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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Richard Dwyer, Tracie McCaie, Cory Barker, and Amber Vidal:

RE: NPC File # 150970 [OP Nanook Nunaliivut 2026]

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

- 1) **Primary land use:** Military Training Exercise
- 2) **Project summary description:** Operation NA-NU 26 will deploy up to 800 CAF personnel to Inuvik, Yellowknife, and Cambridge Bay. Joint Task Force Nunaliivut will conduct patrols, air and convoy operations, ice diving, and weapons training, while testing new northern equipment. Operations will focus around Cambridge Bay, with an advance team arriving February 11 to set up headquarters and logistics, followed by additional personnel February 13–15 to manage northern activities.
- 3) **Summary of modifications:** A winter military exercise based out of Cambridge Bay with snowmobile patrols, helicopter reconnaissance, convoy training with armoured vehicles and artillery, under-ice diving, and a parachute-inserted team. Personnel would rotate in and out through February and early March 2026, using a mix of tented camps and contracted accommodations. Fuel cache to be established at NWS Site PIN-D with fuel widely distributed in small portable containers (jerry cans and drums), with daily diesel resupply for heaters and generators.
- 4) **Associated NPC Files:** 148197; 148373; 148656; 148867; 148932; 149149; 149253; 150176; **NIRB File:** 19DN049; 16DN063, 16DN004
- 5) **Location:** Kitikmeot Region; [several sites near Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk]

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 has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 19DN049;16DN063, 16DN004).

This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of a winter military exercise near the community of Cambridge Bay does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended 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/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150970>

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 'S.A.', with a horizontal line extending from the 'A'.

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