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**Re: NIRB Scoping and Guidelines Tour for West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.'s "Grays Bay Road and Port" Project Proposal**

Dear Mayors:

On March 11, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) commenced the Review for West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.'s "Grays Bay Road and Port" project proposal (NIRB File No.: 24XN038; the Project Proposal) which included details on the upcoming public Scoping and Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines sessions in Nunavut.

West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. is proposing to build, operate, and maintain: a deep-water port at Grays Bay; a 230-kilometre controlled access all-season road; a station at the former Jericho mine site; and an ice road to connect with the Nunavut/Northwest Territories Border. The Grays Bay Road and other associated facilities would be open year-round; however, the port at Grays Bay would accept vessels only during the open water season. The Project Proposal would start construction in December 2029 and be constructed over the course of five (5) years and is designed to operate for approximately 75 years.

All information related to the NIRB's Review of this Project Proposal can be accessed online from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Grays Bay Road and Port
- NIRB File No.: 24XN038
- Application No.: 125987

The NIRB has scheduled public Scoping and IS Guidelines Sessions in the communities potentially affected by the Project Proposal in both Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. These public meetings are to advise community members about the NIRB's review process steps, engage the public during the early stages of the Review process and to facilitate meaningful engagement with communities by the proposed "Grays Bay Road and Port" project. The Nunavut schedule for the public meetings are as follows:

COMMUNITY	LOCATION	DATE
Kugaaruk	Kugaaruk Community Hall	April 22 and 23, 2025
Taloyoak	Taloyoak Community Hall	April 24 and 25, 2025
Gjoa Haven	Gideon Memorial Community Hall	April 28 and 29, 2025
Kugluktuk	Colin Adjun Hall	April 30 and May 1, 2025
Cambridge Bay	Luke Novoligak Community Hall	May 2 and 5, 2025

The public meetings will consist of afternoon and evening sessions, reoccurring over two (2) days in each location.

TIME	SESSIONS	WHAT'S IT ABOUT?
2:00pm-4:00 pm	Open House	Drop-ins are welcome. Community members can stop by to discuss the project with the NIRB staff, get acquainted with the NIRB's process and the steps to participate.
Starting at 6:30pm	Community Roundtable	The NIRB staff will deliver a presentation and provide all participants with an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the project, with a focus on the <i>draft</i> Scope and <i>draft</i> IS Guidelines

The NIRB's staff will deliver a formal presentation and provide parties with an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the Review of the proposed "Grays Bay Road and Port" project proposal. The objectives of these public scoping sessions are to:

- Explain the NIRB's Review process, including how members of the public can become involved and participate;
- Inform the public of the proposed project under Review;
- Work with members of the public to identify Valued Ecosystem Components and Valued Socio-Economic Components that should be considered in the NIRB's Review of the proposed project; and,

- Work with members of the public to identify information requirements and issues of particular relevance to the community and the public potentially affected by the Project.

By copy of this letter the NIRB extends an invitation to your organizations to participate in these meetings to discuss the Project and any associated concerns or input you may wish to provide.

Please note that your organizations were included on the distribution of previous correspondence starting the assessment, and in addition would hope that you will participate in these in-person meetings and have your voice heard in the NIRB's assessment of the project proposal and that you will encourage others in your community to attend. We look forward to meeting your community in April and May.

Should you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the "Grays Bay Road and Port" project proposal, please contact Leila Cai, Impact Assessment Officer, at [lcai@nirb.ca](mailto:lcai@nirb.ca) or (867)-983-4603, or Kelli Gillard, Manager, Impact Assessment at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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