, located at 56° 14' 46.74" N x 121° 16' 12.39" W, Peace River, Peace River Side Channel - Unsurveyed Crown Land, the Peace River and the beds and shores of the Peace River lying within Section 32 Township 83 Range 21 West of The 6th Meridian, Peace River District, OLTC #17, in the Province of British Columbia

The Minister of Transport has determined that your work is not likely to substantially interfere with navigation.

Therefore, your work is permitted under the NPA s.9(1) Construction, and you may proceed pursuant to the attached plan(s) in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The NPA Approval and its Terms and Conditions shall be posted at an easily accessible place at the worksite and provide to the contractor conducting the work.
2. The owner shall provide information about the bridge location and clearance using the Boater Communications Protocol, and post the information on the owner website, on a page related to the project.
3. In the event that the operation of the above works is terminated, it will be the proponent's responsibility to remove the clear span bridge and associated equipment in its entirety.
4. Install and maintain warning signs at locations approx. 100m upstream and downstream of the entrance to the channel advising of the work in progress. Signs shall be a minimum of 72"x 48", a white background with black lettering, the size of the text shall be at least 15cm tall with the word "WARNING" at 1.5 times the size of the message text. Sign to be replaced prior to and for the duration of construction.

WARNING
BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
HAZARDS AHEAD

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5. During construction the outermost extent of the work above the surface shall be marked with orange Hi-visibility markers on the upstream and downstream corners and with a flashing yellow light during hours of darkness or reduced visibility.
6. Any construction equipment anchored or left in or on the waterway shall be marked with a yellow flashing light placed on the outermost extremity if left overnight.
7. During the open water season. The center of the bridge span shall be marked using a flashing yellow light visible upstream and downstream and operating during times of darkness and limited visibility.
8. Upon completion of the bridge construction install and maintain warning signs at locations approximately 100m upstream and downstream of the entrance to the channel advising of the presence of the bridge crossing. Additionally a sign shall also be placed on the outermost upstream and downstream ends of the island with an arrow indicating the direction of the main channel. Signs shall be a minimum of 72" x 48", a white background with black lettering, the size of the text shall be at least 15cm tall with the word "WARNING" at 1.5 times the size of the message text.

WARNING
LOW BRIDGE
KEEP TO THE MAIN CHANNEL.

Pursuant to Sec. 34 of the Navigable Protection Act, the owner shall provide unimpeded access to the Minister or their representatives for inspection purposes.

Pursuant to Sec. 5 of the Navigable Waters Works Regulations, all temporary piles, false works, silt curtains, construction material or debris, etc. are to be completely removed from the waterway.

Proponent can use the Canadian Dam Association signage standards in regards to shape, colour and size. Locations and wording are to be as per the Term and Conditions of the authorization.

This permission relates only to the effect of your work on navigation under the NPA and does not grant any rights related to the ownership of the bed of the waterway.

It is the owner's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws and regulations.

Please note that the NPA, amongst other obligations, requires the owner to immediately notify the Minister if his work causes or is likely to cause serious or imminent danger to navigation and take reasonable measures to remediate the danger to navigation (section 12 of the NPA).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office in Vancouver by phone at (604) 775-8867 or by e-mail at NPPAC-PPNPAC@tc.gc.ca.

Respectfully,



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Attachment(s) – reviewed drawings

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