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Dear Mosha Cote, Daniel Haney, Tina Nleya, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Alexander Stubbing, Geoff Clark, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, Talia Maksagak, and Kate Smith:

RE: NPC File # 149787 [ms GREG MORTIMER - Arctic Cruises - 2022]

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

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1. **Marine-based Activities:** small expedition cruise vessel M/V GREG MORTIMER, (132 passengers + 109 crew members) run by Aurora Expeditions will transit Nunavut in the late summer/early fall of both 2022 and 2023 as part of a set of commercial tourism voyages focusing on the 'north-west' passage between Greenland (Kangerlussuaq) and Cambridge Bay. Itinerary is presented below:
 - a. Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Cambridge Bay, Canada from August 25, 2022, to September 08, 2022.
 - b. Cambridge Bay, Canada to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland from September 08, 2022, to September 22, 2022.
 - c. Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Cambridge Bay, Canada from August 24, 2023, to September 07, 2023.
 - d. Cambridge Bay, Canada to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland from September 07, 2023, to September 21, 2023.
2. **Tourism Activities:** Zodiac cruises, sea kayaking, citizen science and shore excursions which may involve guided walks/hikes, wildlife viewing, visiting historical monuments and/or observing areas of geological interest or striking scenery.
3. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk [several communities, and islands throughout the Northwest Passage]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP. The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149787&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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