



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Adventure Canada's
"Adventure Canada 2026 Expeditions - Ocean Nova"
Project Proposal



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Mia Beattie
Impact Assessment Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU, X0B 0C0
via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Adventure Canada's "Adventure Canada 2026 Expeditions - Ocean Nova" Project Proposal

Dear Mia Beattie,

On October 21, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Adventure Canada's "Adventure Canada 2026 Expeditions - Ocean Nova" 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 Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue its efforts to engage with the Municipalities of Iqaluit, Kinngait, Kimmirut, and Pangnirtung, Iqaluit's Amarak Hunters' & Trappers' Association, Kinngait's Aiviq Hunters' & Trappers' Association, Kimmirut's Mayukalik Hunters' & Trappers' Association, the Pangnirtung Hunters & Trappers Association, the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board, and any other relevant organizations and individuals who may have an interest in its project proposal. As part of these consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qauijimajatuqangit and Community Knowledge, in addition to scientific ways of knowing into project activities;
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional harvesting activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and,
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.



CIRNAC #2: Project Materials for Makivvik

CIRNAC recommends that, if not already undertaken, the Proponent consult with Makivvik, on its project proposal. This organization, and the people they represent, may have an interest in the planned project activities because the project description provided shows that the cruise ship may visit areas in Nunavik.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Arslan", with a horizontal line underneath.

Muhammad Arslan
Sr Environmental Assessment Specialist (Acting)

