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To whom it may concern :

On behalf of the Hamlet of Grise Fiord, I am pleased to grant David Didier, professor in geography at Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR), and his coastal research team composed of, Antoine Boisson, postdoctoral researcher; Julie Major and Samuel Auger, graduate students at UQAR; Charles Jourdain-Bonneau, undergraduate student at UQAR and Denys Dubuc, research associate at UQAR. access to the Grise Fiord area during the summer of 2021.

Professor David Didier's research team will be in Grise Fiord for the project, "Coastal hazard assessment for the Community of Grise Fiord (Aujuttuaq), Ellesmere Island ". Mr. Didier, Mr. Boisson and Ms. Major will be in Grise Fiord between July 22 and August 12, while Mr. Auger, Mr. Jourdain-Bonneau and Mr. Dubuc will be in Grise Fiord between July 22 and September 9.

This project, which is critically important to our community has already been delayed by a year due to COVID-19. Their research will provide a better understanding of coastal dynamics along the hamlet including coastal erosion, hydrodynamic processes such as waves, storm surges, and permafrost degradation.

The research team of David Didier, is in a complex situation due to the global pandemic of COVID-19. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, Mr. Didier, Mr. Boisson and Mr. Jourdain-Bonneau will be in quarantine for 14 days in Edmonton, as they will be in Kugluktuk for another coastal project between July 8 and 20. Mr. Auger, Ms. Major and Mr. Jourdain-Bonneau will be in quarantine for 14 days in Ottawa.

We in Grise Fiord are aware, and have experienced the coastal dynamics exacerbated by climate change. The presence of this research team is considered essential by the community because of the current situation of the Arctic coasts, which are undergoing major changes.

On a different matter, we are currently experiencing water shortage, which hopefully will be alleviated sometime in July with the usual run-off from the melting glaciers. While in Grise Fiord, we expect the team to adhere to our water conservation measures, along with COVID-19 protocol.

We look forward to having you, and would appreciate if the team could share the results of the project with the community.

Sincerely



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Mayor, Hamlet of Grise Fiord, Nunavut