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Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut’s “Arviat New Quarry Sites” project proposal

Dear Randy Mercer:

On September 3, 2024 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut’s “Arviat New Quarry Sites” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **24QN027** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

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/125989.

Project:	Arviat New Quarry Sites
Region:	Kivalliq Region
Location:	Within the Municipal boundary of Arviat

Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to construct new quarry sites. The proposed new quarry/aggregate sites will serve current and future aggregate needs of the Hamlet of Arviat, such as road construction and maintenance, land grading/scraping and other similar hamlet needs.
Project Proposed Timeline:	July 2024 to September 2024

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

- Use of a CAT loader to excavate quarry material;
- Use of a Dump truck to haul quarry material;
- Use of a Track excavator to excavate quarry material;
- Use of a Screener to screen undesirable aggregate and large boulders; and
- Use of community fuel for all mobile equipment;
 - No fuel will be stored at this location.

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 www.nirb.ca/project/125989 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application*
- *Commission Questionnaire*
- *Aggregate Report*
- *Dust Management Plan*
- *Map Lot A, B, C, D, E*
- *Map Overview*
- *Spill Contingency Plan*
- *Revised NIRB Application*

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 Randy Mercer project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **October 3, 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/125989.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983 4612 or tkuliktana@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Tundra Kuliktana
Screening Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

cc: Distribution List
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