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## Enhanced services directory

The new web-based Directory of Services makes it easy to locate government services in New Brunswick.



The directory provides uniform information and access to provincial government programs, regulations, fees and services through one portal, [www.gnb.ca](http://www.gnb.ca).

It catalogues more than 250 services with fees and more than 700 other services, including those offered by the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety, as well as Service New Brunswick.

The first of its kind in Canada, the directory provides faster access to information by allowing users to search by keywords, category lists (such as business and industry) and/or alphabetical lists. A search for trucking services provided 35 results. Links to e-transactions, forms, government contacts and other related information are also available.

More than a half-million visitors have used the directory to access government services since its release.

## Discussion papers on oversized loads and vehicles available for comment

The Atlantic Task Force on Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Policy has released three discussion papers on the Harmonization of Special Permit Conditions for Movement of Overdimensional Indivisible Vehicles and Loads in Atlantic Canada. The **Draft Proposal for Comments** describes the different permit classes and the conditions attached to each class. Another paper, **Proposal Implications and Required Changes by Province**, gives highlights of the changes that would occur in each province if the Atlantic Provinces endorse the harmonization proposal. There is also a paper **entitled Escort Vehicle Drivers' Handbook**.

The three discussion papers are available in both official languages at the following website:

<http://www.comt.ca/english/programs/trucking/atlanticpermit.html>

The Department of Transportation is seeking comments from industry by December 1, 2006. Please submit your comments at the web site above, or to [consultation@gnb.ca](mailto:consultation@gnb.ca) or contact Denis Goguen at (506) 453-2802.

## Traffic advisories / road construction report online

Drivers wondering about traffic tie-ups on New Brunswick highways now have a new source of information.

As a public service, the Department of Transportation has developed a new Web site with information about the Department's road construction activities around the province.

While it may not be a complete list, the Web site should help plan for possible slow-downs along affected routes.



The new site includes the date of the activity, route number, location, and reason. More detailed information about the work can be obtained by clicking on the location.

The projects listed are divided by region and the site is updated daily.

To check out the new Web site go to [www.gnb.ca](http://www.gnb.ca), keyword: **Transportation**.

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## Did you know?

### Did you know that NCLL permit holders can haul hog fuel?

Owners of truck-tractors and semi trailers who are current holders of valid NCLL permits are now permitted to haul forest by-products (hog fuel) with an authorized NCLL vehicle configuration. All Active NCLL permits have been modified, at no charge, to update the load description and restrictions.

The New Brunswick Special Permits Office is in the process of resending these permits to clients.

Please replace old NCLL permits with the updated permits upon receipt. Information on NCLL Permit applications may be obtained by contacting the Special Permits office at 506-453-2982.

### Did you know that lift axles are now officially recognized in N.B.?

A recent amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act and Regulation 2001-67 has eliminated the need for lift axle permits on legal vehicle configurations with the following provisions:

- Lift axles are not permitted on the steering axle group (ie: tandem steer axle group)
- Lift axles must be part of an axle group configuration that is recognized in NB regulation 2001-67 (tandem drive, tandem equivalent trailer, tridem equivalent trailer, triaxle trailer)
- Lift axles must have the same number and size of tires as the fixed axles in the axle group
- Lift axles must be attached in a manner that achieves load equalisation within the axle group.

Lift axles on a 3-axle trailer 2003 and newer must have an identical pneumatic suspension as the solid axles in the group.

Lift axles on a 3-axle trailer 2002 and earlier may have varying suspension systems until January 1, 2010

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding these changes, please contact the Special Permit Office at 506-453-2982.

## New Miramichi bypass features roundabout

The Miramichi Bypass on Route 8 will include a new traffic control feature called a roundabout, which is similar to a traffic circle. This is expected to greatly improve both safety and efficiency at the intersection of Route 430 and the bypass.

The roundabout includes a mountable concrete truck apron, which provides tractor-trailers or other vehicles towing trailers additional room as they make the turn.

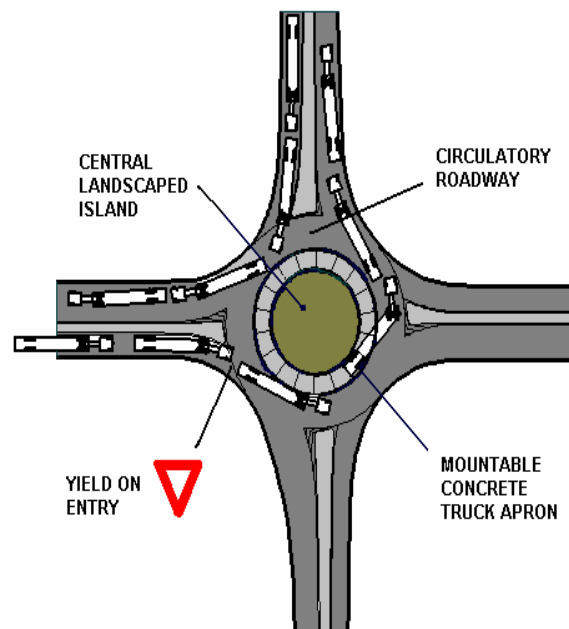
The four-kilometre bypass will allow motorists to travel between the Anderson Bridge and Route 430 on a newly constructed controlled-access highway. The bypass will also direct motorists to take Route 117/Route 8 on the south side of the Miramichi River. Directional signs will be in place to guide drivers.

There are specific rules to follow while driving the roundabout:

All vehicles must yield on entry to traffic already in the roundabout.

Vehicles enter the roundabout to the right when there is an adequate gap in the circulating traffic, and drive in the roundabout.

Vehicles signal to exit at the chosen leg. If the exit is missed, the driver simply goes around again.



## Have a question?

Send us an e-mail using our special e-mail address for truckers!

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