



NIRB File No.: 21KN015

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Sent via email: jennifer.lukacic@canada.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Parks Canada's "Lake Hazen Barrel Shed Remediation and Replacement" Project Proposal

Dear Jenn Lukacic:

On March 2, 2021 the NIRB received a referral to screen Parks Canada's "Lake Hazen Barrel Shed Remediation and Replacement" project proposal directly from Parks Canada pursuant to s. 167 of the *NuPPAA*. The NIRB notes that the proposed project would be located within the Quttinirpaaq National Park and pursuant to s. 70(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the Nunavut Planning Commission conformity determination process does not apply.¹ As a result, pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 87 of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **21KN015**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On March 3, 2021 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On March 17, 2021 the NIRB released a formal correspondence, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On March 24, 2021 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

¹ Subsection 70(1) states of the *NuPPAA*: This Part and the broad planning policies, priorities and objectives, the specific planning objectives and any land use plan, established under this Part, do not apply in respect of a park that has been established or to a historic place that has been designated under the *Historic Sites and Monuments Act* and is administered by the Parks Canada Agency.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125594.

Project:	Lake Hazen Barrel Shed Remediation and Replacement				
Region:	Qikiqtani (North Baffin Region)				
Location:	Quttinirpaaq National Park				
Closest Community:	Grise Fiord	Distance (approximate)	600 kilometres (km)	Direction	North
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to document and dismantle the Lake Hazen Barrel Shed and remove the barrels from the park and to install a storage unit that meets health and safety and storage requirements of the site.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	June 2021 to August 2022				

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Removal of current Lake Hazen Barrel Shed using heavy equipment;
- Use of heavy equipment for remediation activities;
 - Contaminated barrels will be removed from the park;
 - Contaminated soils will be deposited into the existing land farm for treatment;
 - Footprint of old Shed will be levelled; and
 - Possible use of a grinder to cut up large pieces of equipment for removal.
- Approximately 100 old fuel barrels and several large pieces of old equipment will be removed from the park;
 - Empty barrels to be flown to Resolute Bay for cleaning and crushing;
- Construction of new Lake Hazen Barrel Shed to meet health and safety requirements;
- Use of vehicles (ATV, snowmobile, and UTV) for transportation of personnel and equipment;
- Storage and use of fuels at the existing fuel shed or fuel berm within the camp;
- Non-combustible wastes to be packaged and flown out for proper disposal;
- Human waste will be incinerated on site using the existing incinerator; and
- Use of accommodations and infrastructure within the Lake Hazen Camp.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125594 and include:

- *PC Referral and Project Description*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Non-Tech Summaries in English and Inuktitut*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by PC's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 30, 2021**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125594.

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

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
Stephen Williamson-Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Jane Chisholm, Parks Canada
Tracey McCaie, Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada