

6 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

6.1 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Theriault & Hachey developed and applied a consultation program to ensure that those potentially affected by the project are made aware of the project registration and can express their comments as requested by the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation (87-83).

A bilingual letter presenting the Peatland No. 6 Development Project, along with a map depicting the location of the project, was prepared and sent out to all parcel owners along the section of Weldfield-Collette Road between the proposed access road to Peatland No. 6 westward up to the intersection with Hannah Hill Road. The consultation also includes owners of parcels located along roads that connect to Weldfield-Collette Road that are:

- Glynn Road.
- O’Hearn Road.
- Moran Road.

A total of 117 letters were sent out on November 22nd. The letter provided basic project information and invited recipients to express their comments by phone, mail or email. Recipients had until December 23rd to answer back.

The same letter was also sent by email to the following stakeholders and organisations on November 23rd:

- Mr. Kevin Arseneau, MLA, Kent North.
- Mr. Benoit Bourque, MLA, Kent South.
- Mrs Michelle Conroy, MLA, Miramichi.
- Mrs Danielle Dugas, Mayor, Village de Saint-Louis-de-Kent.
- Mr. Dominic LeBlanc, MP, Beauséjour.
- Mr. Adam Lordon, Mayor, City of Miramichi.
- Mrs Pierrette Robichaud, Mayor, Village de Rogersville.
- Mr. Jake Stewart, MP, Miramichi-Grand Lake.
- Miramichi Local Services (Mr. Ronald Brian Gaudet, Manager).
- Richibucto Local Services (Mr. Daniel Goguen, Manager).
- Les Ami(e)s de la Kouchibouguacis / Friends of the Kouchibouguacis, Mr. Mike Rushton / Mrs. Anita Doucet.
- New Brunswick Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.
- NB Quad.
- Miramichi River Environmental Assessment Committee (Mr. Harry Collins, Executive Director).
- Richibucto River Association (Mr. Harry Collins).
- Ducks Unlimited Canada.

The letter and the mailing list are provided in Appendix J.



As of December 23, 2021, nine persons and organization had expressed comments. All comments were considered and answered. Table 6-1 summarizes the comments that were received and the answers that were provided.

Theriault & Hachey will provide a separate report documenting the public involvement process in accordance with the proposed schedule, within 60 days after the project registration.

Table 6-1 Comments Received During the Public Consultation

NAME (PID/ORGANIZATION)	TYPE	DATE	COMMENT	ANSWER
<p>Harry Collins – Exec. Dir. – MREAC From: Harry Collins <collins.harry@outlook.com> Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 12:26 PM Subject: Proposed peat operation To: jody@thpeat.com <jody@thpeat.com> Cc: mreac@nb.aibn.com <mreac@nb.aibn.com></p>	E-mail	Nov. 23, 2021	<p>Some preliminary questions re peat bog #6 S.V.P. In the following link: pdf2-e.pdf (qnb.ca) Peat Bog #6 is not identified, even as a future operation. Why is this the case? Is this the first time this bog is being considered as sacrificial for peat resources? What watershed(s) are impacted by the footprint of the proposed development? Thanks, Harry Collins Exec. Dir. MREAC</p>	<p><u>Respond by Andreas Avenriep on 07.12.2021</u> From: Andreas Avenriep <andreas@nbnet.nb.ca> Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 16:58 To: <collins.harry@outlook.com> Cc: "Jody @ T&H Peat" <jody@thpeat.com> Subject: Proposed peat operation</p> <p><i>Good afternoon Mr. Collins!</i> On behalf of Jody Williston at Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd., I herewith would like to acknowledge that we have received your Nov 23, 2021 message as below. Unfortunately we are not in a position to answer your question why Peat Bog #6 is not identified on the link provided, and if it is the first time that this bog is being considered for horticultural peat resource development. However, the watershed of the Black River and the Bay du Vin River are considered to be impacted by the proposed development. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions and concerns you might have re. this matter. Thank you and best regards! Andreas Avenriep for Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd. 201 Ch Theriault-Hache, Baie-Sainte-Anne, NB E9A 1N7 T – direct – 506 228 9801 E – andreas@nbnet.nb.ca No further action to be considered necessary.</p>
<p>Ronald Gaudet - Miramichi Local Services From: Gaudet, Ronald (ELG/EGL) <Ronald.Gaudet@qnb.ca> Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 1:34 PM Subject: Peatland 6 Project To: jody@thpeat.com <jody@thpeat.com></p>	E-mail	Nov. 23, 2021	<p>Greetings, Please continue to keep me up to date on the project through my e-mail below. Thank you and best of luck, Ron</p>	<p>Andreas Avenriep will notify / send copy or link for EIA Registration Document once it is available.</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p>	Phone call	Nov. 26, 2021	<p>I received a call from the above person. She mentioned her phone number was [REDACTED]. At first, I did not understand who she was and why she was calling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She first mentioned that she received our "love letter" recently and was asking why it was sent to them. - She asked if we were looking to buy her lot, since we will be passing right by it. I said we were not, but we were just consulting with neighbors and would be happy to address any questions or concerns. - She mentioned she did not know there was a roadway near her property. I mentioned that I did not know her property's location exactly, but if there is no current roadway, there will be one constructed as the map suggests. - She asked if we bought someone's private land to build this roadway. I said that we did not buy any private land and that it would be built on Crown land. - She mentioned that she did not know that there was Crown land in that area and believed it was all private land. - She then mentioned that she understood that we would be operating the peat (or some other term she used) and everything it entails. I asked her if she had any questions, concerns or an opinion that she would like us to address. She said "No, that is fine". - She lastly said that she would need to talk to her kids about it and said bye. 	<p>Jody Williston answered the call and questions. No further action to be considered necessary.</p>

