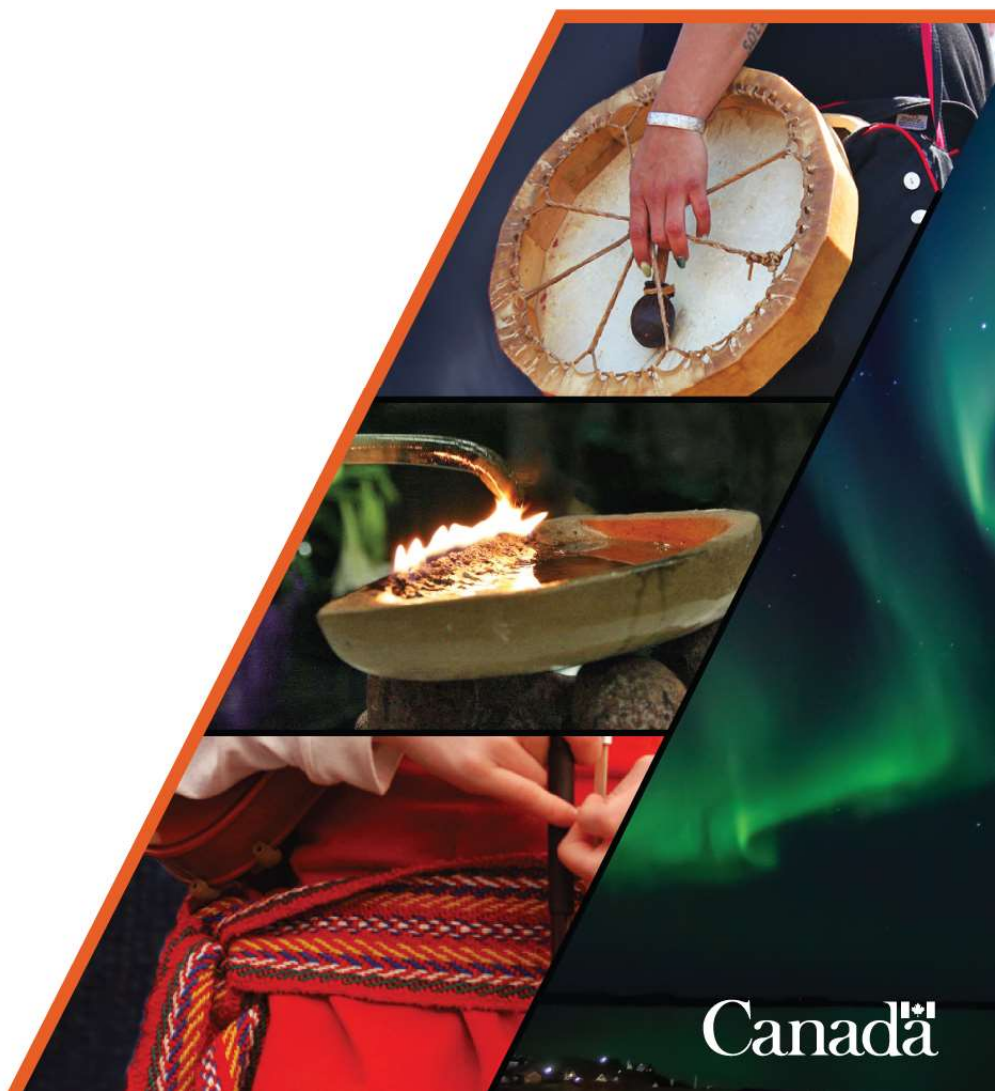




# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Department of Community Services' "Grise Fiord Community Harbour Project" Proposal



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May 21, 2025

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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Department of Community Services' "Grise Fiord Community Harbour Project" Proposal**

Dear Francis Emingak,

On April 30, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Department of Community Services' "Grise Fiord Community Harbour Project" proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

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

**CIRNAC #1: Quarry Site and Haul Road**

The Proponent indicates a new quarry will be created. CIRNAC notes that construction of a permanent quarry and haul road should consider environmental controls, including acid generating rock, erosion, permafrost disturbance, and drainage management. While some environmental controls are referenced, about it is unclear how acid rock drainage or metal leaching risks will be identified and mitigated. CIRNAC recommends that Proponent clarify:

- How any acid generating rock encountered will be managed; and,
- Whether progressive reclamation is planned to stabilize disturbed areas.

**CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Municipality of Grise Fiord, the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Association, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, and any other relevant organizations or individuals on 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;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- 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 #3: Management of Temporary Construction Camp**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent work closely with its contractor, the Municipality of Grise Fiord, and other interested parties to ensure the temporary construction camp is managed in a way that reflects local needs and expectations. This includes promoting respectful behaviour among project personnel, particularly with regard to community customs and socio-economic wellbeing.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact Muhammad Arslan by e-mail at [muhammad.arslan@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:muhammad.arslan@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or David Abernethy by email at [david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



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