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Sent via email: lhauilli@pulaarvik.ca

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Pulaarvik Kablu Friendship Center's "Access Trail to Campsite" project proposal

Dear Linda Hauilli:

On November 23, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Pulaarvik Kublu Friendship Center's "Access Trail to campsite" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On April 3, 2024, the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by April 24, 2024.

On or before April 24, 2024, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- *Government of Nunavut*
- *Transport Canada*

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125847.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

Government of Nunavut

- Request that the Proponent revise their screening application to include information regarding where aggregate would be sourced;
- Request that the Proponent revise their screening application to include specific information regarding when construction would take place to ensure wildlife, particularly caribou is minimized;
- Recommends that the Proponent provide an assessment of the potential cumulative impacts of the proposed project, the GN recommends the Proponent accomplish this through the

collection of knowledge from caribou experts, wildlife boards/organizations, as well as existing scientific data including GN telemetry data;

- Recommends that the Proponent develop a management plan for the access trail that aligns with AEM's AWAR and its management and mitigation measures;
- Recommends that the Proponent also develop a spill contingency and response plan;
- Recommendations are as follows:
 - A qualified archaeologist must apply for a Class 2 permit in order to conduct a field archaeological assessment of any areas subject to ground disturbance activities (access road, camp location and associated components);
 - Assessment of any borrow sources/quarries that will be used to obtain aggregate for construction;
 - Recommends that the applicant avoids conducting activities in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of archaeological/historical sites. If archaeological sites or features are encountered, activities should immediately be interrupted and moved away from this location. Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to our office.
- The applicant must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that no heritage resource sites are disturbed in the course of their activities. No person shall alter, or otherwise disturb an archaeological site, or remove any artifact from an archaeological site. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.

The NIRB would like to provide Pulaarvik Kublu Friendship Center with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **May 24, 2024**.

If Pulaarvik Kublu Friendship Center determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4616 or femingak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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