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<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Date: Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 10:56 AM Subject: Peatland No. 6 Development Project To: jody@thpeat.com <jody@thpeat.com></p>	E-mail	Nov. 29, 2021	<p>Thank you for your communication on this project which I received by mail on November 27th. After reviewing the information on Peatland No. 6 Development Project, I would like to raise a few points from the perspective of a life-long resident of the community of Weldfield.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Weldfield-Collette Road is a "chip-seal" road and not suitable for sustained heavy commercial traffic. This road is currently used extensively by logging transports/trailers, heavy equipment haulers and peat moss transports/trailers from the existing peat moss (Sun Grow Horticulture Ltd, 1000 Weldfield-Collette Road, NB). An additional industrial-type operation and increased commercial traffic is a concern that I have. Road conditions from heavy commercial use has already caused issues with the integrity of the chip-seal road and infrastructure. 2. The portion of the road which the map represents is currently a dirt road which is not suitable for sustained heavy commercial traffic use. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The traffic by heavy commercial trucks will blanket the vegetation with a great deal of accumulated dust. b. This dust will also create very hazardous conditions for motorists who use this public road as visibility will be reduced and collisions with wildlife will become more difficult to avoid. c. The heavy rocks, gravel and pebbles on this type of road will lead to an increased likelihood of this kind of debris hitting pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and other motorised vehicles. <p>The map you have provided is difficult to pinpoint the location as it does not have reference coordinates to corroborate the location of this site. I am making the assumption that it is at coordinates 46.8649266279447, -65.3372046535914 ?</p> <p>As I have covered in the above points, I would like to know if Theriault-Hachey has any plans/procedures and/or remedial actions are in relation to these hazards, and if so what they may entail.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me via email or by my work mobile listed below.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>From: [REDACTED] Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 at 09:52 To: Andreas Avenriep <andreaasa@nbnet.nb.ca>, "Matchett, Darren (DTI/MTI)" <Darren.Matchett@gnb.ca> Cc: "Jody @ T&H Peat" <jody@thpeat.com> Subject: RE: Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd.</p> <p>Thank you Andreas and Darren for addressing these concerns. It's greatly appreciated and I look forward to seeing this new development in the Weldfield-Collette area.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>Preliminary Respond by Andreas Avenriep on 07.12.2021 From: Andreas Avenriep <andreaasa@nbnet.nb.ca> Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 16:29 To: [REDACTED] Cc: "Jody @ T&H Peat" <jody@thpeat.com> Subject: Peatland No. 6 Development Project</p> <p>Good afternoon [REDACTED]</p> <p>On behalf of Jody Williston at Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd., I herewith would like to acknowledge that we have received your Nov 29, 2021 message as below.</p> <p>We appreciate and understand your points of concern. We shall address and answer your points, upon completing corresponding investigations, in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Thank you and best regards!</p> <p>Andreas Avenriep for Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd. 201 Ch Theriault-Hache Baie-Sainte-Anne, NB E9A 1N7 T – direct – 506 228 9801 E – andreaasa@nbnet.nb.ca</p> <p>Follow-up / Final Respond by Andreas Avenriep on 16.12.2021 From: Andreas Avenriep <andreaasa@nbnet.nb.ca> Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 16:56 To: [REDACTED] Cc: "Jody @ T&H Peat" <jody@thpeat.com> Subject: FW: Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd.</p> <p>Good [REDACTED]</p> <p>In addition to my 07.12.2021 respond, following your Nov 29, 2021 inquiry re. <i>Peatland No. 6 Development Project</i>, I have forwarded your points of concern for reviews and comments to Mr. Darren Matchett, District Engineer with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure in Miramichi. Please see the respond from Mr. Matchett below.</p> <p>Trusting that this answers your points of concern, I shall gladly try to answer any further questions or concerns you might have.</p> <p>Thank you and best regards!</p> <p>Andreas Avenriep For Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd. 201 Ch Theriault-Hache Baie-Sainte-Anne, NB E9A 1N7 T – 506 228 9801 E – andreaasa@nbnet.nb.ca</p>

