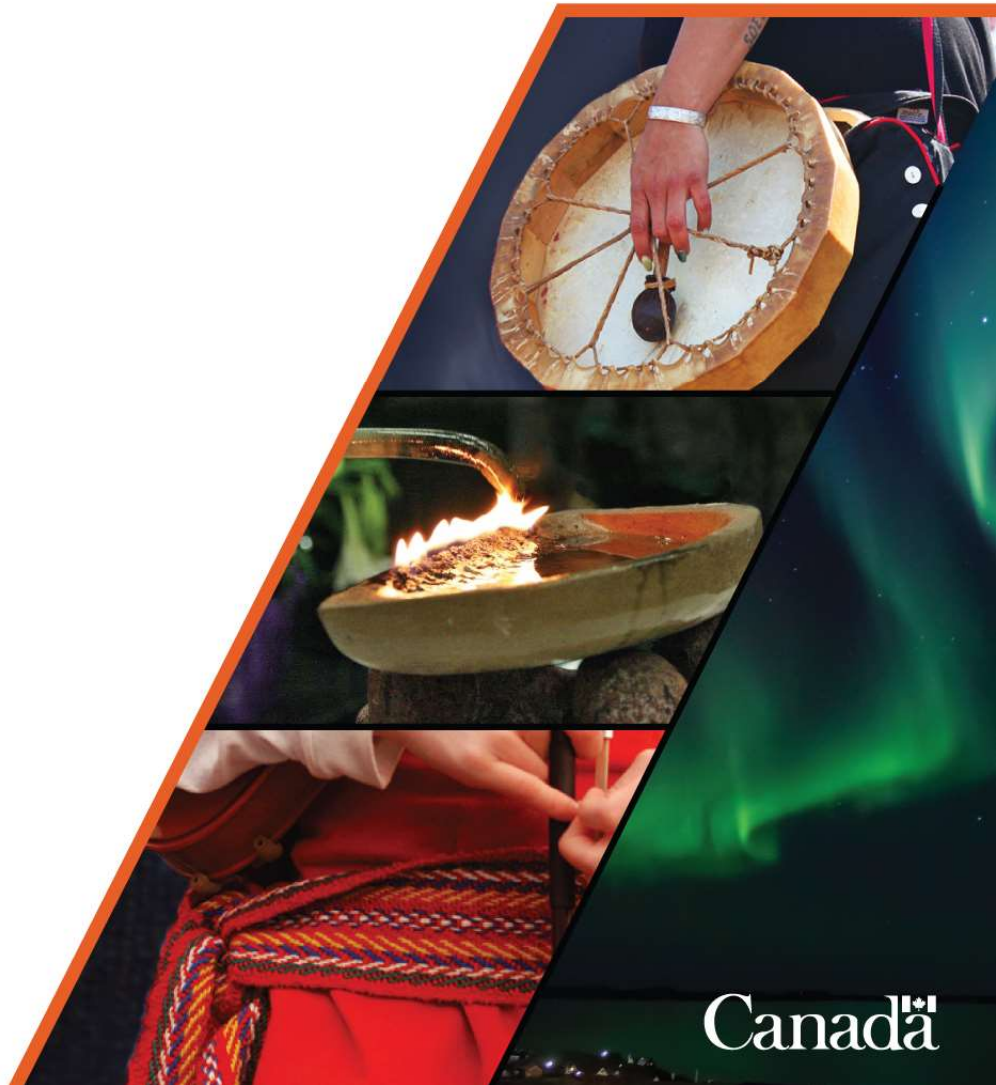




CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for EXP Services Inc., on behalf of
Community and Government Services' "Taloyoak Sealift
Improvement" Project Proposal



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April 9, 2025

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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for EXP Services Inc., on behalf of Community and Government Services' "Taloyoak Sealift Improvement" Project Proposal

Dear Leila Cai,

On March 19, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on EXP Services Inc., on behalf of Community and Government Services' "Taloyoak Sealift Improvement" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

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).

CIRNAC 1: Mitigation Measures

CIRNAC is of the view that the potential adverse effects of the project are predictable and mitigable with known technology. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consider implementing best practices to mitigate potential adverse effects from the project related to fuel management and erosion, including, but not limited to:

- Using drip pans or other equivalent devices when refuelling equipment to aid in the prevention of fuel spills;
- Having spill response equipment and clean-up materials (e.g., shovels, pumps, barrels, and absorbents) readily available during any transfer of fuel or hazardous substances;
- Implementing sediment control measures on disturbed areas before, during, and after construction;
- Selecting ground that can support heavy equipment and vehicles, to minimize land disturbance; and
- Isolating the work area for in-water works (e.g., silt curtain), to contain suspended sediment.



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

CIRNAC 2: Consultation with Interest Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Hamlet of Taloyoak as well as community residents and organizations who may have an interest in its project proposal. As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qauijimajatuqangit into project activities;
- 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. Should you have any questions, please contact John MacInnis or David Abernethy by e-mail at john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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