



NIRB File No.: 25RN070

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**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request**

Dear Savigata Tootoo:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Peter's Expediting Ltd.'s "Pelly Lake Overland Haul" project proposal:

- August 15, 2025, the Nunavut Planning Commission noted that it conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, and
- September 3, 2025, the NIRB received a complete application and assigned it file number **25RN070**- please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The NIRB has commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to the *Nunavut Agreement* and *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*<sup>1</sup> and by copy of this letter, **invites interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the proposal to comment directly to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.**

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

<b>Location</b>	Kivalliq region, 300km Northwest of Baker Lake
<b>Objective</b>	The Proponent intends to construct a 300km winter trail to backhaul wastes from Pelly Lake to Baker Lake for proper disposal.
<b>Timeline</b>	February to April 2026

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Construction and use of an approximately 300 kilometer winter trail to backhaul waste from Pelly Lake to Baker Lake;

<sup>1</sup> Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA)

- Winter trail advanced scouting by snowmobile to assess wildlife habitat interactions and avoidance including minor route modifications to avoid any den sites, etc.
- Winter trail preparation by packing snow and buildup of ramps with proper grades to ensure equipment track separation from bare ground.
- Preparation of trail would take seven (7) to ten (10) days due to confirmation of route and initial compaction of the trail.
  - Use of four (4) CAT trains pulling three (3) to five (5) sleds each;
  - 12 foot by 20-foot ATCO trailer on CAT train to be used as temporary camp;
  - Use of ice profiler and ice auger to determine ice thickness on lakes and ponds to ensure thickness for CAT train;
  - Use of 5,000-watt generator for temporary camp;
  - Use and storage of up to 20,000 litres of fuel for project activities;
  - All waste produced during the proposed project to be returned to Baker Lake for proper disposal

### ***Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List***

The NIRB has identified

- no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Documents received and describing the proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126228](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126228) including:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *DRAFT Winter Trail Plan*
- *INAC [CIRNAC] Applications 2015*
- *KivIA Amending Agreement*
- *PEL Emergency Preparedness and Response Policy Feb 2022*
- *PEL Letter Land Use Permit Extension Request 2017*
- *PEL Safety Management Policy Feb 2022*
- *PEL Spill Response Policy Feb 2022*
- *Permit Issuance Exp Feb 11, 2017*

The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB is inviting interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the project proposal to comment directly to the NIRB by **October 16, 2025**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and

- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

For this assessment, the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are initiating a coordinated process<sup>2</sup> as the proposal would require a water licence, and the Proponent has indicated they wish to start the Water Licence application process at this time. As a result, the Proponent must provide information during the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process. At any time, the Proponent has the option to opt out of a coordinated process by providing the request in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send comments to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126228](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126228). Questions should be directed to the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or [mbeattie@nirb.ca](mailto:mbeattie@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)  
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

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<sup>2</sup> The NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes for projects that require a water licence as per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.