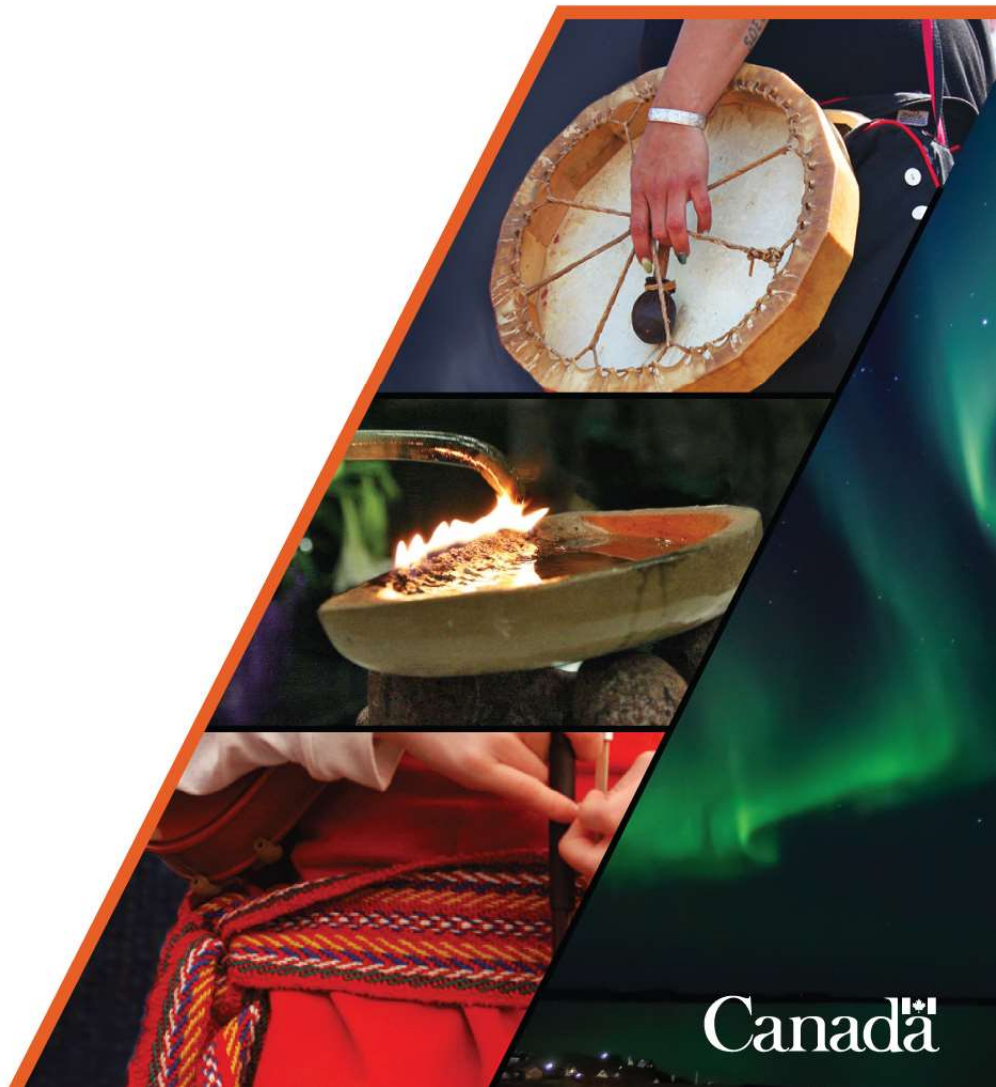




# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

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





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**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Parks Canada's "New Temporary Operational Camp at Dundee Bight and Extension for Using Dome Camp as a Secondary Camp" Project Proposal**

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On June 14, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Parks Canada's "New Temporary Operational Camp at Dundee Bight and Extension for Using Dome Camp as a Secondary Camp" 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 #1: Fuel Storage**

The Proponent indicates that 5 barrels of fuel will be stored in secondary containment, and that fuel spill materials will be available at that site. However, it is unclear what other measures will be used in order to mitigate potential spills.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent:

- a) set up the fuel cache at least 31 meters away from the high water mark of any water body;





- b) Ensure that re-fuelling activities are completed in designated areas located a minimum of thirty-one (31) metres away from the high water mark of any water body, and using drip pans or other equivalent device; and
- c) Ensure that all personnel are properly trained in fuel and hazardous waste handling procedures, as well as spill response procedures.

## **CIRNAC #2: Food and Waste Storage**

The Proponent indicates that waste will be retrieved on abandonment of the proposed project, but does not mention mitigation measures to prevent attraction of wildlife.

CIRNAC recommends that food and wastes should be made inaccessible to wildlife.

### **Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal:**

## **CIRNAC #3: Potential for Positive Effects to Inuit Through Employment, Training, and Procurement Opportunities**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of local Inuit as well as procurement with Inuit-owned businesses when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population. As a result, Inuit and Inuit-owned businesses situated in Resolute Bay, the community in closest proximity to Qausuittuq National Park, should be prioritized in any project-related employment and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

## **CIRNAC #4: Consultation with Interested Parties**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Qausuittuq Park Management Committee, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, the Hamlet of Resolute Bay, the Resolute Bay Hunters & Trappers Association, as well as community members and other organizations which may have an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:

- Incorporation of Indigenous knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and,
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

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.





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