



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Parks Canada “Douglas Harbour Shelter Amendment” Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Parks Canada “Douglas Harbour Shelter Amendment” Project Proposal

Dear Keith Morrison,

On July 15, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Parks Canada “Douglas Harbour Shelter Amendment” project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB’s request:

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

CIRNAC #1: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Ukkusiksalik Park Management Committee; the communities of Naujaat, Coral Harbour, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, and Rankin Inlet and their respective Hunters and Trappers Organizations and Associations; as well other relevant organizations and individuals who may have an interest in the project.

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

- Incorporation of Inuit Qaujjimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional harvesting activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent disturbance to sites with cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and



- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC #2: Protection of Heritage Resources

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent engage with the Government of Nunavut's Territorial Archaeologist (Department of Heritage and Culture) to ensure project activities, particularly the removal of sand and rocks from shoreline areas, are planned and implemented in ways that prevent or acceptably mitigate potential impacts to the territory's heritage resources.

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

Sincerely,



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