



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN011

Project Name: The “Inuinait Heritage” project
Proponent Name: University of Toronto
Project Type: Research
Region: Kitikmeot Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca
Application No.: 126156
Comment Deadline: **April 21, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Inuinait Heritage” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 180 kilometres (km) from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to record oral histories with several Inuinait Elders who spent their younger years in the Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary (MBS). The program is proposed to take place from July 2025 to 2027. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Transportation of four (4) to five (5) people (pilot, 1-2 Elders, 1-2 researchers) via helicopter to and from Ahiak MBS, near the north end of the Perry River and at Innakhagvik (Perry Island)
- Fly to three (3) locations within Ahiak MBS each day
- Record oral histories from Inuinait Elders during interviews
- Map and photograph archaeological features based on Elder interviews

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN011** 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 Kelli Gillard, Manager, Impact Assessment toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kgillard@nirb.ca.