



# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB Re: Notice of Screening for Parks Canada's "Douglas Harbour Shelter" Project Proposal



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Via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening for Parks Canada's "Douglas Harbour Shelter" Project Proposal**

Dear Erin Reimer,

On March 20, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Parks Canada Agency's "Douglas Harbour Shelter" Project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

**Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures);**

CIRNAC is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposed Project can be mitigated with known practices or technology.

Some common practices include:

- All fuel and other hazardous materials should be stored a minimum of thirty-one (31) metres away from the high water mark of any water body and in such a manner as to prevent their release into the environment;
- Re-fuelling of all equipment should occur a minimum of thirty-one (31) metres away from the high water mark of any water body; and,
- Do not erect camps or store materials on the surface ice of lakes or streams.

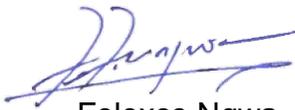


**Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal;**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent maintain open communication with land users from communities that surround the project area (i.e., Naujaat, Coral Harbour, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, and Baker Lake) to ensure they are aware of planned activities and their interests are respected (e.g., protection of wildlife resources). In addition to communicating with the Kivalliq Inuit Association through the Ukkusiksalik Park Management Committee, the Proponent should engage with municipalities and hunters and trappers' organizations.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley at (867) 975-4556 or by e-mail at [Richard.Bingley2@canada.ca](mailto:Richard.Bingley2@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



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