



<b>GN-01: ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES</b>	
<b>Department</b>	Culture and Heritage
<b>Organization</b>	Government of Nunavut
<b>Subject/Topic</b>	Archaeological and Historical Resources - Disturbance
<b>References</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIRB Notice of Screening for Northern Energy Capital's "Mobile Wind Resource Assessment Project" Proposal – NIRB File No. 22YN048</li> </ul>
<b>CONCERNS</b>	
<p>In the context of a preliminary renewable energy study, Northern Energy Capital intends to install Sonic Detecting and Ranging (SODAR) equipment to assess/monitor wind conditions. The equipment will be installed between Fall 2022 and Fall 2023 within the municipal boundaries of Qamani'tuaq (Bake Lake).</p> <p>A search of the Nunavut Archaeological Site Database indicates that there are forty-four (44) recorded archaeological sites within the boundaries of the proposed study area. 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 specific area.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<p>On the basis that no archaeological surveys have been conducted in the proposed study area and that archeological sites are present in significant number; the Department of Culture and Heritage recommendations are as follow:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The proponent must exercise caution in their movements in the area, specifically with regards to the placement of the equipment. It is recommended that the area(s) be visually inspected prior to the installation of the equipment in order to avoid archaeological/historical sites.</li> <li>(2) caution should also be exercised during monitoring and maintenance activities, specifically during the snow-covered period as snow might mask recorded and unrecorded archaeological sites;</li> <li>(3) the applicant should avoid conducting activities in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of 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>	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
N/A