

**EXCERPTS FROM THE DRAFT DETAILED IMPACT ANALYSIS (DIA)
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Executive Summary:

“The NFNMC [Never Forgotten National Memorial Complex] has been planned in five phases to allow for expansion over time to meet visitor expectations and to allow for construction to progress *as funding becomes available.*” (Emphasis added.)

“With the application of proposed mitigation measures, the residual effects of the Project on the environment are generally predicted to be negligible to moderate in magnitude and will be primarily localized within a previously disturbed area.”

“Effects of the environment on the Project are predicted to be not significant.”

Main Report:

p. 1: “The Never Forgotten National Memorial Complex will commemorate Canada’s war dead, wherever they may lie. Honouring these servicemen and women who gave their lives so far from home by creating a memorial on Canadian soil. As the first national memorial to commemorate our fallen soldiers in this manner, the NFNMC will complement existing memorials that recognize and honour Canadian war dead.” (**Note:** why is the NFNMC any different from the National War Memorial in Ottawa in honouring the fallen, wherever they lie?)

p. 8: “Site selection focused on areas that would be under the protection of government agencies in order to provide protection to the integrity of the infrastructure and message.”

p. 13: “A relatively small (approximately 25%) spatial extent of geological disturbance will occur in an area that has already been partially disturbed by current activities in the CBHNPC [Cape Breton Highlands National Park Complex]. When completed, approximately 75% of the exposed bedrock surface will be visible and accessible.”

p. 16: “Upon completion of construction, the Foundation will return the site to Parks Canada to operate. An operations fund will be established by the Foundation for this purpose.”

p. 28: “Because of the unique geology, Green Cove is one of a small number of proposed geoheritage sites advocated by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources.”

p. 30: “[T]he proposed Phase 1 Development area is undeveloped and forested.”

p. 41: “The Foundation intends that all planning, design, and construction costs are to be funded by private individuals or corporate entities, although in-kind support and possible government funding for aspects of the Project also remains a possibility.”

p. 47: “As the Project is planned in perpetuity with no stipulated end-date and a planned service life of 75 years, the regulatory framework, requirements, and potential environmental effects cannot be reasonably foreseen at this time.”

p. 67: “It is understood that CBHNPC visitors expecting and valuing a more natural viewscape near the Green Cove site could find the monument not consistent with their expectations and thus have an adverse effect on their experience. However, this change in viewscape is limited and unique in CBHNPC and would be considered highly localized in the context of other more natural views which are ubiquitous and unaffected.”

Conclusion:

“The Project is not anticipated to result in residual adverse effects on the long-term population viability of species or sustainability of resources, substantial residual loss of cultural knowledge, or residual adverse effects on the long-term viability of Green Cove as a tourist attraction within CBHNPC. Potential beneficial effects of the Project include positive changes in visitor access and experience.”

Statement of Limitations:

“This report has been prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the sole benefit of the Never Forgotten National Memorial Foundation.”