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				<p>From: "Matchett, Darren (DTI/MTI)" <Darren.Matchett@qnb.ca> Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 16:32 To: Andreas Avenriep <andreas@nbnet.nb.ca> Subject: RE: Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd.</p> <p>Good afternoon Mr. Avenriep, The NB Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (NBDTI) does not require any mitigation measures for use of our roadways. For your information, the Weldfield-Collette Road is a designated highway with a prescribed maximum Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of 43,500 kg. NBDTI normally closes the gravel section of this road each spring due to breakup. This generally occurs from mid-March through to early June. As for dust control, NBDTI would only use dust suppressant if there is a safety hazard with the travelling public. I trust this answers your questions. If you have any further questions, please let me know. Sincerely, Darren Matchett</p> <p><i>Darren Matchett, P.Eng. / ing.</i> District Engineer / Ingénieur Régional - Miramichi Department of Transportation and Infrastructure / Ministère des transports et de l'infrastructure Phone/Téléphone: 506-778-6046 / 1-888-787-3133 Fax/Télécopieur: 506-773-6368 darren.matchett@qnb.ca</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>This message is intended for the person to whom it is addressed and is to be treated as confidential or private communication. It must not be forwarded unless permission has been received from the originator. If you have received this message inadvertently, please notify the sender and delete the message. Then delete your response. Thank you for your cooperation.</p> <p>----- Ce message est destiné à la personne désignée dans la présente et il doit demeurer confidentiel. Il ne doit pas être réacheminé sans la permission de l'expéditeur. Si ce message vous a été envoyé par erreur, veuillez aviser l'expéditeur et effacer le message. Effacez ensuite votre réponse. Merci de votre collaboration.</p>

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				<p>From: Andreas Avenriep <andreaasa@nbnet.nb.ca> Sent: Monday, December 13, 2021 9:29 AM To: Matchett, Darren (DTI/MTI) <Darren.Matchett@qnb.ca> Subject: Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd. ATTENTION! External email / courriel externe. <i>Good morning Darren!</i> Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd. received the exploration licence for NB peatland # 6 earlier this year. As part of the EIA process we recently sent out public notification / consultation letters (as per the attached sample) to potentially by the development effected neighbouring property owners. We have received the below following points of concern from [REDACTED] and would like to respond to his inquiry. What mitigation measures for dust and safety, what type and kind of remedial actions, plans and procedures in relation to the listed hazards will be required from Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd.? Thank you for your respond and best regards! Andreas Avenriep For Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd. 201 Ch Theriault-Hache Baie-Sainte-Anne, NB E9A 1N7 T – 506 228 9801 E – andreaasa@nbnet.nb.ca</p> <p>From: [REDACTED] Date: Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 10:56 AM Subject: Peatland No. 6 Development Project To: jody@thpeat.com <jody@thpeat.com> Thank you for your communication on this project which I received by mail on November 27th. After reviewing the information on Peatland No. 6 Development Project, I would like to raise a few points from the perspective of a life-long resident of the community of Weldfield.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Weldfield-Collette Road is a "chip-seal" road and not suitable for sustained heavy commercial traffic. This road is currently used extensively by logging transports/trailers, heavy equipment haulers and peat moss transports/trailers from the existing peat moss (Sun Grow Horticulture Ltd, 1000 Weldfield-Collette Road, NB). An additional industrial-type operation and increased commercial traffic is a concern that I have. Road conditions from heavy commercial use has already caused issues with the integrity of the chip-seal" road and infrastructure. 2. The portion of road which the map represents is currently a dirt road which is not suitable for sustained heavy commercial traffic use. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The traffic by heavy commercial trucks will blanket the vegetation with a great deal of accumulated dust. b. This dust will also create very hazardous conditions for motorists who use this public road as visibility will be reduced and collisions with wildlife will become more difficult to avoid. c. The heavy rocks, gravel and pebbles on this type of road will lead to an increased likelihood of this kind of debris hitting pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and other motorised vehicles. <p>The map you have provided is difficult to pinpoint the location as it does not have reference coordinates to corroborate the location of this site. I am making the assumption that it is at coordinates 46.8649266279447, -65.3372046535914 ? As I have covered in the above points, I would like to know if Theriault-Hachey has any plans/procedures and/or remedial actions are in relation to these hazards, and if so what they may entail. Please feel free to contact me via email or by my work mobile listed below.</p> <div data-bbox="1799 1372 2865 1721" style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 150px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>No further action to be considered necessary.</p>

