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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Richard Dwyer, Tracie McCaie, DFO, Wynter Kuliktana, Stephanie Coulombe:

RE: NPC File # 150277 [Permafrost dynamics in response to climate change on Victoria Island, Nunavut]

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

1. Continue sampling and taking readings on permafrost at various locations in southern Victoria Island.
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: The proponent is proposing to the same project scope and is now investigating the effect of changing permafrost on other features of the Arctic environment. Additional fieldwork techniques, including water sampling to examine chemical composition, would be used to achieve this objective. Associated NPC File No: 149749, 148796, 150058; Related NIRB File No: 18YN020.
3. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Victoria Island near Cambridge Bay]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal, and a decision was issued on May 17, 2022, March 21, 2018, and April 13, 2023, that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 18YN020).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the currently proposed activities does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=150277&sessionid=>

This decision 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.

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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