



COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title:	Long Term Water Project (LTWP)		
Proponent:	City of Iqaluit		
Location:	Qikiqtani (South Baffin) region		
Comments Due By:	February 4, 2026	NIRB #:	25XN041

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

☐ no concerns	☐ traditional uses of land
☐ water quality	☐ Inuit harvesting activities
☐ terrain	☐ community involvement and consultation
☐ air quality	☐ local development in the area
☐ wildlife and their habitat	☐ tourism in the area
☐ marine mammals and their habitat	☐ human health issues
☐ birds and their habitat	X other: _____
☐ fish and their habitat	_____
☐ heritage resources in area	_____

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

See advice in next section

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

Transport Canada reviewed the available project documents on the NIRB Registry and understands the project, in addition to other activities, may include the following activities in or near waterways:

- Water intakes at Niaqunngut (Apex) River and Lake Qikiqtalik and outfall to Lake Geraldine (both of these waterways appear to be navigable, based on aerial images)
- Bridges and culvert crossings of unknown waterways

Works, such as water intakes and outfalls, bridges, and culverts, in navigable waterways are subject to the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (CNWA) and, in some cases, may require an approval under the CNWA. Works in non-navigable waters are not subject to the CNWA. Note: Based on aerial images, it appears that Niaqunngut (Apex) River, Lake Qikiqtalik, and Lake Geraldine are navigable.

The proponent is advised to use TC's online self-assessment (Project Review Tool <https://npp-submissions-demandes-ppn.tc.canada.ca/projectreview-outildexamenduprojet>) for **each** potential work in a waterway in order to confirm if the waterways are navigable and if the works meet the criteria of the



CNWA Minor Works Order. Once the tool has been used, the results can be printed to PDF and submitted to TC.NPPPNRPPNRPN.TC@tc.gc.ca

If the work(s) meet the criteria for minor works, the proponent must post notifications of the minor work on the Transport Canada NPP external submission site: <https://npp-submissions-demandes-ppn.tc.canada.ca/auth/login-connexion>. Note: CNWA approvals are not issued for minor works, as these works are considered to have minimal impacts on navigation.

If the proponent determines that any works(s) do not meet all criteria to be considered a Minor Work, the proponent, for each work, must either:

- 1) Apply to the Minister of Transport for approval of the work; or
- 2) Submit the project through the public resolution process set out in the CNWA. The public resolution process requires a proponent to deposit information on TC's Navigation Protection Program online registry through a Notification of Work and publish a notice inviting public comments. The notice gives the public 30 days to comment on the proposed work and if no concerns are raised, the proponent can proceed with the work without seeking an authorization under the CNWA. If there are concerns, the proponent and the commenter have 45 days to resolve any navigation-related concerns. If concerns are resolved within that timeframe, the proponent may proceed with the work. If the concerns are not resolved after 45 days, the commenter has 15 days to request a decision from TC. After reviewing the proposal and public input, TC will review the work and may require CNWA approval.

Finally, for the information of NIRB and the proponent, the existing water intakes at Geraldine Lake and Apex River were installed prior to the coming into force of the CNWA. As such, these works are considered legacy works and are therefore lawful under the CNWA. If any alterations, decommissioning, or removal of the intakes is contemplated, these activities would be subject to the CNWA and the proponent is encouraged to self-assess using TC's Project Review Tool and/or contact TC's Navigation Protection Program for further guidance.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☐ No ☐ Any additional comments?

Not applicable

Name of person commenting: Jackie Barker **of** Winnipeg

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Signature:  **Date:** January 29, 2026