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[REDACTED]	Phone call	Nov. 29, 2021	<p>I received a call from above person at 12:24pm today (Nov 29th). She sounded a bit She wanted to know if the road will be constructed on her land. I told her that no, we are not constructing any road on private land.</p> <p>She seemed to indicate that she was near Sungro, so that our bog or access road should not be close to her land, but the black square on the map through her off.</p> <p>She would like us to send her a map showing her land in relation to our development. Here contact info is below:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>Jody Williston answered the call and told her that no road will be constructed on private land.</p> <p><u>Respond by Andreas Avenriep on 09.12.2021</u> e-mail below with attached photomap Therault & Hachey - 2021 - # 6 - EIA - Public Consultation Comments Logbook - PID 40480154 - Richardson - 09.12.21</p> <p>From: Andreas Avenriep <andreas@nbnet.nb.ca> Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 11:26 To: [REDACTED] Cc: Jody @ T&H Peat <jody@tpeat.com> Subject: Therault & Hachey Peat Moss <i>Good morning</i> [REDACTED]</p> <p>On behalf of Jody Williston at Therault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd. I am following up on your 29. November 2021 conversation with Jody to clarify your property PID # 40480154 location in relation our peatland # 6 bog development project location with the help of the attached photomap per your request.</p> <p>The attached photomap indicates your property with, PID # 40480154 and the location of peatland # 6 bog (yellow highlighted) about 9 km south-east of your property. The intersection of our proposed access road to the bog, off the Weldfield-Collette Road, is located about 8 km south of your property. Our proposed bog access road will not be constructed on any private, but on Crownland only.</p> <p>Trusting that this answers your concerns, please feel free to contact me with any further questions you may have!</p> <p>Andreas Avenriep For Therault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd. 201 Ch Therault-Hache Baie-Sainte-Anne, NB E9A 1N7 T – direct – 506 228 9801 E – andreas@nbnet.nb.ca No further action to be considered necessary.</p>
[REDACTED] Date: Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 5:10 PM Subject: development project on peatland no.6 To: jody@tpeat.com < jody@tpeat.com >	E-mail	Nov. 29, 2021	<p>evening Jody my name is [REDACTED] just received your letter on Therault & Hacheys plan to develop peat lands no.6 off of the weldfields collet road [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] was just wondering if there was anything we could help u fellas with thanks [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Andreas Avenriep answered to the E-mail by calling [REDACTED] on 30.11.2021 to arrange for a meeting with Therault & Hachey. No further action to be considered necessary.</p>
[REDACTED]	Phone call	Nov. 30, 2021	<p>[REDACTED] called me at 2:50PM today (Nov 30th). [REDACTED] Once we finished the greetings, I asked if any concerns or questions about our proposed development. He said "no".</p> <p>He then asked me if we would be willing to work together to develop or buy his land that has a small peat bog. He mentioned [REDACTED] He said there would be about 30 to 40 acres.</p> <p>I told him that we would be interested in discussing it, but we usually only consider bogs that have a depth greater than 1m, when we calculate acreage. I informed him that from the GeoNB viewer, it did not seem to be a viable size of bog. However, if he would like to develop it, we would be interested in buying the raw peat from him. He mentioned his [REDACTED] also contained a portion of that bog and he asked me the going price and possible production quantity on a bog. I told him that roughly \$3,50 per 6 cu ft bale and @ 50,000 bales per year, it would be \$175,000 of revenue (before expenses).</p> <p>He mentioned that he would speak to Forestry office to get specifics on his bog size and depth. I told him to contact us if he has further questions or would be interested to pursue development of his bog.</p>	<p>Jody Williston answered the call and questions. No further action to be considered necessary.</p>

