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Project Type:	Remediation
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Proposed Authorization:	From 2017-05-01 to 2017-12-31
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Non-technical project proposal description

English: The Iqaluit Former Vehicle Dump and Community Landfill (the site) is situated approximately 1.7 km southwest of the City of Iqaluit, Nunavut. The former dump and landfill occupies a total area of approximately 7.25 ha (72,500 m²), which includes the up-gradient debris area and the lower area bordering the Sylvia Grinnell River. The site is adjacent to the Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park protected area and is within the administrative boundaries of Iqaluit as shown on Schedule A of the 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan issued by the Nunavut Planning Commission. The site is located within Nunavut Management Area 53 (Frobisher Bay Watershed). The area was used as a military and municipal landfill starting in the late 1950's and early 1960's. The United States Air Force (USAF) used the site from 1955 to 1963 as a metal dump for vehicles, truck bodies, barrels and scrap metal. The site was believed to be used for the disposal of small quantities of municipal waste from the City of Iqaluit in the 1960's. A few examples of municipal wastes disposed of at the site include food cans and bottles, kitchen appliances, bicycles, tires, wooden pallets, animal remains, water heaters and toys. The site was reportedly abandoned in the 1970s. Upon closure of the site, it is believed that a cap consisting of granular material was placed on top and on the face of the landfill site to cover much of the debris. Transport Canada (TC) proposes to implement a remediation project at the site to address the environmental and physical impacts associated with the historical military and municipal waste disposal at the site. The undertaking is the remediation of the former Iqaluit vehicle dump and community landfill and will include the following main components: • Removal of debris, contaminated soil and hot spot contaminated sediments and consolidation into on-site landfill or disposal off-site, depending on the waste stream. • Engineered decommissioning of the on-site landfill. • Monitoring of the performance of the remediation work. • Temporary diversion of a drainage feature to remove impacted sediments/soil/debris. Improvement of the same drainage feature following the remediation with a rip-rap structure (as required) to act as a passive treatment system for the enhanced recovery of surface water and sediments downstream of the drainage feature. • Swale design to divert precipitation and melt water away from the decommissioned landfill slopes to prevent both erosion and water infiltration. • Collection of surface water samples from ponds and drainage features to monitor the natural recovery following the remediation program. In 2017, a remedial action plan including remedial options evaluation was completed. Alternative methods and locations that were considered included full removal off-site of landfill debris and other scattered debris, engineered wetlands for the treatment of contaminant impacted sediments in downstream ponds, in-situ treatment of soil contamination and managing impacts in place through site-specific contaminated site risk assessment and management. The options were reviewed against a number of screening criteria. The option selected met all screening criteria. Additional details are available in Remedial Action Plan, Former Metal Dump and Community Landfill, Iqaluit, Nunavut. 27 January 2017 Report prepared by Arcadis Canada Inc. for PWGSC. The undertaking will improve the environmental conditions of the site and enhance the quality of the downstream surface water environment.

French:

Inuktitut:

Personnel

Personnel on site: 15

Days on site: 140
Total Person days: 2100
Period of operation: from 2017-05-01 to 2017-12-31
Proposed term of operation: from 2017-05-01 to 2017-12-31

ACTIVITIES

Project Activities

Location	Activity Type	Land Status	Site History	Site Archaeological or Palentological Value	Proximity to the nearest communities and any protected areas
TC Iqaluit Landfill 2	Site Cleanup/Remediation	Commissioners	The area was used as a military and municipal landfill starting in the late 1950's and early 1960's. The United States Air Force (USAF) used the site from 1955 to 1963 as a metal dump for vehicles, truck bodies, barrels and scrap metal. The site was believed to be used for the disposal of small quantities of municipal waste from the City of Iqaluit in the 1960's. A few examples of municipal wastes disposed of at the site include food cans and bottles, kitchen appliances, bicycles, t	Not applicable	The project is situated approximately 1.7 km southwest of the City of Iqaluit, Nunavut. The site is adjacent to the Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park protected area and is within the administrative boundaries of Iqaluit as shown on Schedule A of the 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan issued by the Nunavut Planning Commission. The site is located within Nunavut Management Area 53 (Frobisher Bay Watershed).

Community Involvement and Regional Benefits

Community	Name	Organization	Date Contacted
Iqaluit	Mélodie Simard	City of Iqaluit	2016-11-01
Iqaluit	P.J. Akeegok	Qikiqtani Inuit Association	2016-11-01
Iqaluit		Government of Nunavut (Department of Economic Development and Transportation and Department of Environment)	2016-11-01
Iqaluit		Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated	2016-11-01

AUTHORIZATIONS

Project Locations

South Baffin

Project Authorization

Authorizing Agency	Authorization Description	Current Status	Date Issued / Applied	Expiry Date
Nunavut Water Board	Submitted application via e-mail and mail on Friday, March 3, 2017. Anticipated that project will require a type "B" licence	Applied, Decision Pending		

MATERIAL USE

Equipment to be used (including drills, pumps, aircraft, vehicles etc.)

