



NIRB File No.: 20UA005

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Re: Notice of Screening for Parks Canada's Douglas Harbour Shelter Amendment project proposal

Dear Ronald J Oolooyuk:

On March 12, 2024 the NIRB received a referral to screen Parks Canada's (PC) "Douglas Harbour Shelter Amendment" project proposal directly from Parks Canada pursuant to s. 167 of the *NuPPAA*. The NIRB noted that the proposed project would be located within the Ukkusiksalik National Park and pursuant to s. 70(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the Nunavut Planning Commission conformity determination process does not apply.¹ As a result, pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 87 of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **20UA005**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On June 27, 2024 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125894.

¹ Subsection 70(1) states of the *NuPPAA*: This Part and the broad planning policies, priorities and objectives, the specific planning objectives and any land use plan, established under this Part, do not apply in respect of a park that has been established or to a historic place that has been designated under the *Historic Sites and Monuments Act* and is administered by the Parks Canada Agency.

The following table provides a summary of the *original* project as previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 20UN005):

Project:	Douglas Harbour Shelter				
Region:	Kivalliq				
Location:	Ukkusiksalik National Park				
Closest Community:	Naujaat	Distance (approximate)	140 kilometres (km)	Direction	Southwest
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to conduct clean-up and removal of a destroyed Government of Nunavut (GN) cabin, and construction of a new hard-sided shelter for park staff, visitors and community members to use for operational, visitation, harvesting or emergency purposes.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	April 2020 to May 2020.				

The following table provides a summary of the current *amended* project as proposed by PC:

Amended Project:	Douglas Harbour Shelter Amendment				
Region:	The project would be located in the same area as previously approved and would be located within the Kivalliq region.				
Location:	Ukkusiksalik National Park				
Closest Community:	Naujaat	Distance (approximate)	140 kilometres (km)	Direction	Southwest
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to amend the scope of previously approved activities to Include use of sand, gravel, and boulders from the shore area.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	2024 to 2030				

According to the current project proposal, the scope of the amended project includes the following additional undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of sand and rocks from shoreline for supporting structures.

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 at www.nirb.ca/project/125894 and include:

- *PC Referral*
- *NIRB Application*
- *New Cabin Area Photo*
- *Project Environment Diagram Photo*
- *Proposed Cabin with Scale Photo*

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 Parks Canada's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 25, 2024**.

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/125894.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. M.', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith Morrison
Manager Impact Assessment
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachments: Appendix A: Previously-Screened Project Proposals

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Jane Chisholm, Parks Canada
Marie-Claude Martel, Parks Canada
Hamlet of Naujaat
Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet
Hamlet of Baker Lake

APPENDIX A: PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSALS

The original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 20UN005), was received by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) from Parks Canada on February 25, 2020.

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Project Proposed Timeline:	April 2020 to May 2020.				

According to the previously screened project proposal, the scope of the project included the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of snowmobiles and qamutiks for transporting of personnel and equipment to and from the temporary camp site;
- Establishment of a temporary camp in the vicinity of the destroyed GN cabin:
 - Capacity of up to 12 people;
 - To include sleeping tents, canvas kitchen tent, outhouse tent and encompassing electric bear fence;
 - Use of camp while conducting removal of GN cabin and construction of new shelter;
- Clean-up and removal of GN cabin materials:
 - Breakdown and removal of all material related to the destroyed cabin;
 - Transport all materials to Naujaat for disposal in municipal landfill;
 - Hazardous materials to be sealifted south for disposal in an appropriate facility;
- Construction of 12'x16' hard-sided shelter and outhouse approximately four (4) kilometres west of the previous GN cabin location:
 - Potential for snow removal around base of structure;
 - Placement of above-ground timber footings;
 - Outhouse to use 45 gallon drum to collect waste once shelter is built with wastes to be removed and disposed of at capacity in Naujaat;
- Transport, storage and use of gasoline for snowmobiles and generator;
- Use of snow, ice and water from nearby lake for domestic purposes;
- Production of greywater and human waste; and;
- Removal of wastes for proper disposal.