



NIRB File No.: 16YN040

NPC File No.: 148271

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Sent via email: greg.oldenborger@canada.ca

Re: Additional Information Required: Information Request #1 for Natural Resources Canada's "Western Hudson Bay Geoscience for Infrastructure" Project Proposal

Dear Greg Oldenborger:

On June 9, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) "Western Hudson Bay Geoscience for Infrastructure" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **16YN040** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

Documents and materials received by the NIRB in support this project proposal include:

- *NPC Screening Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *NPC Application and Conformity Questionnaire*
- *NIRB's Online Application Form (formerly the NIRB Part 1 form in English)*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English, Inuktitut, and French*

All information provided to the NIRB in support of this project proposal can be accessed from the Board's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Western Hudson Bay Geoscience for Infrastructure
- NIRB File No.: 16YN040
- Application No.: 124676

The NIRB has undertaken a preliminary completeness check of your project proposal and has found that **additional** information is required for the NIRB to carry out its screening. According to subsection 144(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB is requesting submission of the information as outlined in Appendix A of this correspondence by **July 4, 2016**.

Please be advised that pursuant to paragraph 92(3)(b) of the NuPPAA, the 45-days timeline for the Board to provide a screening decision stops on the date of this letter. This 45-days timeline will start again on the date the NIRB receives the requested additional information. If the proponent fails to submit the requested additional information, the Board may suspend or terminate the assessment activities of the proposed project pursuant to the relevant provisions under section 144 of the NuPPAA. Therefore, it is in NRCan's best interest to cure the identified information deficiencies in a timely manner.

If NRCan determines that the time required to supply the required information is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please submit all forthcoming project proposal information through the NIRB's online public registry at <http://www.nirb.ca>. For additional instructions regarding the new project application portal, please contact NIRB administration at info@nirb.ca or at 1-866-233-3033.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request #1

Enclosures (2): NIRB Part 1 Form in English, for reference only
NIRB Part 1 Form in Inuktitut

Appendix A: Information Request #1
for NRCan’s “Western Hudson Bay Geoscience for Infrastructure”
pursuant to Section 144(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
NIRB File No. 16YN040

1. Topic/Issue: NIRB Part 1 Form in Inuktitut

Reference: NIRB Guide 3: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

Rationale: Translated versions of the NIRB Part 1 form are required in order to assist unilingual community organizations and members of the public to understand and provide comments on the proposal.

Request: Submit completed NIRB Part 1 Forms in Inuktitut pursuant to the NIRB’s project application requirements through the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca. The NIRB Part 1 Form in English is provided as information only.

2. Topic/Issue: Project Map

Reference: NIRB Guide 3: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

Rationale: The NIRB requires a map of the project proposal (local and regional scale) and related activities to assist in the assessment of the project.

Request: Submit an electronic map noting the proposed location of project activities in a 1:50,000 format (if available) through the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

3. Topic/Issue: Supplemental supporting documentation

Reference: Requirement of documentation to complete screening assessment

Rationale: To properly scope and assess proposed projects, the NIRB requires proponents to provide specific information on proposed activities, associated components, and proposed mitigation and monitoring measures related to the proposal.

Request: Provide supplemental information regarding the following:

- Summary of public consultation conducted including summary of public involvement measures, a summary of concerns expressed, and strategies employed to address any concerns;
- Summary of future consultation plans;
- Research methodologies to be employed;
- Mitigation plans that include the identification of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures; and
- Where appropriate a discussion on waste management and spill contingency plans.