



CIRNAC COMMENTS TO NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Bowdoin College's
"Peat Expansion in Arctic Tundra (Baffin Island) –
Pattern, Process, and the Implication for the
Carbon Cycle" Project Proposal



Nunavut Regional Office
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Your file - Votre référence
NIRB file #19YN016
Our file - Notre référence
CIDM #1247396

April 24, 2019

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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Bowdoin College's "Peat Expansion in Arctic Tundra (Baffin Island) – Pattern, Process, and the Implication for the Carbon Cycle" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Otokiak,

On March 28, 2019, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Bowdoin College's "Peat Expansion in Arctic Tundra (Baffin Island) – Pattern, Process, and the Implication for the Carbon Cycle" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) reviewed the project proposal and related documents and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why:

Community Engagement:

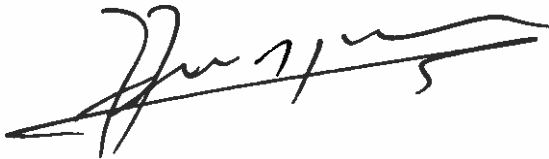
The "Community Involvement & Regional Benefits" of the submitted application form does not contain any information. It is understood that the proponent will conduct research in study sites within 400 km of Iqaluit. Nearby communities include Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Cape Dorset, and Pangnirtung.

CIRNAC recommends that the proponent contact the municipalities of Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Cape Dorset, and Pangnirtung; the Qikiqtani Inuit Association; and Nunavut Arctic College to develop a suitable community engagement strategy. As a minimum, this strategy should provide opportunities for local residents to become informed of the project proposal; contribute Inuit knowledge and/or Inuit Qaujimaningit to the project design; and be briefed on monitoring results.



CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent, as necessary, throughout any further review related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Krista Pooley at (867) 975-4741 or by e-mail at krista.pooley@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Felexce Ngwa', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Felexce Ngwa
Manager, Impact Assessment

