



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN049

Project Name: The “Field Research Program for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project”
Proponent Name: West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126002
Comment Deadline: **January 22, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Field Research Program for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 180 kilometres (km) from Kugluktuk. The Proponent intends to conduct field research within the Project Area accessing land and waters collecting environmental data, maintaining existing and installing new scientific instrumentation required to support environmental data collection, and undertake design-related studies including geotechnical drilling. The program is proposed to take place from 2025 to 2030. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Design related studies to support Project planning advancement including marine and land based geotechnical drilling focused in the Port area; Geochemical assessment of proposed quarries along the road corridor; Terrain stability and permafrost assessments; Terrestrial wildlife surveys to inform the environmental baseline and related impact assessment such as ground nest searches and shoreline bird surveys, use of motion activated cameras
- Archaeology studies to survey and document Archaeological and Paleontological Sites
- Use of up to six (6) various drills for geotechnical, geochemical, terrain, and permafrost data collection
- Use of helicopters for aerial track and surveys

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN049** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Francis Emingak, Screening Officer toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or femingak@nirb.ca.