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To whom it may concern:

Polar knowledge Canada (POLAR) is the Government of Canada agency responsible for advancing Canada's knowledge of the Arctic and strengthening Canadian leadership on polar science and technology. POLAR's mission is to advance and mobilize knowledge of the polar regions through leadership, partnerships, and collaboration. POLAR operates the Canadian High Arctic Research Station (CHARS) in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut.

The proposal for a 3MW Solar and Storage Community Renewable Energy project being pursued by Nunasi and Kitikmeot Corporation for Cambridge Bay would play a valuable role in demonstrating community-scale solar projects north of the Arctic Circle. Having a renewable energy site located close to CHARS will provide an opportunity to study renewable energy variables in situ and we look forward to seeing how the project performs, and if possible collaborating on the research and analysis undertaken by this project.

Pursuing renewable energy options is an important route forward to addressing both the high cost and high environmental impact of non-renewable energies across the North. POLAR supports this and other renewable energy projects for the North.

With best wishes,

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