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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

NUMBER 2717-DZ3PHM
Issue Date: November 8, 2026

Summers Logging & Tree Service Ltd.
28 McMillan Rd
Golden Lake, Ontario
K0J 1X0

Site Location: Mobile

You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (Environmental Protection Act) for approval of:

one (1) portable grinding unit processing clean demolition wood, clean waste wood and forestry materials, operating at the maximum processing rate of 350 tonnes per day, consisting of

- one (1) grinder;
- one (1) stacker conveyor;
- one (1) diesel fired engine generator rated at 895 kilowatts;
- delivery, storage, shipping and handling of materials associated with grinding plant operations;

all in accordance with the Application for an Approval (Air & Noise) dated November 28, 2025 and signed by Megan Hundt, General Manager , the ESDM Report dated November 28, 2025 prepared by Roxana Ungureanu (BCX Environmental Consulting); the emails from Tabitha Gaynor (BCX Environmental Consulting) dated August 7, 2026 and October 21, 2026; Acoustic Assessment Report prepared by HGC Noise Vibration Acoustics, dated November 26, 2025 and signed by Corey Kinart; and all supporting information associated with the application.

For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:

1. Acoustic Assessment Report" means the report, prepared in accordance with Publication NPC-233 submitted in support of the application, that documents all sources of noise emissions and Noise Control Measures present at the Plant. "Acoustic Assessment Report" also means the Acoustic Assessment Report prepared by HGC Noise Vibration Acoustics, dated November 26, 2025 and signed by Corey Kinart;

2. "Acoustic Barrier" means a barrier or berm positioned such that it completely interrupts the line of sight between the Plant and the noise sensitive Points of Reception, which is continuous without

holes, gaps and other penetrations, and with a surface mass of at least 20 kilograms per square metres;

3. "Approval" means this Environmental Compliance Approval, including the application and all supporting documentation;

4. "Class 1 Area" means an area with an acoustical environment typical of a major population centre, where the background sound level is dominated by the activities of people, usually road traffic, often referred to as "urban hum";

5. "Class 2 Area" means an area with an acoustical environment that has qualities representative of both Class 1 and Class 3 areas:

   a. sound levels characteristic of Class 1 during daytime (07:00 to 19:00 or to 23:00 hours); and

   b. low evening and night background sound level defined by natural environment and infrequent human activity starting as early as 19:00 hours (19:00 or 23:00 to 07:00 hours);

6. "Class 3 Area" means a rural area with an acoustical environment that is dominated by natural sounds having little or no road traffic, such as:

   a. a small community;

   b. agricultural area;

   c. a rural recreational area such as a cottage or a resort area; or

   d. a wilderness area;

7. "Company" means Summers Logging & Tree Service Ltd. operating as Summers Logging & Tree Service Ltd. that is responsible for the construction or operation of the Plant and includes any successors and assigns in accordance with section 19 of the EPA;

8. "Director" means a person appointed by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA for the purposes of Part II.1 of the EPA;

9. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry, at the geographic location where the Plant is operated;

10. "EPA" means the *Environmental Protection Act,* R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19;

11. "Equipment" means the equipment described in the Company's application, this Approval and in the supporting documentation referred to herein, to the extent approved by this Approval;

12. "Manual" means a document or a set of documents that provides written instructions to staff of the Company;

13. "Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and includes

all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;

14. "Noise Control Measures" means measures to reduce the noise emissions from the Plant / Equipment including, but not limited to, silencers, acoustic louvers, enclosures, absorptive treatment, plenums and barriers, described in the Company's application, this Approval and in the supporting documentation referred to herein, to the extent approved by this Approval;

15. "Plant" means the entire portable grinding plant operations, incorporating the Equipment;

16. "Point of Reception" means a Point of Reception as defined in Publication NPC-300;

17. "Publication NPC-233" means Ministry Publication NPC-233 "Information to be Submitted for Approval of Stationary Sources of Sound" , October 1995;

18. "Publication NPC-300" means the Ministry Publication NPC-300, "Environmental Noise Guideline, Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning, Publication NPC-300", August, 2013, as amended;

19. "Sensitive Receptor" means any location where routine or normal activities occurring at reasonably expected times would experience adverse effect(s) from discharges from the Plant to the atmosphere, including one or a combination of:

    a. private residences or public facilities where people sleep (e.g.: single and multi-unit dwellings, nursing homes, hospitals, trailer parks, camping grounds, etc.),

    b. institutional facilities (e.g.: schools, churches, community centres, day care centres, recreational centres, etc.),

    c. outdoor public recreational areas (e.g.: trailer parks, play grounds, picnic areas, etc.), and

    d. other outdoor public areas where there are continuous human activities (e.g.: commercial plazas and office buildings).

You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Noise Emissions

1. The Company shall, at all times, ensure that the noise emissions from the Plant comply with the limits determined in accordance with Ministry Publication NPC-300.

2. Time Restrictions

1. The Company shall ensure that the Acoustic Barrier, when required, is erected within 7 working days of start-up of the Plant and until that time, the Plant operations shall be restricted to the

daytime hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday.

2. The Company shall ensure that the Plant is not operated more than sixty (60) calendar days per year at any one site.

3. Minimum Separation Distance(s) to the Nearest Point(s) of Reception

1. The Company shall ensure minimum separation distance(s) be maintained between the Plant and the nearest Point(s) of Reception as specified in **Schedule "B"**.

4. Noise Control Measures

1. The Company shall ensure that the Acoustic Barrier, when required, is implemented at all times during the operation of the Plant.

2. The Company shall ensure that the Acoustic Barrier, when required, is continuous without holes, gaps or other penetrations, and has a surface mass density of at least 20 kilograms per square metre, and that it will be positioned in between the Plant and the Points of Reception that require shielding in such a way that the distance from the Acoustic Barrier to the Plant is not greater than 15 metres as depicted in figure 1, or not greater than 23 metres as depicted in figure 2 of the Acoustic Assessment Report. The minimum dimensions of the Acoustic Barrier shall be minimum 4.6 metres high, and at least 12 metres long, or minimum 6.1 metres high and at least 12 metres long, as indicated in Schedule B.

3. The Company shall ensure that the Acoustic Barrier, when required, is properly maintained and continues to provide the acoustical performance outlined in the Acoustic Assessment Report.

5. Minimum Separation Distance to the Nearest Sensitive Receptor

1. The Company shall ensure a minimum separation distance of 350 metres between the centre of the wood grinder and the nearest Sensitive Receptor.

6. Operation and Maintenance Manual

1. The Company shall ensure that the Plant/Equipment is properly operated and maintained at all times. The Company shall:

   a. prepare, not later than three (3) months after the date of this Approval, and update, as necessary, a Manual outlining the operating procedures and a maintenance program for the Plant/Equipment, including:

      i. routine operating and maintenance procedures in accordance with good engineering practices and as recommended by the Equipment suppliers;

      ii. emergency procedures;

      iii. procedures for any record keeping activities relating to operation and maintenance of the Plant/Equipment; and

iv. all appropriate measures to minimize noise and fugitive dust emissions from all potential sources;

b. implement the recommendations of the Manual; and

c. retain, for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of their creation, all records on the maintenance, repair and inspection of the Equipment, and make these records available for review by staff of the Ministry upon request.

7. Fugitive Dust Control

1. The Company shall provide effective dust suppression for the Equipment and any other sources of fugitive dust emissions from the Plant.

8. Marking of Portable Plant

1. The Company shall post a legible sign in a location which is accessible to the public, clearly identifying:

   a. the Company name;

   b. the number of this Approval;

   c. a brief description of the nature of the operation;

   d. a Company contact name and telephone number for the public to provide comments;

   e. hours of operation; and

   f. length of time the Company intends to operate the Plant at that location.

9. Keeping a Valid Approval

1. The Company shall ensure that a copy of this Approval, as well as any subsequent Amended Approvals or Notices that amend this Approval, are available for inspection by a Provincial Officer at each site where the Plant is operated.

10. Record Retention

1. The Company shall retain, for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the recording activities required by this Approval, and make these records available for review by staff of the Ministry upon request. The Company shall retain:

   a. all records on the maintenance, repair and inspection of the Equipment;

   b. all records on the daily operation of the Plant/Equipment, including:

      i. daily processing rate;

ii. daily start-up and shut-down times of the Plant/Equipment;

c. all records of any upset conditions associated with the operation of the Plant/Equipment;

d. all records on the environmental complaints, including:

i. a description, time, date and location of each incident;

ii. operating conditions (e.g. upset conditions, etc.) at the time of the incident;

iii. wind direction and other weather conditions at the time of the incident;

iv. the name(s) of Company personnel responsible for handling the incident;

v. the cause of the incident;

vi. the Company response to the incident; and

vii. a description of the measures taken to address the cause of the incident and to prevent a similar occurrence in the future, and the outcome of the measures taken.

11. Notification of Complaints

1. The Company shall notify the District Manager, in writing, of each environmental complaint within two (2) business days of the complaint. The notification shall include:

a. a description of the nature of the complaint;

b. the time, date and location of the incident;

c. the wind direction and other weather conditions at the time of the incident; and

d. the name(s) of Company personnel responsible for handling the incident.

12. Change of Owner

1. The Company shall notify the Director and the District Manager, in writing, of any of the following changes within thirty (30) days of the change occurring:

a. change of owner or operating authority, or both;

b. change of address of owner or operating authority or address of new owner or operating authority;

c. change of partners where the Owner is or at any time becomes a partnership, and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the Business Names Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.17, as amended, shall be included in the notification;

d. change of name of the corporation where the Owner is or at any time becomes a corporation, and a copy of the most current information filed under the Corporations Information Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.39, as amended, shall be included in the notification.

2. The Company shall notify any succeeding new owner, in writing, of the existence of this

Approval, as well as any subsequent Amended Approvals or Notices that amend this Approval and, shall forward a copy of such a notice to the Director and the District Manager together with the notification required under Condition 12.1.