Equipment Type	Quantity	Size - Dimensions	Proposed Use
Excavator	1	350	Earth moving
Dump Truck	1	Tandem	Earth moving
Bulldozer	1	D6	Earthwork
Pickup Truck	1	1500/2500	Personnel
Grader	1	Unknown	Road Maintenance
Backhoe	1	100 HP	Earthwork

Detail Fuel and Hazardous Material Use

Fuel / Material	Type	Number of Containers	Container Capacity	Total Amount	Units	Proposed Use
Other	fuel	0	0	0	Liters	No fuel storage on-site. Will be transported to site in slip tanks and machinery will be fueled at a designated fueling station straight from the slip tank. All fuel storage will be off-site
Hazardous Materials and Chemicals	hazardous	0	0	0	Liters	Not applicable. No storage of chemicals is to take place on-site. All chemical storage will be at the contractor's premises in Iqaluit.

Project Water Consumption

Daily Amount (m3)	Proposed Water Retrieval Methods	Proposed Water Retrieval Location
0	Environmental sampling will be conducted manually by dipping sample containers directly into water bodies. No equipment will be used. 0.1 m3 total water withdrawal for the entire life of project	On-site ponds and drainage features.

WASTE

Waste Management

Project Activity	Type of Waste	Projected Amount Generated	Method of Disposal	Additional Treatment Procedures
Site Cleanup/Remediation	Combustible wastes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Site Cleanup/Remediation	Greywater	N/A	N/A	N/A
Site Cleanup/Remediation	Hazardous waste	1040m3	Off-site disposal at licensed facility	N/A
Site Cleanup/Remediation	Non-Combustible wastes	3629 m3	Consolidation into on-site landfill	N/A
Site Cleanup/Remediation	Overburden (organic soil, waste material, tailings)	700m3	Disposal at Iqaluit Land Treatment Unit or removal to the south	N/A
Site Cleanup/Remediation	Sewage (human waste)	N/A	There will be on-site portable lavatories and refuse will be disposed of at the Iqaluit municipal sewage lagoon.	N/A

Environmental Impacts

See attached document.

DETAILS PART 2

Project General Information

See attached Non-Technical Project Information.

DFO Operational Statement of Conformity

N/A

Transportation

Access from the City of Iqaluit on existing roadways.

Camp Site

N/A

Equipment

See previous "Material Use" section.

Water

See previous "Material Use" section.

Waste Water (Grey water, Sewage, Other)

See previous "Waste" section.

Fuel

See previous "Material Use" section.

Chemical and Hazardous Material

See previous "Material Use" section.

Workforce and Human Resources / Socio-Economic Impacts

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), on behalf of Transport Canada, will tender the project on Buyandsell.gc.ca to procure the services required to undertake this project at the best value for Canadians.

Public Involvement / Traditional Knowledge

See previous "Activities" section with respect to Community Involvement

SECTION F: Site Cleanup/Remediation: Project Information

The site covers an area of approximately 72,500 m². The site is situated on an escarpment leading to the Sylvia Grinnell River and has several shallow ravines and coulees partially filled with metal debris. The debris is scattered over a large area and consists of vehicles, equipment, barrels, and scrap metal. There are four areas of environmental (AECs) concern at the site as follows: AEC 1 – Upgradient Buried Debris, AEC 2 – Vehicle Dump, AEC 3 – Main Landfill, and AEC 4 – Downgradient, Off-site. See attached Figures 1 and 2 and Section 3.2 and Section 5 of the attached Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for more details regarding the location, type, and quantities of contaminants to be cleaned up. The RAP provides an evaluation of the remedial options that were considered for addressing the physical and environmental impacts at the site. In summary, the selected remedial option is as follows: The options were considered against predefined objectives that included minimizing human health and safety risks at the site; protecting ecological habitats; minimizing impacts during remediation; minimize long-term care and maintenance; and blending the final site conditions with the natural environment where possible while being cost-effective and technically feasible. The option selected targets the offsite disposal of significantly impacted soils and sediments, the offsite removal of selected debris based on their waste stream category, the onsite consolidation of debris and comingling impacted soils, the engineered decommissioning of the site main landfill and the natural recovery of the remaining surface water and sediment impacts. Please see Section 7 of the RAP for a detailed discussion of the selected remedial option. Silt fencing will be employed at all down-gradient locations and dust suppression will be implemented as needed. Select contouring will be implemented to match existing conditions as much as possible. It is estimated that approximately 275 m³ of petroleum hydrocarbon impacted soil will be mechanically removed and disposed of in a licensed land treatment unit in Iqaluit. Impacted soil will be directly loaded onto trucks for disposal and will not be stockpiled on-site. Non-hazardous metal debris such as barrels will be crushed and/or cut up in situ using an excavator and will be incorporated into the main landfill.

