



May 2, 2017

Nunavut Arctic College
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Re: NIRB Letter of Support for Environmental Technology Program

To whom it may concern,

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is pleased to provide a letter of support for Year One of the Environmental Technology Program (ETP – 2 year Diploma). This program is comprised of a wide array of courses that equip the students with knowledge of various aspects of the environment. Within the ETP students learn about the land, fresh water and the ocean through courses and field camps like:

- Limnology Field Camp;
- Marine Biology Field Camp;
- Wildlife Biology;
- Fisheries Management;
- Environmental Impact Assessment;

Provision of this type of programming in Cambridge Bay increases the capacity of individuals and the community to actively engage in the environmental sector, along with meeting the needs of local labour markets. For example, we understand that students from the graduating class of ETP 2017 have been hired by Polar Knowledge Canada, and others are being interviewed by Dominion Diamond Mine Corp. (Ekati Diamond Mine), TMAC Resources Inc., (Doris North Gold Mine) Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. (Mary River Iron Mine) and Raytheon Canada Ltd. (North Warning System).

The NIRB's head office is located in Cambridge Bay with the Nunavut Planning Commission and Polar Knowledge Canada. With a mandate for environmental impact assessment, the NIRB also has a number of entry-level positions within its organizational chart that could be a great fit for graduating students of the Environmental Technology Program. We believe that having the ETP continue to be offered in the community of Cambridge Bay would help to best-position future graduates for the many opportunities employers in the Kitikmeot Region has to offer future graduates.

The NIRB looks forward to continuing to support the ETP in the months and years to come!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board