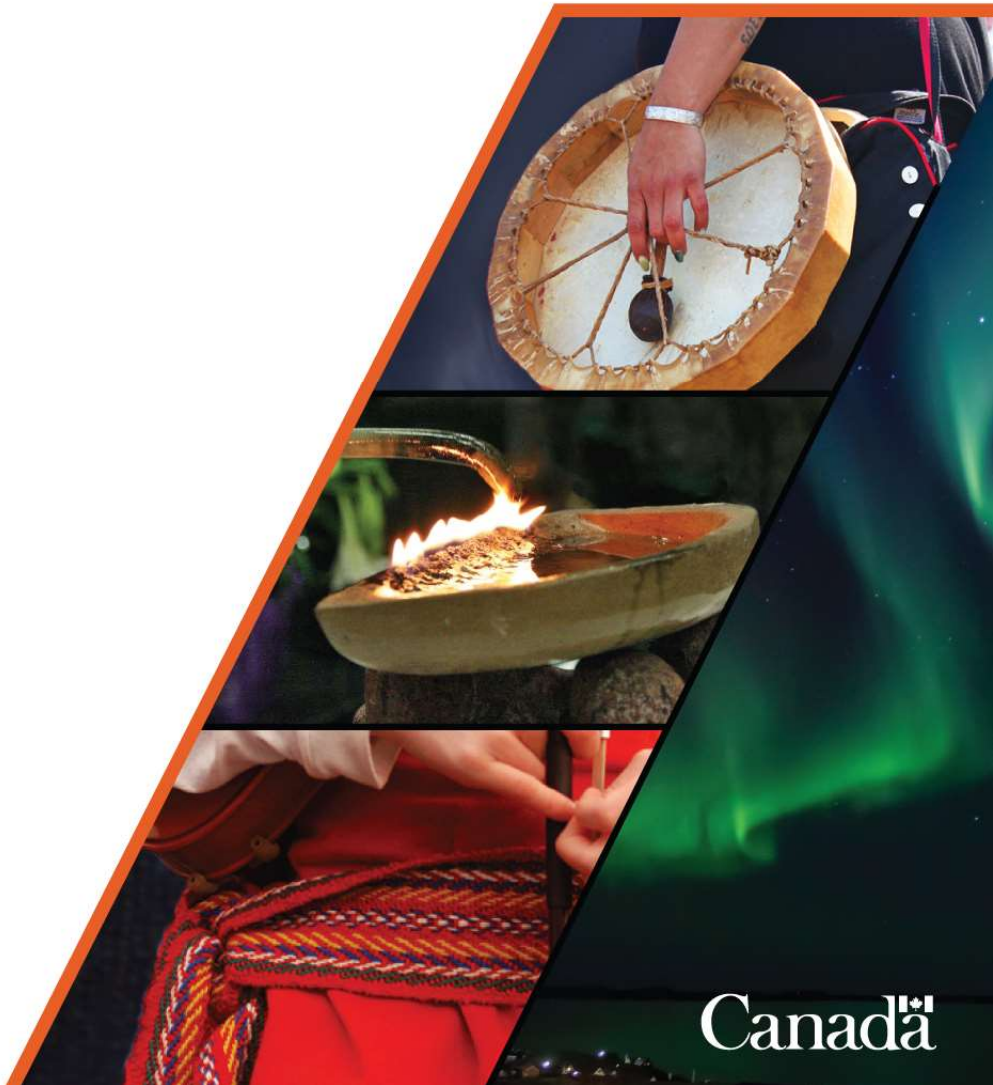




CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Université Laval's "Hudson Bay System Paleoceanography" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Université Laval's "Hudson Bay System Paleoceanography" Project Proposal

Dear Keith Morrison,

On August 4, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Université Laval's "Hudson Bay System Paleoceanography" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to NIRB'S request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal

CIRNAC 1: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC appreciates the effort the Proponent has made in contacting the Community Liaison Officers for Kinngait and Kimmirut, and Hunters and Trappers Organization of Sanikiluaq. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent:

- Continues consulting with relevant interested Inuit, hamlets, and community organizations; and
- Considers consulting with other relevant interested Inuit, hamlets, and community organizations, such as those in Coral Harbour, Repulse Bay, Nunavik, and Nunatsiavut.

As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members, local guides who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses, and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.



CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Courtney White by e-mail at courtney.white@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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