



NIRB File No.: 23YN040
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Sent via email: t.adeleke@iqaluit.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for City of Iqaluit's "Long Term Water Project - Geotechnical Investigations" project proposal

Dear Tamilore Adeleke:

On June 23, 2023 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen City of Iqaluit's (Iqaluit) "Long Term Water Project - Geotechnical Investigations" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

On August 8, 2023 the NIRB received the complete application from the Proponent.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **23YN040** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

Project:	Long Term Water Project - Geotechnical Investigations
Region:	Qikiqtani
Closest Community:	Iqaluit
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to conduct geotechnical drilling to determine the best route for a water pipeline.

Project Timeline:	Proposed 2023 to 2024
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According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Drilling of up to 24 boreholes;
- Use of
 - Borehole Drilling Machine;
 - Flatbed Truck;
 - Support Vehicle;
 - Diesel and gasoline, and
 - Anti-Freeze.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125845 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application*
- *Commission Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Indicative Borehole Locations*
- *Map*
- *Geotechnical Investigations Proposal*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by the City of Iqaluit project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **September 19, 2023**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;

- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125845.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-983-4617 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Keith Morrison
Manager Impact Assessment
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (6): Public Notice of Screening (English, French and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, French and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
City of Iqaluit
Jared Ottenhoff, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
William Patch, Community and Government Services
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Mosha Cote, Nunavut Research Institute
Tracey McCaie, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada