From: Lyle Whyte, Prof.
To: Info; Jaida Ohokannoak
Cc: Mira Okshevsky; Yanna Altshuler; Cote, Mosha; Nancy Amarualik
Subject: Re: NIRB 125469/19YN022: Comments Received for McGill University's "Evaluation of natural bioremediation potential of Arctic beaches" Project Proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 8:20:06 AM
Attachments: Letter to HTA June14.docx

Dear Jaida, Andreas,

Thank you for the update on our NIRB application.

As I understand it, Mira has talked to Jaida on Friday regarding the problems raised from the first NIRB review to how best proceed.

During the Friday conversation, Jaida indicated that we should contact the Resolute HTA directly to discuss the problem of doing the proposed research in what was defined by the Resolute HTA in a "no research area" due to their hunting activities.

In this respect, we have done the following:

a. On Friday, we spoke with Nancy Amarualik at the Resolute HTA who advised us to write a letter to the Resolute HTA (please see attached).

b. The letter indicates that we are certainly willing to move the research site to outside of the "no research area zone" and would need their help in identifying an appropriate location for conducting this research. This could either be done before we arrive at Resolute on July 2 if the Resolute HTA can provide us with a map of the "no research area". And, in any case, the first thing we would do upon arrival in Resolute is meet with the Resolute HTA ~ July 3 to come to a final agreement on where to set the experiments up that would be acceptable to the Resolute HTA.

c. Nancy also indicated to us on Monday that the Resolute HTA will be meeting on July 24 to go over our response.

Please advise if the above actions are appropriate and sufficient to address this issue and / or if there are other actions we could do to expedite this.

Please note that our First Air Tickets are for a July 2 departure to Resolute Bay.

Please also note the following in terms of the field research proposed as we think our impact will be minimal …

a. there will only be 3 people staying at PCSP (not 6 as indicated on the original PCSP application) and then taking short day trips (3-5 hours) for about 5-6 days to set up the experiments and collect some beach sediment samples (10 kg) for lab analyses in Montreal.

b. in terms of logistics, we need to get to the beach site by a truck or by ATVs (although once we get close, we would have to hike 100 to 200 m to get to the actual beach site, meaning no vehicles will be on the beach, just 3 people with 1-2 coolers and some shovels.

c. as indicated to Nancy, we really want to hire a local student or young person to help us out in setting up the experiments learning what and why we are up to and which will also be a way for this person to ensure we are not interfering with any local hunting activities.

Thanks for all of your help with this and please advise if we missed something.

Sincerely

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From: Yanna Altshuler
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 6:28 PM
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Subject: Hi Nancy- Letter to HTA

Hi Nancy,

Thank you for talking to me on the phone today.

Like you suggested, I wrote a letter to HTA board about our rejected project. I want to figure out a place that would be Ok for us to do our small project.

Could you please take the letter to them?

Thank you for all the help.

The letter is attached.

-Ianina (Yanna)

On Jun 17, 2019, at 1:31 PM, Mira Okshevsky <mira.okshevsky@mail.mcgill.ca> wrote:

Hi Lyle,
Andrea Omilgoitok is an Environmental Administrator at the NIRB and has been very helpful. She can be reached at: info@nirb.ca

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From: NIRB Enterprise Management System <noreply@nirb.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 12:25 PM
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Subject: NIRB 125469/19YN022: Comments Received for McGill University's "Evaluation of natural bioremediation potential of Arctic beaches" Project Proposal

14-Jun-2019

Dear Lyle Whyte,

As you are aware, on June 3, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) requested comments regarding McGill University's "Evaluation of natural bioremediation potential of Arctic beaches" (NIRB: 19YN022; NPC: 149103). The NIRB requested that these comments be provided by June 13, 2019.

Please be advised that on or before June 14, 2019 the NIRB received comments from the following parties:

- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
- Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association (Resolute Bay HTA)

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125469.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Manager, Impact Assessment directly via email at sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Best regards,

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