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Dear Ms. Kapolak, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Kuliktana, and DCC

RE: NPC File #150543 [CAFATC - Arctic Ops Course 2025]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. The Canadian Armed Forces is proposing to continue its annual Arctic Operations (AO) course, based out of the Canadian Armed Forces Arctic Training Centre (CAFATC) in Resolute, and including patrol deployments to a variety of NU communities in cooperation with the Canadian Rangers (CR).
2. The Arctic Ops 2025 would comprise of approximately 87 CAF and foreign military personnel, and will be conducted from 03 Feb 25 – 21 Mar 2025, a total of seven training weeks. The instructor standardization training (IST) will be conducted concurrently with the candidate's distance learning (DL) portion of the course at CFB Shilo. The residency portion of the course will be conducted in NU. All personnel will deploy north via RCAF or military contracted airlift.
 - The first three weeks of the residency portion of the course is at and around CAFATC, and the final two weeks will involve patrols dispersed throughout NU. The only structures to be erected will be the tents for the students and Rangers.

3. Associated NPC File Nos: 149653; 149917; 149253; 149872; 150178 Related NIRB File No.: 16DN031.
4. Location: Kitimeot and Qikiqtani Regions [multiple communities].

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and conformity determination was issued on January 10, 2022, November 15, 2022, August 8, 2022, November 25, 2019, and January 15, 2024, which still applies. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The project proposal does not require screening because it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement (NA), and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150543>

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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