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Dear Mosha Cote, Adam Lewis, Janelle Kennedy, Brenda Pilakapsi, Jared Ottenhof, Calvin Ehaloak, and Victoria Burdett-Coutts:

RE: NPC File # 151032 [Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Marine Survey]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Marine-based scientific research
2. **Project description:** Marine survey along the proposed cable route for a Kivalliq-Baffin Connector (KBC) Fibre Optic Cable that would involve the installation of a 1,050 km undersea fibre optic cable in southern Nunavut, linking the communities of Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Kinngait (on Baffin Island), and Coral Harbour (Salliq) on Southampton Island to high-speed internet.

3. **Summary of modifications:** Additional spatial area for the survey route. Survey to occur from Kimmirut through the Hudson Strait, into Frobisher Bay to Apex (5 km southeast of Iqaluit).
4. **Associated NPC File No.:** 150741, and 150863; NIRB File No.: 25UN049, and 25YN061
5. **Location:** Qikiqtaaluk, Kivalliq and Transboundary Regions; [Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Hudson Strait, Kinngait, Salliq [Coral Harbour], Frobisher Bay, and Salluit (Nunavik)]

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued May 20, 2025, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 25UN049, and 25YN061). It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of additional spatial area for the survey route within 5 km southeast of Iqaluit does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151032>

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. A.', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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