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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Mosha Cote, Caroline Whittle, Jared Ottenhof, and Peter Crockford:

RE: NPC File No: 151063 [Co-evolution of life and environment across the Ediacaran-Cambrian boundary in Northeastern Ellesmere Island]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Scientific research
2. **Project description:** The project will investigate Ediacaran–Cambrian (550–530 Ma) environmental change during the rise of early animals by generating high-resolution geochemical records from northeastern Ellesmere Island. Fieldwork will target a thick, well-preserved succession of carbonate and shale that contains suitable horizons for paleoenvironmental proxies. Analyses will focus on reconstructing marine oxygenation and carbon cycle dynamics across this interval to test links between changing ocean chemistry and the diversification of modern-style animal ecosystems
3. **Summary of modifications:** For 2026, work will focus on Camp 1 (Timmaq Qoiyok Glacier) and Camp 2 (Scoresby); Radmore Harbor will only be used if access to Camp 1 is not possible. The team plans to be flown into Camp 1 on July 23 and out from Camp 2 on August 13, with 4–6 personnel depending on availability.
4. **Associated NPC File No.:** 150649; NIRB File No.: N/A (The previous screening referral has not been completed)
5. **Location:** Qikiqtaaluk Region [Ellesmere Island]

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. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

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=151063>.

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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