



The schedule for these meetings has been included below and will be advertised in Nunatsiaq News (print and online editions), on local radio, in flyers posted within each community, and on social media. All advertisements will be provided in English, Inuktitut, and French.

The objective in writing you today is to share information regarding the planned meetings and to ask for your support in encouraging community members to make time to attend and share their questions and comments with the NIRB.

<b>Evening Sessions</b>		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Resolute	November 19, 2019	Community Hall Gym
Grise Fiord	November 20, 2019	Community Hall
Arctic Bay	November 21, 2019	Community Hall
Pond Inlet	November 22, 2019	High School Gym
Pangnirtung	November 23, 2019	School Gym
Iqaluit	November 24, 2019	Cadet Hall
Cape Dorset	November 25, 2019	Community Hall
Clyde River	November 26, 2019	High School Gym
Qikiqtarjuaq	November 27, 2019	Community Hall
Kimmitur	November 28, 2019	Akavak Centre

The NIRB's staff will facilitate the community meetings and will be accompanied by representatives from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, the Government of Nunavut, and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. The meetings will be designed to create an opportunity for community members to:

- learn about the Board's final report and recommendations;
- learn about next steps for the SEA; and
- ask questions.

Visits are scheduled to occur over one (1) day in each community, with public meetings during the evenings (with simultaneous interpretation). The NIRB will be making efforts before, during, and after these visits to ensure community members have access to the outcomes of the SEA.

The objective of the SEA was to understand the possible types of oil and gas related activities that could one day be proposed within that area, and their potential risks, benefits, and management strategies. The SEA used available scientific information, Inuit Qaujimaningit and other types of traditional knowledge, and public feedback. An essential component of the SEA was to reflect Inuit concerns and traditional use of the associated marine areas. The NIRB was responsible for producing a final report at the conclusion of the SEA outlining the information collected throughout the assessment and providing recommendations to the Minister of Intergovernmental

Affairs, Northern Affairs and Internal Trade for consideration. The Board's central conclusion of the SEA is:

*Given the importance of the marine environment to the well-being of Nunavummiut, significant gaps in knowledge of the environment necessary to support impact assessment, and an overall lack of regulatory, industry, and infrastructure readiness in Nunavut, the 2016 moratorium on oil and gas development in the Canadian Arctic should remain in place for Baffin Bay and Davis Strait until such time as the key issues set out in this Report can be addressed. The Board expects that it will take at least a decade to complete the research, planning, and consultation identified as necessary prior to undertaking a re-assessment by the Minister to determine if the moratorium should be lifted.*

All information pertaining to the NIRB's Strategic Environmental Assessment in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait, including the final report, can be accessed online from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125087](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125087).

We are looking forward to visiting your communities again and would appreciate your offices' assistance in promoting the planned meetings and encouraging community members to attend. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming meetings or the NIRB's Strategic Environmental Assessment in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait, please contact Heather Rasmussen, Senior Policy Advisor, at (867) 983-4606 or via email at [hrasmussen@nirb.ca](mailto:hrasmussen@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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