



information requirements established through the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines currently being developed for the Project.

The NIRB respects the role and mandate of the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) and the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) as established through the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. Our staff has historically enjoyed a close working relationship with the staff of your respective organizations, communicating regularly on various files with possible transboundary concerns and working together to ensure that project proponents are aware of the need to satisfy the applicable regulatory requirements of both jurisdictions. The NIRB looks forward to sharing information with your organizations regarding our review of the Grays Bay Road and Port Project moving forward.

To be clear, we do not expect the public engagement activities undertaken by the NIRB to impinge upon the jurisdiction of the EISC or EIRB or be a substitute for the exercise of their respective authorities in relation to this project proposal or otherwise. We recognize the importance of working closely with our counterparts in neighboring jurisdictions to ensure projects with the potential for transboundary effects are assessed effectively by all assessment authorities and our respective mandates and duties are respected. The NIRB has been coordinating with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) for the upcoming workshop in Yellowknife, while also working towards a more detailed coordination framework to apply to this assessment moving forward (see attached correspondence for reference).

In closing, I assure you that the NIRB regrets this miscommunication and intends to improve upon its communication with the EISC and EIRB moving forward, on this assessment, and for others in future. The NIRB seeks the support of your organizations in ensuring the upcoming workshop in Inuvik is successful, and will ensure that your respective staff members are invited to participate directly if the EISC or EIRB see a benefit in that participation. Should you or other EISC/EIRB representatives wish to discuss these matters further, please contact me directly at your convenience via phone (867) 983-4608 or email [rbarry@nirb.ca](mailto:rbarry@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

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