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<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Date: Wed, Dec 1, 2021 at 8:38 AM Subject: Peatland No.6 Development Project To: jody@thpeat.com <jody@thpeat.com></p>	E-mail	Dec. 1, 2021	<p>I have one concern with this project, the amount of traffic that will be on the Weldfield-Collette Road as well as the wear and tear on our road. Please let me know by email when the Registration Document is available for input.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>Preliminary Respond by Andreas Avenriep on 09.12.2021. From: Andreas Avenriep <andreaa@nbnet.nb.ca> Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 16:19 To: [REDACTED] Cc: Jody @ T&H Peat <jody@thpeat.com> Subject: FW: Peatland No.6 Development Project</p> <p><i>Good afternoon</i> [REDACTED]</p> <p>On behalf of Jody Williston at Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd., I herewith would like to acknowledge that we have received your Dec 1, 2021 message as below.</p> <p>We are currently preparing the Environmental Impact Assessment Registration Document that will include the amount and type of traffic impact that our proposed project will have on the Weldfield-Collette Road.</p> <p>We shall advise you as soon as this Registration Document is completed and posted for review and input on the Department of Environment and Local Government website.</p> <p>Thank you and best regards!</p> <p>Andreas Avenriep for Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd. 201 Ch Theriault-Hache Baie-Sainte-Anne, NB E9A 1N7 T – direct – 506 228 9801 E – andreaa@nbnet.nb.ca</p> <p>Andreas Avenriep will notify / send copy or link for EIA Registration Document once it is available.</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p>	Phone call	Dec. 20, 2021	<p>The above gentleman just called me at 12:55pm today (Dec 20th). His mailing address is [REDACTED]</p> <p>He mentioned that he goes by [REDACTED]. When I asked him if he had any questions or concerns about the project, he said that he called to offer to sell us his property in the area that has a substantial gravel pit.</p> <p>He mentioned the original property was [REDACTED] which is on [REDACTED]. However, he bought out a few more properties to the east to follow the gravel vein.</p> <p>He said this pit should only be a few miles away from our development. Also that the gravel shale is a very high quality and this was the pit that was used to make the base of the Wellfield-Collette Rd.</p> <p>The access road might need a few loads of gravel to get to the pit.</p> <p>Lastly, he mentioned that the entrance of the gravel pit has some garbage that one of the former owners had dumped in the past.</p> <p>I do not know what are the alternatives and quality of other gravel pits in the area. If you do want to discuss with him further, please see below contact info:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>Jody Williston answered the call and questions. No further action to be considered necessary.</p>

6.2 ENGAGEMENT WITH FIRST NATION

Theriault & Hachey also took steps to engage with the First Nations in collaboration with the DELG and the Secretariat of Aboriginal Affairs (SAA). Based on recommendations from the DELG, engagement has been undertaken with the Mi'kmaq First Nation that comprises nine communities located in the coastal zone. The Maliseet Nation communities are located inland and were not included in Theriault & Hachey's engagement with First Nations.

A letter introducing Theriault & Hachey and the Peatland No. 6 project was sent to the chief of each community and to Mi'gmawew'1 Tplu'taqnn Incorporated (MTI), an organization representing the Mi'kmaq communities, to inform them of the project. Table 6-2 summarizes the communications between Theriault & Hachey and the Mi'kmaq communities, and the mailing list and information letter sent to First Nations are provided in Appendix K.

Table 6-2 Summary of Communications with the First Nations

DATE	COMMUNITY	ACTIVITY
21-06-10	ALL 9 communities	Introduction letter mail out
21-06-15	From MTI	Notice of a Mi'gmaq Rights Impact Assessment (MRIA) with MRIA Framework and Indigenous Knowledge Study (IKS guide)
21-06-22	To MTI	Email to invite for participation in surveys
21-06-30	To Elsipotgtog	Email to invite for participation in surveys
21-07-05	Kopit Lodge	Email answer about participation in surveys
21-07-15	MTI	Email to provide additional project information
21-07-15	Kopit Lodge	Email to provide additional project information
21-12-01	MTI	Email to provide information about the results of the bird surveys, plant surveys, and wetland surveys (for the access road)
21-12-01	Kopit Lodge	Email to provide information about the results of the bird surveys, plant surveys, and wetland surveys (for the access road)
22-01-25	MTI	Call to collect reaction to sent information (message left)
22-01-25	Kopit Lodge	Call to collect reaction to sent information (message left)
22-01-27	MTI	Discussion with Mr. Jeremy Johnson to organize a virtual meeting
22-02-03	MTI	Virtual meeting with MTI
22-02-11	Kopit Lodge	Email to Mr. Kenneth Francis from Kopit Lodge to invite to organize a virtual meeting

