



Environmental Impact Review Board  
Environmental Impact Screening Committee

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***Sent by e-mail***

Dear Sir:

**RE: Grays Bay Road and Port NIRB File No. 17XN011 Inuvik Scoping Session**

We have been informed that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has advertised public scoping sessions to be held in Inuvik on 12-13 April 2018, for the captioned review currently being conducted by your Board. As you are aware, the Grays Bay Road and Port Project (the "Project") could result in shipping and possibly other activities in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) that constitute a development, as that term is defined in the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA). If that is the case, this Project would be subject to screening under sections 11 or 13 of the IFA.

We understand that the responsible Minister sent the Project to NIRB under section 94(1)(a)(iv) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* for review. What is less clear is how NIRB derives authority to conduct Project scoping activities outside Nunavut. Irrespective of the answer to this question, it is unfortunate that NIRB has not seen fit to even contact Environmental Impact Assessment authorities established under the IFA before planning and advertising scoping activities in the ISR. This is not a good precedent.



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We suggest that you make an effort to contact and collaborate with staff from the Environmental Impact Screening Committee and Review Board before conducting your scoping sessions. We also look forward to your answer to the question we have raised about NIRB authorities in the ISR.

Yours truly,

David Livingstone  
Chair EISC

Yours truly,

John Donihee  
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