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<b>GN-01: Heritage Resources Areas</b>	
<b>Department</b>	<b>Taloyoak Quarry Sites</b>
<b>Organization</b>	Government of Nunavut
<b>Subject/Topic</b>	Archaeological Impact Assessment
<b>References</b>	NIRB 21QB040: Notice of Screening
<b>CONCERNS</b>	
<p>The municipality of Taloyoak intends to extract aggregate from six (6) quarry sites for community construction needs. Two of the quarries are located on Municipal lands and four (4) on Crown Land.</p> <p>The six extraction sites will remain active until aggregate is depleted. Access to the quarry sites will be done through existing roads. Heavy construction equipment (crusher, loader, dump truck, water truck). excavator, backhoe, bulldozer) will be used for construction.</p> <p>A search of the Nunavut Site Data Base indicates that there are currently thirteen (13) sites located within the municipality boundary. This however does not preclude the presence of unidentified sites or cultural features as to this day no systematic archaeological reconnaissance has been conducted in this area.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<p><b>An archaeology Class 2 permit is required.</b></p> <p>On the basis that no archaeology surveys have been conducted in the proposed development area the Department of Culture and Heritage (CH) recommends that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prior to any ground disturbance an archaeological survey be conducted in the areas proposed for quarrying activities;</li> <li>2. a qualified archaeologist applies for a Class 2 permit with the Department of Culture and Heritage</li> <li>3. During construction, no activities be conducted in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of any archaeological/historical sites. If archaeological sites or features are encountered, activities should immediately be interrupted and moved away from this location. Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to our office.</li> </ol> <p>All archaeological and palaeontological sites in Nunavut are protected by law. The applicant must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that no heritage resource sites are disturbed in the course of their activities. No person shall alter, or otherwise disturb an archaeological site, or remove any artifact from an archaeological site. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.</p>	
<b>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</b>	
CH approves the proposal pending application for an Archaeology Class 2 permit.	