



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Toronto's "Inuinait Heritage" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for University of Toronto's "Inuinait Heritage" Project Proposal

Dear Kelli Gillard,

On April 10, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on University of Toronto's "Inuinait Heritage" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) 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: Consultation with Interest Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the communities and Hunters and Trappers Associations or Organizations of Cambridge Bay and Gjoa Haven; the Ahiak Area Co-Management Committee; and any other relevant organizations or individuals regarding 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 (including migratory birds, caribou, and polar bears) and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional harvesting activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- 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 2: Protection of Heritage Resources

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent engage with the Territorial Archaeologist of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Culture and Heritage to ensure project activities are implemented in ways that conform with its Archaeology and Paleontology Program. Lands within the Nunavut Settlement Area accessed as part of the project proposal may contain sites with significant paleontological and cultural importance. Guidance should be sought out to prevent any disturbance to these heritage resources.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact David Abernethy by e-mail at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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