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Sent via email: jmcdonell@gov.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Department of Community Services’ “Grise Fiord Community Harbour Project” Proposal

Dear Justin McDonell:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Department of Community Services’ “Grise Fiord Community Harbour Project” proposal from:

- The Nunavut Planning Commission on December 11, 2024, noting it conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP), and
- The NIRB received a complete application on April 15, 2025, and assigned it file number **24XN059** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The NIRB has commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to the *Nunavut Agreement* and *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*¹ and by copy of this letter, **invites interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the proposal to comment directly to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.**

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Location	Qikiqtani region, Municipal Boundaries of Grise Fiord
Objective	The Proponent is planning the construction of a Community Harbour in the Hamlet of Grise Fiord. The components of the Project include the construction of a new breakwater(s), dredging of a harbour basin and entrance channel, a boat launch ramp, laydown and storage area(s), small craft floats, access

¹ 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)

	roadways, slope protection, and area navigational lighting. Supporting components during construction include a quarry and haul road.
Timeline	Project construction is scheduled to initiate in 2026 and be completed by 2029. In water construction will occur during open-water season, while work at the quarry and other areas may extend before and after open-water season.

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

- Use of accommodations and a construction camp for up to 30 people, the location of the construction camp will be determined by the contractor in consultation with the Hamlet and will be within municipal boundaries;
- Use of two/three drills for quarrying activities;
- Use of two/three front end loaders for loading rock material and moving cargo/equipment;
- Use of a compactor for compacting road surfaces;
- Use a dozer to level placed rock and road surfaces;
- Use of a grader for maintenance;
- Use of a spud barge/derrick for dredging, moving/lifting materials and equipment;
- Use of one/two work boats for floating equipment movement and surveys;
- Use of a telehandler for moving materials and equipment;
- Use of a rough terrain crane for lifting materials;
- Use of one/two rock crusher for crushing rock materials;
- Use of three/five rock trucks for hauling rock material;
- Use of five pickup trucks for crew and supplies;
- Use of a mini-bus for daily crew mobilization from accommodation to project site;
- Use of a fuel service truck with daily refueling and servicing of major mobile equipment, fueled by Government of Nunavut-Petroleum Products Division dispensers in Grise Fiord and/or Contractor supplied fuel storage facilities;
- Use of three/five excavators for quarrying, handling armor stone, loading trucks, excavating, dredging, material placement;
- Detail Fuel and Hazardous Material Use:
 - Use of oxyacetylene for welding and cutting steel total of 1400 cubic ft;
 - Use of explosives for quarrying activities with a total of 40 metric tonnes;
 - Use of 125,000 liters of diesel for mobile equipment, remote generators and heaters;
 - Use of 13,000 liters of gasoline for pick-up trucks, small work boats, small generators, and all-terrain vehicles;
 - Use of 2,000 liters of lube and oils for maintenance and mobile equipment;
 - Use of 20 liters of paint for painting steel hardware and miscellaneous components;
 - Use of 600 liters of propane for heaters.
- Daily use of 5m³ water from the existing water supply infrastructure;
- Five tons of combustible waste to be disposed at the Hamlet landfill;
- 2,000 liters of hazardous waste to be transported to the south in sealed drums or lined bags transported in 20' shipping containers;
- One ton of non-combustible waste to be transported to the Hamlet landfill; and
- 1,000 m³ of sewage human waste generated, the Project will coordinate closely with the Hamlet of Grise Fiord and the GN to assess the capacity of the sewage lagoon.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

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

Documents received and describing the proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126135 and include:

- *NPC Conformity Determination & Application*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Iviq HTA Letter of Support*
- *Grise Fiord Letter of Support*
- *Iviq HTA Board of Directors Letter of Support*
- *QIA Letter of Support*
- *Grise Fiord Existing Conditions Report*
- *Grise Fiord Community Harbour CEMP*
- *Grise Fiord Community Harbour*

The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB is inviting interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the project proposal to comment directly to the NIRB **May 21, 2025**.

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 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/126135. Questions should be directed to the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 or femingak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)

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