



## Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Exclusion Questionnaire

(To be completed by the Applicant)

### Introduction

The **Government of Canada** has committed to building a more energy-efficient and less emissions-intensive society by participating in the global effort to address climate change. Canada's Climate Change Plan aims to help us all rethink the way we use energy. This includes encouraging waste reduction, recycling, pollution prevention and energy conservation in projects that the government funds.

The **Department of Canadian Heritage** supports this federal commitment through the Department's Sustainable Development Strategy, which includes a commitment to integrate sustainable development into Canadian Heritage programs and policies delivered directly by the Department or in partnership with others. The ***Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage (BCAH) Program*** will help achieve this goal by encouraging and supporting environmentally sound and energy efficient projects (as eligible costs) as well as by increasing client awareness regarding environmental protection and energy conservation measures.

Certain BCAH projects will require an environmental assessment (EA) under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. When the *Act* applies, an EA will be required for capital projects. Excluded projects are typically relatively small structures that are not within 30 meters of a body of water or that would not result in the release of polluting substances into a body of water. The *Act* is unlikely to apply to BCAH projects for acquisitions or feasibility studies, but all projects that include a capital component must complete the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* Exclusion Questionnaire.

Under the *Act*, the Department of Canadian Heritage must ensure that an EA is carried out for any proposed "project" (as defined by the *Act*) that it intends to fund. Commonly, federal departments require a project proponent (recipient of the funds) to carry out the EA and prepare a report on the results. Departments then usually provide study terms of reference and review and approve the EA report.

For more information contact: [Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency](#).

### The Questionnaire

The information requested is required to determine whether or not a proposed project may be excluded from an EA under the *Act*. The EA will determine the nature and extent of any adverse environmental consequences that result from the project and mitigation measures that may be necessary. An EA must be conducted for all non-excluded projects prior to the delivery of Departmental funds. A project may also require environmental assessment and/or approval under provincial/territorial legislation or agreements.

## 1 Project Detail

<b>Name of Organization:</b> (required)	
<b>Name of Project</b> (required):	
<b>Project Description:</b> (required) (Include a description of all activity to be conducted as part of this project with as much detail as possible. Size of buildings, planned uses, project phases and timelines should be included where available – use more space if required)	

## 2 Project Definition

A project under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) is defined as “*in relation to a physical work, any proposed construction (including renovation and expansion), operation, modification, decommissioning, abandonment or other undertaking*”. Examples include construction of a new building, expansion of an existing building, modifications to the interior of a building, etc.

A project under CEAA is also defined as “*any proposed physical activity not relating to a physical work that is prescribed or is within a class of physical activities that is prescribed pursuant to regulations made under paragraph 59(b)*”.

Examples include the remediation of contaminated land in Canada; physical activities that are carried on in Canada relating to the establishment or relocation of a temporary road for use in winter etc.

The purchase of supplies or special equipment would not be considered a project under CEAA.

	Yes	No
Does the proposed work (activities) meet the definition of “Project” under CEAA? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answer **Yes** above continue with **step 3**. If you answer **No** please skip to **step 4**.

### 3 Is the project excluded?

Please answer all of the following questions where relevant to your project:

#### 3.1 For Construction, Installation, Operation, Expansion or Modification of a Building

- a) Is the proposed construction, installation, operation, expansion or modification of the building being carried out on a **serviced lot** (will be connected to lot's hook-ups to water and sewer)? "Serviced" in relation to a building lot, means equipped with hook-ups to water and sewage mains for water supply and for sewage disposal by way of a centralized municipal or community sewer and water system. (required) If yes, please answer the two questions below:

	Yes	No
Is the building located within 30 meters (98.4 feet) from a water body?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the construction, installation, operation, expansion or modification associated with the new building result in the likely release of a polluting substance into a water body?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- b) If the proposed construction, installation, operation, expansion or modification of the building is being carried out on **unserviced** land please answer the four questions below (if applicable):

	Yes	No
Will the <b>construction</b> or <b>installation</b> of the building on <b>unserviced land</b> have a footprint greater than 500 square meters? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the <b>expansion</b> of the building on <b>unserviced</b> land be 10 percent larger than its present footprint? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the building located within 30 meters (98.4 feet) from a water body? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the construction, installation, operation, expansion or modification associated with the new building result in the likely release of a polluting substance into a water body? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 3.2 For Construction, Installation, Operation, Expansion, Modification or Decommissioning of a Physical Work (other than a building) (if applicable)

	Yes	No
Does the project involve the decommissioning of any physical work ( <b>other than a building</b> ) with a footprint greater than 25 square meters (269 square feet)? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the project involve construction, installation, operation, expansion, or modification of a physical work (other than a building) with a footprint greater than 25 square meters? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will this construction, installation, operation, expansion, modification or decommissioning take place within 30 meters (98.4 feet) from a water body? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the construction, installation, operation, expansion or modification result in the likely release of a polluting substance into a water body? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 3.3 For Demolition of Buildings (if applicable)

	Yes	No
Does the building that is being demolished have a floor area greater than 1000 square meters? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the building that is being demolished within 30m of another building? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the building that is being demolished within 30m of a water body? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the demolition of the building result in the likely release of a polluting substance into a water body? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 3.4 For Construction, Installation, Expansion or Modification of a Radio Communication Antenna and its Supporting Structure (if applicable)

	Yes	No
Does the proposed project include the construction, installation, expansion or modification of a radio communication antenna and its supporting structure within 30 m of a water body and/or could it result in the release of a polluting substance to that water body? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For the proposed construction, installation, expansion or modification of a radio communication antenna and its supporting structure is it going to be located more than 15 meters from an existing building. (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For the proposed construction, installation, expansion or modification of a radio communication antenna and its supporting structure will these have a footprint > 25 square meters (269 square feet). (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 3.5 Other (if applicable)

	Yes	No
Does the construction, installation, operation, expansion, modification or removal of a <b>sign</b> involve the likely release of a polluting substance into a water body? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For <b>temporary exhibits</b> does this project include construction, installation, expansion, or modification of a temporary exhibition structure not located inside or affixed to the exterior of an existing building? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 4 Are the activities included?

Some physical activities not specifically related to a physical work may require assessment due to the requirements of the CEAA Inclusion List Regulation.

Please answer the following questions related to your proposed work

	Yes	No
Will the activities take place in a National Park, National Park Reserve, National Historic Site or Historic Canal? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the activities take place on a First Nation Reserve? (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered “**No**” to all of the above questions in sections **3 & 4** it is likely that an Environmental Assessment under CEAA is not required for this project.

If you have answered “**Yes**” to **one or more of the above questions** then an Environmental Assessment is likely required before PCH could contribute funds to this project.

Please sign and date below. A program officer will contact you if further information related to Environmental Assessment is required for this project.

I certify that the above information is correct and complete.

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Authorized Signature (required)

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Name and title (Proponent) (required)

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Telephone Number (required)

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Date YYYY-MM-DD (required)