



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Stantec Consulting Ltd.'s
“McConnell (Kuugaarjuk) Migratory Bird Sanctuary – Site
Cleanup and Waste Removal” Project Proposal



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Tundra Kuliktana
Screening Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU, X0B 0C0
via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Stantec Consulting Ltd.'s "McConnell (Kuugaarjuk) Migratory Bird Sanctuary – Site Cleanup and Waste Removal" Project Proposal

Dear Tundra Kuliktana,

On August 30, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Stantec Consulting Ltd.'s "McConnell (Kuugaarjuk) Migratory Bird Sanctuary – Site Cleanup and Waste Removal" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

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

Consultation with Interest Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Nivvialik Area Co-Management Committee, Arviat Hunters and Trappers Organization, Hamlet of Arviat, as well as any other relevant organizations and individuals regarding its project proposal. As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit 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 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 David Abernethy by e-mail at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.ca.

Sincerely,



Richard Bingley
A/Manager, Impact Assessment

