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Re: Notice of Inclusion of the Scope for Hamlet of Cambridge Bay's "Freshwater Creek Riverbed Restoration" Project Proposal

Dear Jim MacEachern:

On June 14, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay's (HBC) "Freshwater Creek Riverbed Restoration" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) which noted that the project is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **19XN034**.

All documents and materials received by the NIRB in support of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125480.

The documents and materials received include:

- *NPC Referral*
- *NPC Application*
- *Council Letter to Regulatory Agency Notice Support Proposal*
- *Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization Letter to the Hamlet Noting Support for Proposal*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *Maps noting project location*
- *General Layout Map of Proposed Bridge*

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening. On June 19, 2019 and July 25, 2019, the NIRB requested that the HCB provide the requested information in support of this proposal. On August 14, 2019 the NIRB received the requested information to commence with the screening.

Project Scope:

The proposed “Freshwater Creek Riverbed Restoration” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 2.5 kilometres (km) northwest from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct restoration activities at the existing Freshwater Creek crossing with the removal of an old bridge between the local cemetery and the town of Cambridge Bay and upgrade a new bridge crossing. The program is proposed to take place in September 2019.

Pursuant to s. 86(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has identified the following works or activities as comprising the scope for this proposed project:

- Transportation of personnel via truck to site;
- Removal of existing 30 metres Bailey Bridge;
- Excavation and removal of the causeway and adjacent upstream buffer berm;
- Use of heavy equipment to excavate, load, and remove excavated materials;
- Restoration of the riverbed and riverbanks after project completion;
- Use of fuel from the local community for refueling; and
- Use of local facilities and accommodations.

In addition to the scope as described above, pursuant to *NuPPAA* paragraph 86(1)(a), the NIRB has identified the following additional works or activities as being sufficiently related to the project to form part of it:

- Excavated materials to be used for upgrading the road to the new bridge; and
- Completion of the new bridge by installation of timber deck and rail.

Prior to making a determination with respect to the scope of the project proposal, the NIRB invites the HCB to comment on the above identified inclusions to the scope of the project. **Please provide your comments directly to the NIRB no later than September 12, 2019.** The NIRB will take into account any comments the proponent may provide in respect of the potential inclusions identified above.

In accordance with s. 86(3) of the *NuPPAA*, if the NIRB makes an inclusion of any additional works or activities to the scope of a project proposal, the Board will forward its determination to the NPC and responsible Ministers to exercise their powers and perform their duties and functions.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or via email at motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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