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To: Grays Bay Road and Port Distribution List

Re: **Revised Agenda for the Impact Statement Guidelines Workshop for the NIRB's Review of West Kitikmeot Resource Corp.'s "Grays Bay Road and Port" Project Proposal**

Dear Parties,

Please find attached the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) Final Agenda (see Appendix A) for the upcoming Impact Statement Guidelines Workshop associated with the NIRB's review of West Kitikmeot Resource Corp.'s (the Proponent) "Grays Bay Road and Port" Project Proposal (Guidelines Workshop). The Guidelines Workshop will be hosted by the NIRB on **December 2–3, 2025** at the **CHARS (Canadian High Arctic Research Station) Main Building in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut**, and is the next step in the NIRB's assessment of the Grays Bay Road and Port Proposal (NIRB Project No. 24XN038). The Final Agenda was revised to reflect comments and recommendations provided by parties in the comment submissions provided to the Board to date.

By November 4, 2025 the NIRB received submissions providing feedback on the *draft* Agenda, the *draft* Scope¹ and *draft* Impact Statement Guidelines² for the project proposal from the following parties:

- West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. (WKR)
- Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA)
- Government of Canada (GC)
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)
- Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC)
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN)
- Délı̄nę Got'ı̄nę Government (DGG)
- Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC)
- Athabasca Denesų́liné First Nations (ADNLC)
- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB), and
- Oceans North (ON)

¹ NIRB *Revised Draft* Scope List (September 12, 2025) NIRB Doc ID No. 357357.

² NIRB *Revised Draft* Impact Statement Guidelines (September 12, 2025) NIRB Doc ID No. 357356.

Parties submissions are available from the NIRB's online registry at the following www.nirb.ca/project/125987

The Guidelines Workshop brings together interested parties to share comments and feedback on the *draft* Scope and *draft* Impact Statement Guidelines. The Board will use this input to finalize the Scope and project-specific Impact Statement Guidelines, which will guide the Proponent's preparation of the Impact Statement and provide the foundation for the next steps in the Board's assessment.

To make best use of parties' time together at the Guidelines Workshop, the NIRB requests that Workshop participants be prepared to:

- Discuss the issues and recommendations provided in their filed comment submissions;
- Share any other relevant knowledge and perspectives they want the Board to consider in the Board's finalized Scope or Impact Statement Guidelines; and
- Participate in both group discussions and possible topic or issue-specific break-out sessions during the Workshop.

Note: Online access is available for those who cannot attend in Cambridge Bay. However, remote participants are advised that the in-person proceedings will continue as scheduled even if the online connection fails or is otherwise interrupted. Links to the meeting will be sent directly to registered participants by **December 1, 2025**; please contact Amir Pourmahabadian at apourmahabadian@nirb.ca if you do not receive the connection by this date.

The NIRB looks forward to the workshop in Cambridge Bay next week and appreciates the ongoing efforts and commitment of all parties contributing to the NIRB's Review process.

After the Guidelines Workshop, the Board will consider all feedback and information received, then revise the *draft* Scope and *draft* Impact Statement Guidelines as the Board considers necessary. When the Board's revisions are completed, the finalized Scope and Impact Statement Guidelines will be issued to the Proponent and posted on the NIRB's Registry.

Sincerely,



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Adrian Paradis, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
Aminul Haque, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
Melissa Alexander, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
Environment and Climate Change Canada

José Audet-Lecouffe, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Tracey McCaie, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Peter Unger, Natural Resources Canada
Transport Canada
Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Kate Darling, Inuvialuit Regional Corporations
Jennifer Lam, Environmental Impact Screening Committee
Ron Robillard, Athabasca Denesūliné Né Né Land Corporation
Katie Rassmussen, Athabasca Denesūliné Né Né Land Corporation
Dean Arey, Inuvialuit Game Council
Kelly Olson, Sayisi Dene/Northlands Denesuline First Nations

Attachment (1): Appendix A: *Revised* Agenda for the Guidelines Workshop

Appendix A – REVISED AGENDA FOR THE GUIDELINES WORKSHOP

NIRB No.: 24XN038 – Grays Bay Road and Port Project Proposal
Proponent: West Kitikmeot Resource Corp.
Dates: December 2-3, 2025
Format: In-person and online access (on-line links will be provided to participants on Dec. 1)
Locations: **CHARS campus Main Building, Cambridge Bay, NU**
Facilitated by: NIRB staff
Language: In-person and online language channels: Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun, and Tłıchǫ yatıı
Meeting times: 9am–5pm local (MST) each day with 2 health breaks, and 1 hour lunch on own.
Agenda times are approximate and subject to change at the NIRB’s discretion.

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

9am Introductory remarks and NIRB Presentation, Scope of Assessment
Scope of Proposal presentation by West Kitikmeot Resource Corp.

10:45am Discussion of Impact Statement Guidelines document – Introduction (Section 1-2 IS
Overview)

12-1pm Break for lunch on own

1pm-5pm Impact Statement Guidelines document - Impact Statement overall (Section 3-5)
Project Description (Section 6)

- Alternatives (Section 6.2.1)
- Scope of Project and Future Development (Section 6.3-6.4) and Induced Development
- Economic and Employment Information (Section 6.5)

Impact Statement Methodology (Section 7)
7.2.2/7.4.4 Transboundary Impacts (including transregional)
7.4.2 Impacts of the Environment on the project
7.4.5 Indicators and Criteria
7.4.6 Significance Determination

Close of Day 1

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

9am Opening remarks

9:15am Carry over topics from Section 7
Project Environment and Impact Assessment (Section 8), especially:
8.1.11 Caribou and Cumulative Effects

12-1pm Break for lunch on own

1pm Public Engagement (Section 9)
Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Indigenous Knowledge, and Community Knowledge
(Section 9-10)
Environmental Management System (Section 11)
Additional Sections or topics to discuss.

4:45pm Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Close of Meeting