

June 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

To: Resolute Bay Hunter and Trappers Association

Hello HTA Board Members,

We are contacting you because our application for the "Evaluation of natural bioremediation potential of Arctic beaches" (NIRB: 19YN022; NPC: 149103) was rejected. We understand that our project was rejected because the beaches are in no research area because it is Resolute people hunting area. We completely understand this reason and we are sorry that we did not know this before.

One of the suggestions you made was that we should do the project somewhere else. We were hoping to get advice on a good location for us to do the project that will be acceptable to you? We would like to find a beach location that will not interfere with the fishing and hunting land of people in Resolute. You can fully decide on the location that is acceptable for us to go. We can also go far away from Resolute Bay based on your recommendation. Also, our research will not damage the beach in any way and it will be completely open to anyone from Resolute during the project. We are hoping to take some small samples of the soil and bury for a short time very small plates (15cm) in the dirt.

If it is possible, we would like to involve someone from the Resolute community on the project with us. This way we can make sure we are not accidentally in the land that is being used for fishing and hunting. This person would also help us with the project set up. We have sent a job application to HTA to look for this person. We are hoping that the HTA committee would know someone from Resolute that would be good to hire for this.

Any advice from you would be very helpful.

Thank you,

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