Next Step in NIRB Review of the Grays Bay Road and Port Project
NIRB File No.: 24XN038

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To: Gavin Law
Environment Manager,
West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.

Sent via email

Re: **Receipt of Responses to Information Requests for the NIRB's Assessment of the "Grays Bay Road and Port" Project Proposal**

Dear Parties:

On October 23, 2026, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.'s responses to Information Requests for the "Grays Bay Road and Port" project proposal which are accessible online at NIRB Public Registry.

> **The NIRB is initiating the next step in the Review process by inviting parties to develop Technical Comments on the Impact Statement. Comments should be submitted to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca by January 15, 2027.**

NIRB Call for Technical Review Comments

As part of this next step in the Review process, parties are requested to provide a substantive and qualitative review of the Impact Statement and additional responses to the Information Requests. To assist parties in preparing their submissions, Appendix A of this letter provides important guidance regarding the format and context for Technical Review Comments.

In general, Technical Review Comments can originate from any party involved in the assessment and should provide the following information and context:

- A determination as to whether the party agrees or disagrees with the conclusions in the Impact Statement regarding alternatives, environmental impacts, proposed mitigation, significance of impacts, and monitoring measures, including reasons supporting the determination;
- A determination of whether the conclusions drawn in the Impact Statement are supported by the analysis and evidence, including reasons supporting the determination;
- A determination of whether appropriate methodology was used to develop the conclusions, including reasons and any proposed alternative methodologies that may be more appropriate, where applicable;

- An assessment of the quality and presentation of the information provided in the Impact Statement and IR responses;
- Any comments regarding additional information that would be useful in assessing impacts, including reasons supporting the comments; and
- Any recommendations for further data collection, analysis, mitigation, or monitoring that may be required to ensure potential effects are appropriately assessed and minimized.

Following the submission of Technical Review Comments, the NIRB will provide West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. (the Proponent) with an opportunity to review and respond to the comments received prior to the Technical Meetings. This step is intended to provide clarification, address outstanding technical questions and concerns, and help identify matters requiring further discussion during the Technical Meetings.

Questions should be directed to the undersigned at apourmahabadian@nirb.ca. or 1-866-233-3033 ext. 545.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosed: Appendix A: Format for Technical Review Comments

APPENDIX A: FORMAT FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENTS

Format and File Size Considerations

Submissions **must** be in a fully functional, electronically searchable Word and PDF file with the latest version of Adobe and no larger than 25MB. If the document is larger than 25MB, then multiple files may be required for the submission.

Technical Review Comments

Technical Review Comments are intended to provide a substantive and qualitative review of the Impact Statement and the information provided in response to Information Requests. Comments should clearly identify the party's position, the supporting rationale, and any recommendation proposed to address an identified issue. In general, the NIRB expects parties to provide:

- a determination as to whether the party agrees or disagrees with the conclusions in the Impact Statement regarding alternatives, environmental impacts, proposed mitigation, significance of impacts, and monitoring measures, with reasons supporting the determination;
- a determination of whether the conclusions are supported by the analysis and evidence, with reasons supporting the determination;
- a determination of whether appropriate methodology was used to develop the conclusions, with alternative methodologies identified where appropriate;
- an assessment of the quality and presentation of the information in the Impact Statement and IR responses;
- comments regarding additional information that would be useful in assessing impacts, with reasons supporting the comments; and
- recommendations for further data collection, analysis, mitigation, or monitoring that may be required.

Technical Review Comments can originate from any party involved in the assessment.

Submissions must clearly identify the specific issue or concern, provide a rationale supporting the party's position, and a recommendation for resolution (where possible). The NIRB will post all submissions to the public registry, forward comments to the Proponent and other parties as appropriate and use the comments to inform the next steps of the technical review process. Use the following format:

Comment Source:	Identify the organization/department/intervenor submitting the comment.
Comment #:	Each specific Technical Review Comment must be numbered to allow for effective cross-referencing of the submission.
Subject:	Identify the issue; list the general subject or topic associated with the comment (e.g., monitoring of sediment quality).
Reference:	Provide reference to the applicable volume, document, section, and/or page in the Impact Statement or IR response linking to the comment.
Issue/Concern:	Provide background and justification for the comment. Identify the specific concern, explain how it relates to the technical analysis of the Impact Statement, and provide the rationale supporting the party's position.
Recommendation:	Clearly state the recommended action, mitigation, additional analysis, monitoring, information, or other means proposed to address the issue identified.