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To: The Honourable David Akeeagok
Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College
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Sent via email: dakeeagok7@gov.nu.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of McGill University’s “Assessing changing cryohydrogeologic conditions locally” Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On October 28, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received McGill University’s “Assessing changing cryohydrogeologic conditions locally” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board’s written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 25YN076.**

On October 28, 2025, the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On November 27, 2025, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board’s consideration by December 8, 2025.

Due to the time required to translate materials and the upcoming holiday closure periods, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by **January 30, 2026**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126246.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Michelle Blade, McGill University