

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:

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

- Water quality
- Terrain
- Air quality
- Wildlife and their habitat
- Marine mammals and their habitat
- Traditional uses of land
- Local development in the area
- Tourism in the area
- Human health issues
- Fish and their habitat
- Other: I am aware that the concerns I checked off are not necessarily risk factors for this uranium exploration proposal, but some do apply. I feel the full range of risk factors and concerns I checked off are representative of what could happen after exploration. The exploration, I believe, is a means to achieve the next steps of drilling and mining for uranium. Uranium is radioactive. Uranium can be used to make nuclear weapons.

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

Here some concerns from a letter I have included:

Environmental Risks and Food Insecurity

When the Bayridge Baker Lake Project community information session took place on March 11, 2026, community members at the meeting indicated they are against any disturbances to that area (east of Kazan River and the Kazan River area) due to caribou migration and environmental concerns, such as potential negative impact on the water. They pointed out that the caribou migration routes are not always identical.

I hope Bayridge documented what community members said at the meeting and shared those voices of opposition with NIRB.

Food Insecurity

Is uranium exploration the precursor to uranium drilling and mining? Even if uranium was not radioactive, even if there were no environmental risks to the land and water, there is a serious threat to the migration of caribou. Food security is a major issue in Baker Lake. The opportunity to harvest caribou is even more important as a means to providing families with a supply of healthy meat. Any helicopters or airplanes around where the caribou would usually go, places the opportunity to secure an adequate supply of meat in jeopardy.

Cultural and Archaeological Protection

I believe that the Bayridge Baker Lake Project needs to conduct extensive research with the Inuit Heritage Trust, Inc.

<https://www.ihti.ca/archaeology-governance>

For example:

Article 33

33.2.2 The archaeological record of the Nunavut Settlement Area is of spiritual, cultural, religious and educational importance to Inuit. Accordingly, the identification, protection and conservation of archaeological sites and specimens and the interpretation of the archaeological record is of primary

importance to Inuit and their involvement is both desirable and necessary.

Long History of Uranium Exploration and Mining Opposition

Inuit in Baker Lake have a long history of opposing uranium exploration, drilling, and mining. For example, "In 1978, the community of Baker Lake and ITC took the Federal Government to court, in an attempt to stop uranium exploration in important hunting areas and caribou habitat" (p. 8 in Inuit Knowledge of Caribou Habitat " Background Report, September 10, 2015). Barnabus Peryour "told the court that caribou were no longer coming to usual crossings and that aircraft were frightening the caribou away" (ITC, 1979: 9, in Inuit Knowledge of Caribou Habitat " Background Report, September 10, 2015, p.8).

Last summer, in 2025, the usual migration of caribou to the shoreline of Kazan River in Baker Lake did not happen. Any disturbances to the area (s), as proposed by Baybridge, increases the risk of disturbing caribou migration, which is already at risk.

Truth and Reconciliation, not further Exploitation

In the spirit of truth and reconciliation, I ask Bayridge to release their land claim of traditional Inuit land. I encourage Bayridge to follow Landore Resources Canada Inc., who withdrew their application to renew a mining lease after hearing concerns from First Nations (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/biigtigong-nishnaabeg-reconciliation-9.7122748>). Chief Duncan Michano said, "If you want 1 reconciliation with First Nations, that is the kind of thing you do: you give land back!" (CBC, March 11, 2026). Reconciliation with Inuit by releasing all claims, would be a major step forward.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?
Please deny this uranium exploration proposal.

Do you support the project proposal?: No