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Dear, Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Carson Gillis, Wynter Kuliktana , Jared Ottenhof, Eric Bottos :

RE: NPC File # 150822 [Responses of Permafrost Microbial Communities to Climate-Driven Thaw]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Thompson Rivers University will be accompanying Adventure Canada on a cruise ship tour from South Baffin travelling through North Baffin and ending the Journey in the Kitikmeot region. Research will be conducted when cruise ship will have passenger landings.
2. Activities will include permafrost core samples collected within 3mx3m plot and a 30cm core will also be collected.
3. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 12 days over the period of August 5th to September 1st, 2025
 - b. 1 person for a total of 12 person-days over the course of the project
4. Location: Various locations in Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani regions.

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A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150822>.

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goump Djalogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

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