



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22YN043

Project Name: The “Multidisciplinary Observatory for Arctic Climate Change and Extreme Events Monitoring (MOACC)” project

Proponent Name: Université de Sherbrooke

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125734

Comment Deadline: **September 12, 2022**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Multidisciplinary Observatory for Arctic Climate Change and Extreme Events Monitoring (MOACC)” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 15 kilometres (km) from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to undertake research to develop a permanent multidisciplinary scientific infrastructure that enables long-term observations of Arctic climate change, bringing together experts from a wide range of expertise and institutions. The program is proposed to take place from June 2022 to March 2026. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of temporary camp owned and managed by CHARS
- Use of a permafrost drill to drill boreholes
- Use of a two UAVs to conduct ariel surveys
- Use of four Skidoo to transport personal and equipment to site

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22YN043** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Francis Emingak, Technical Advisor I toll-free at (867) 983-4616 or femingak@nirb.ca.