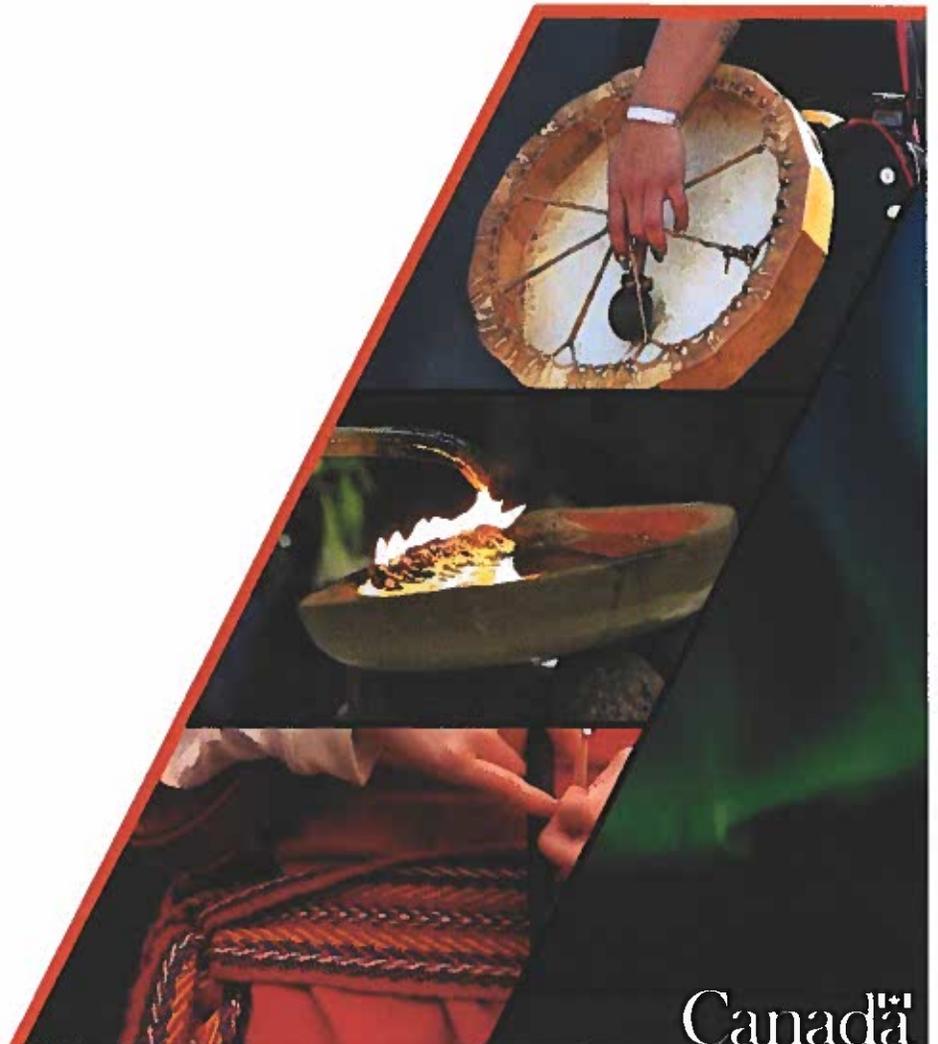




# CIRNAC COMMENTS TO NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven's  
"Sea-ice monitoring to support resilient transportation  
infrastructure, community economic development and  
youth training in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, Nunavut"  
Project Proposal



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Your file - Votre référence  
NIRB file #19YN018  
Our file - Notre référence  
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**Re: Notice of Screening for the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven's "Sea-ice monitoring to support resilient transportation infrastructure, community economic development and youth training in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, Nunavut" Project Proposal**

Dear Ms. Maksagak,

On May 3, 2019, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven's (the Proponent) "Sea-ice monitoring to support resilient transportation infrastructure, community economic development and youth training in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, Nunavut" 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:

**Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal:**

**Fuel Management:**

Information presented in the project application under *Detail Fuel and Hazardous Material Use*, indicates that 3000L of fuel will be used for operation of snowmobiles and gas powered hand-operated augers. It is unclear how the fuel will be managed in order to avoid, or minimize fuel spills. CIRNAC recommends the following terms and conditions be included in the Screening Decision Report, should the project be approved:

- Drip pans or other equivalent devices should be used when refueling equipment on-site,
- Fuel should not be stored on the surface ice of lakes or streams,



- The Proponent should conduct the re-fueling of equipment at a minimum of thirty-one (31) meters away from the high water mark of any water body,
- Appropriate spill response equipment and clean-up materials must be readily available to respond to leaks and spills,
- All personnel should be properly trained in fuel and hazardous waste handling procedures, as well as spill response procedures, and
- All reportable spills of fuel must be reported immediately to the 24 hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130.

**Waste:**

In the project application the Proponent indicates that waste generated during monitoring activities such as food, garbage, and wood will be collected and returned to the communities. The Proponent does not indicate where and how these wastes will be stored once generated and before return to the communities. CIRNAC recommends the following terms and conditions be included in the Screening Decision Report, should the project be approved:

- Waste and food should be stored in such a manner as to prevent access by wildlife.
- Waste should be stored a minimum of thirty-one (31) meters away from the normal high water mark of any waterbody.

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

Sincerely,



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