Description of Existing Environment: Physical Environment

Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park, the oldest of Nunavut's territorial parks borders the site to the northwestern extent. Sylvia Grinnell Park is divided in two by the Sylvia Grinnell River. The park plays a vital role in the community of Iqaluit by providing an important fishing ground for Arctic Char. The Sylvia Grinnell River is the principal drainage system in the region which discharges into Frobisher Bay. The river is influenced by the tidal action of the ocean which has some of the largest tides in Canada. The river is a major migratory route for Arctic Char. The natural drainage around the project area is influenced by the bedrock structure and numerous small, elongated ponds that have formed along fault lines and joints. The ponds are shallow (approximately less than 0.5 m deep), and are poorly drained. The high ratio of sediment surface to pond volume allows maximal exchange between the sediment and the water. In the winter, the ponds are frozen to the bottom. There are four large ponds and two smaller ponds. There are small intermittent drainages that join these water bodies. Three of these ponds experience influx of brackish ocean water twice daily (ponds 1, 3, and 4). The other three ponds are considered to be under a freshwater environment (ponds 2, 5 and 6). Two of these ponds (ponds 5 and 6) appear to play a crucial role in naturally attenuating sediment and surface water contaminants prior to discharge into the Sylvia Grinnell River. The project area is characterized by rolling terrain that slopes towards the Sylvia Grinnell River. The bedrock over which the metal debris was dumped is approximately 30 m above the River valley. Local terrain consists mainly of bare rocky outcrops with a thin layer of glacial and marine sediments in low lying areas between outcrops. The elevation of the landfill site is approximately 30 to 35 metres above sea level (m asl) and the Sylvia Grinnell River is at approximately 0 to 5 m asl (<http://atlas.nrcan.gc.ca>). The area is underlain by continuous permafrost. Soils are nutrient-poor, silty, shallow and have little, if any profile development. The topography, structural geology and drainage of the study area follow a northwest-southeast trend. Ground cover is a combination of black, silty sand with organic soil, bedrock outcrops, grass and lichens. Iqaluit is located within an arctic climatic zone despite being well outside of the Arctic Circle. The average daily temperature range is -28oC to 7.7 oC. The area is characterized by very cold winters and short summers that permit the growth of very small, stunted trees. The average monthly temperature is below freezing for eight months of the year. The average annual precipitation is 412.1 mm, which is much wetter than many other localities in the Canadian Arctic islands. There is 198.3 mm annual rainfall and 235.8 mm annual snowfall (www.climate.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca).

Description of Existing Environment: Biological Environment

The project area is characterized by a combination of bare rocky outcrops, grasses, and lichens. To determine if the site is part of or is near to a critical wildlife habitat, the network of protected areas administered by Environment Canada was reviewed. The network, which includes migratory bird sanctuaries, national wildlife areas, and marine wildlife areas, represents diverse habitats protected under federal legislation. In addition, a territorial search for information related to critical wildlife habitat was also conducted. The distribution data provided by Environment Canada and the Government of Nunavut are based on limited available information. Due to the dynamic nature of species distribution, the data provided does not represent an exhaustive and comprehensive inventory of a species' current distribution. Results of the searches are presented in Section 3.4.4, Table 3 of the RAP. According to the Species at Risk web mapping application and the Nunavut Department of Environment website, no species are listed as threatened within the Killiniq region. Based on the Nunavut Wild Species 2000 report, the subject sites are within the range of three sensitive species: the wolverine, grey wolf and the polar bear. Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park is also home to Arctic Hare, Arctic Fox, Caribou, lemmings and other small mammals. Polar Bear have even been sighted on occasion, although they do not frequent the area. The park also plays a significant role in bird migration and over 40 species have been recorded in the park at different times of the year. The park is also the most southern breeding ground for the Ringed Plover. The local vegetation above and below the cliff consists of wet grassland tundra species including mosses, grasses and sedges. On the cliff and bedrock outcrops vegetation is sparse and consists of lichens with patches of grasses and mosses.

Description of Existing Environment: Socioeconomic Environment

The project is located within the municipality of Iqaluit and is adjacent to Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park and Iqaluit Airport.

Identification of Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures

See attached "Summary of Potential Environmental and Resource Impacts"

Cumulative Effects

An overall improvement on the current situation is expected and it is not likely that the project will result in any cumulative effects.

IMPACTS

TABLE 1 - IDENTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

	P H Y S I C A L																B I O L O G I C A L																S O C I O - E C O N O M I C															
	Designated environmental areas																Wildlife, including habitat and migration patterns																Archaeological and cultural historic sites															
	Ground stability																Birds, including habitat and migration patterns																Employment															
	Permafrost																Aquatic species, incl. habitat and migration/spawning																Community wellness															
	Hydrology / Limnology																Wildlife protected areas																Community infrastructure															
	Water quality																Human health																															
	Climate conditions																																															
	Eskers and other unique or fragile landscapes																																															
	Surface and bedrock geology																																															
	Sediment and soil quality																																															
	Tidal processes and bathymetry																																															
	Air quality																																															
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Project Map



