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Sent via email: rsewornu@gov.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ “Extraction of Gravel and Sand Deposit at the Waterfront” Project Proposal

Dear Rita Sewornu:

On December 7, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services (GN – CGS) “Extraction of Gravel and Sand Deposit at the Waterfront” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **22QN061**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On December 7, 2022, the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB’s public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On December 8, 2022, the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125744.

Project:	Extraction of Gravel and Sand Deposit at the Waterfront
Region:	Qikiqtani (South Baffin)
Location:	Within the Municipal boundaries of the community of Pangnirtung
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to extract natural gravel and sand deposits for road maintenance for the community of Pangnirtung.
Project Proposed Timeline:	January 2023 to June 2023

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of an excavator to extract gravel and sand;
- Use of a loader to load materials for transportation;
- Use of community fuel for excavator and loader;
 - No fuel will be stored at this location.
- Dredging waste to be collected; and
- Slumping may occur, if so, will be levelled off in the summer.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125744 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application*
- *NIRB's Online Application*
- *Proposed Quarry A*
- *Tractor Specs*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by GN – CGS' project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **January 6, 2023**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes¹ for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, the Proponent must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process at any time. Should the Proponent wish to discontinue the coordinated process, the Proponent may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125744.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

¹ As per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
William Patch, Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services
Tracey McCaie, Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada