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Dear Calvin Ehloak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Caroline Whittle, Luis Manzo, Savigata Tootoo

RE: NPC File No. 150934 [Aberdeen Lake-Pelly Lake Overland Haul]

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

1. Peter's Expediting Ltd (PEL) is proposing to construct a 300-km winter trail to support two operations: hauling waste from Pelly Lake to Baker Lake for Salumaq Environmental and delivering fuel and supplies to Aberdeen Lake for Geiger Energy. The route includes three segments:
 - Baker Lake to Aberdeen Lake (120 km) on an existing, approved PEL trail.
 - Aberdeen Lake to Sand Lake (80 km) along a historically travelled route confirmed by community elders.
 - Sand Lake to Pelly Lake (100 km) across terrain suitable for winter travel, based on local knowledge.
2. **On May 13, 2025**, the proponent of the original **Pelly Lake Remediation Project** notified the NPC that instead of the original plan to build an ice airstrip and fly out remaining waste and equipment from the site, they now plan to use a Cat-Train winter haul to remove waste and heavy equipment from the site, and identified PEL as the contractor responsible for carrying out that scope of work and to apply for the permit and license amendments to allow a Cat-Train extension for the Pelly Lake Remediation project.
3. Associated NPC File Nos: 150465; NIRB File No: 24KN046.

4. Location: Kivalliq Region; [Pelly Lake, approximately 300 km northwest of Baker Lake and 360 km southwest of Gjoa Haven]

On August 15, 2025, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) issued a conformity determination for the original Pelly Lake Winter Haul Project (NPC File #150897) and referred the proposal to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening. Subsequently, the proponent submitted a new application for the Aberdeen Lake project (NPC File #150934). Upon review, NPC has determined that NPC File #150934 and NPC File #150897 are so closely related that they constitute a single project under section 76(3) of NuPPAA. As a result, NPC hereby retracts its August 15, 2025 conformity determination for the Pelly Lake Winter Haul Project to ensure compliance with section 76(3) of NuPPAA.

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. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and the conformity determination issued August 22, 2024, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 24KN046). 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 requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project.

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=150934>

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 'SA', with a horizontal line extending from the 'A'.

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