13. **Relocation**

    1. The Company shall notify the District Manager, in writing, at least ten (10) business days in advance of any intended location of the Plant at each operating site, by submitting a completed Form 1, outlined in **Schedule "A"**.

SCHEDULE "A"

NOTICE OF RELOCATION FOR PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

1. Owner and/or Operator
    a. Company name :
    b. Contact person :
    c. Telephone number :
2. Proposed Location Municipality:
    a. Lot number:
    b. Concession number:
3. Operation
    a. Date of commencement and completion of operation: from to
    b. Hours of operation: from to
    c. Identification of the Plant, screening or grinding operation and the operating scenario as defined in **Schedule "B"** of this Approval
    d. Maximum processing rate (tonnes/hour):
    e. Type of material to be processed:
    f. Please attach the following:
4. A copy of the Approval.
5. A plot plan or sketch of the proposed location showing the following:
    a. the entire operating site
    b. distance between the Equipment and the nearest off-property Point of Reception
    c. distance between the Equipment and the nearest Sensitive Receptor
    d. land use within 500 metres from the Equipment.

SCHEDULE "B"

Minimum Required Separation Distances from the Plant to Points of Reception

Table 1: Plant without Acoustic Barrier

Publication NPC-300 Acoustical Area	Time of Operation	Sound Level Limit (dBA)	Minimum Separation Distance (metres)
Class 1	Day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	50	805
Class 1	Evening (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	50	805
Class 1	Night (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.)	45	1,240
Class 2	Day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	50	805
Class 2	Evening (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	45	1,240
Class 2	Night (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.)	45	1,240
Class 3	Day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	45	1,240
Class 3	Evening (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	40	1,830
Class 3	Night (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.)	40	1,830

Table 2: Plant with 4.6 metre high, 12 metre long Acoustic Barrier

Publication NPC-300 Acoustical Area	Time of Operation	Sound Level Limit (dBA)	Minimum Separation Distance (metres)
Class 1	Day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	50	515
Class 1	Evening (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	50	515
Class 1	Night (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.)	45	855
Class 2	Day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	50	515
Class 2	Evening (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	45	855
Class 2	Night (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.)	45	855
Class 3	Day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	45	855
Class 3	Evening (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	40	1,260
Class 3	Night (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.)	40	1,260

Table 3: Plant with 6.1 metre high, 12 metre long Acoustic Barrier

Publication NPC-300 Acoustical Area	Time of Operation	Sound Level Limit (dBA)	Minimum Separation Distance (metres)
Class 1	Day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	50	455
Class 1	Evening (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	50	455
Class 1	Night (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.)	45	835
Class 2	Day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	50	455
Class 2	Evening (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	45	835
Class 2	Night (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.)	45	835
Class 3	Day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	45	835
Class 3	Evening (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	40	1,250
Class 3	Night (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.)	40	1,250

Notes

The Acoustic Barrier shall have a length not less than 12 metres and must break the line-of-sight between the Plant and all Points of Reception that require shielding.
The Acoustic Barrier shall have a height of not less than 4.6 metres above local grade with the top of the Acoustic Barrier located at a distance of no more than 15 metres from the nearest noise source. Otherwise, the Acoustic Barrier shall have a height of not less than 6.1 metres above local grade with the top of the Acoustic Barrier located at a distance of no more than 23 metres from the nearest noise source.

The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Conditions No. 1 to 9, inclusive, are included to provide the minimum performance requirements considered necessary to prevent an adverse effect resulting from the operation of the Plant/Equipment and to emphasize that the Plant/Equipment must be maintained and operated according to a procedure that will result in compliance with the EPA, the regulations and this Approval.

2. Condition No. 10 is included to require the Company to keep records and to provide information to the Ministry so that compliance with the EPA, the regulations and this Approval can be verified.

3. Conditions No. 11 to 13, inclusive, are included to require the Company to notify/report to the Ministry so that compliance with the EPA, the regulations and this Approval can be verified.

In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act,* you may by written notice served upon me, the Ontario Land Tribunal and in accordance with Section 47 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights,* 1993, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, within 15 days after receipt of this notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will place notice of your

appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the *Environmental Protection Act* provides that the notice requiring the hearing ("the Notice") shall state:

a. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
b. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;
3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

Registrar*
Ontario Land Tribunal
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1E5
OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca

and

The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2J3

and

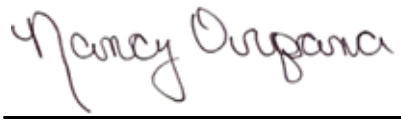
The Director appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M4V 1P5

*** Further information on the Ontario Land Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349 or 1 (866) 448-2248, or www.olt.gov.on.ca**

This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights,* 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at https://ero.ontario.ca/, you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act.*

DATED AT TORONTO this 8th day of November, 2026



Nancy E Orpana, P.Eng.
Director
appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the
Environmental Protection Act

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c: District Manager, MECP Ottawa
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