



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut's "Taloyoak Quarry Sites" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Government of Nunavut's "Taloyoak Quarry Sites" Project Proposal

Dear Francis Emingak,

On September 22, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Government of Nunavut's "Taloyoak Quarry Sites" 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:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC #1: Sediment Prevention Measures

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has not provided any measures to prevent potential sediment from entering any nearby waterbodies. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent ensure that no sediment enters the waterbodies.

CIRNAC #2: 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 Taloyoak should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.



CIRNAC #3: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Hamlet of Taloyoak, community members, the Taloyoak Hunters and Trappers Organization, and any other organizations that have an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:

- Safety precautions associated with quarrying activities and use of access roads,
- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge or Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit 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 in close proximity to the project area,
- Employment, training, and contracting opportunities, 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. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley by e-mail at richard.bingley2@canada.ca or David Abernethy at (867) 222-1610 or email at david.abernethy@canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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