



NIRB File No.: 21CN026

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Sent via email: Valerie.amarualik@canada.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Parks Canada's "New Temporary Operational Camp at Dundee Bight and Extension for Using Dome Camp as a Secondary Camp" project proposal

Dear Valerie Amarualik:

On April 26, 2021 the NIRB received a referral to screen Parks Canada's (PC) "New Temporary Operational Camp at Dundee Bight and Extension for Using Dome Camp as a Secondary Camp" 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 Qausuittuq 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 **21CN026**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On April 28, 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 May 21, 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

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.

to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On June 2, 2021 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

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/125613.

Project:	New Temporary Operational Camp at Dundee Bight and Extension for Using Dome Camp as a Secondary Camp				
Region:	Qikiqtani (North Baffin)				
Location:	Qausuittuq National Park				
Closest Community:	Resolute Bay	Distance (approximate)	Dundee Bight camp is 193 kilometres (km) Dome Camp – 220 km	Direction	Northwest
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to construct a new temporary operational camp at Dundee Bight with hard sided shelters and a bear fence to provide safe accommodation and or shelter for staff, visitors, and community members who are accessing the area for operational, visitation, cultural or emergency purposes.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	April 2022 to August 2026				

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

- Construction of two (2) 16'x18' hard shelters at Dundee Bight camp;
- Construction of a 50'x50' electric bear fence at Dundee Bight camp;
- Construction of an airstrip in an area suitable to land safely at Dundee Bight;
- Use of both camps for exploratory hiking, day/multi-day trips, overnight-exploratory camping, holding in park meetings, and stakeholder meetings;
- Use of an aircraft to access both camp sites in summer;
- Use of snowmobiles to access both camp sites in winter;
- Use and storage of fuel within a fuel berm during the months of April, May, June, July, and August.
- Greywater and human waste to be disposed of in a sump;
- After 4 operating seasons, Parks Canada will determine if the area is suitable for a permanent operational base 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/125613 and include:

- *PC Referral and Project Description*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Non-Tech Summaries in French*
- *Project Impact Assessment*

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 project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 5, 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/125613.

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

cc: Distribution List
Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
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Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
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Tracey McCaie, Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada