



NIRB File No.: 14YN040

January 27, 2015

The Honourable Paul Quassa
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of University of Laval's "Green Edge" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Paul Quassa:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (NIRB File No. 11YN040).

On December 15, 2014 the NIRB received the University of Laval's (The Proponent) "Green Edge" project proposal from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI). A conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission was not required for this file, as the proposed project is located within a region that does not currently have an approved land use plan in place (South Baffin Region). The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 14YN040 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On December 17, 2014 the NIRB requested that the Proponent provide additional information in support of this proposal, which the NIRB subsequently received on December 18, 2014. After distributing public notice of the screening for this project proposal and receiving comment submissions from interested parties, the NIRB determined that additional clarification was required from the Proponent; a response to comments was provided by the Proponent on January 15, 2015.

Given the need for additional information prior to commencing its assessment of this proposal, and the additional clarification required as a result of issues raised during public consultation, the NIRB is unable to provide a screening decision for University of Laval's "Green Edge" project proposal within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by February 6, 2015.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Marcel Babin, University of Laval
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