



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB Re: Notice of Screening for Know History's “Cultural Resource Inventory Project” Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Know History's "Cultural Resource Inventory Project" Project Proposal

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On January 19, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Know History's "Cultural Resource Inventory Project" 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: Fuel Storage and Prevention

The Proponent indicates that they will be bringing an estimated 250 liters of gasoline through the Qaqsauqtuuq Migratory Bird Sanctuary, but does not specify what fuel spill mitigation methods will be used when refueling the all-terrain vehicles.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent ensure any refuelling is completed using spill trays, with spill clean up material easily accessible, at least 31 meters away from the normal high-water marks of any water bodies where possible.

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 Coral Harbour 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 consult with the Hamlet of Coral Harbour, Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Organization, Irniurviit Area Co-Management Committee, 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 Inuit knowledge and 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 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. 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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