



February 10, 2023

Nunavut-wide Distribution

Sent via email

Re: NIRB Notice of Upcoming Consultations in Relation to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2022 Revised Draft of the Rules of Procedure

Dear Sirs and Madams:

As part of the on-going process of revision and finalization of the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Rules of Procedure (ROP), the NIRB is providing this notice of upcoming consultations to discuss the Board's updates to the 2018 *Draft* ROP undertaken after the Board received comments from interested parties in 2019. As parties were advised in the Board's correspondence on October 12, 2022, the 2018 *Draft* ROP and subsequent revisions were developed as authorized under Article 12, Section 12.2.23 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 26 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Once finalized, the updated ROP will apply to NIRB proceedings, including Public Hearings.

As outlined below, in 2023 the Board will be conducting an in-person consultation session and will receive additional written comments regarding the ROP as revised and updated in the 2022 *Revised Draft* ROP. The in-person consultation session will be held in Iqaluit following the Mining Symposium.¹ Meeting details are as follows:

- **Date:** April 28, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm EST (includes lunch, morning, and afternoon breaks)
- **Venue:** Frobisher Inn Conference Centre, Baffin Room
- **Address:** Astro Hill

¹ Those attending do not need to be registered at the Mining Symposium.

The Board is currently in the process of preparing the 2022 *Revised Draft* ROP for public release and expects to circulate the 2022 version in accordance with the tentative schedule set out in the table that follows. The 2022 *Revised Draft* ROP includes approximately 200 revisions to the 2018 *Draft* ROP to reflect the comments provided by parties in 2019. In addition, the 2022 *Revised Draft* ROP includes revisions and additions to incorporate best practices and the Board's recent experience with modifications to the Board's processes to accommodate public health and safety requirements, such as incorporating the use of remote access technology during the pandemic. As indicated below, the Board will be releasing the updated 2022 *Revised Draft* ROP for comments prior to the April in-person consultation, with the intention of finalizing and implementing the finalized ROP in the late fall of 2023.

Activity	Anticipated Date ¹
NIRB distributes the 2022 <i>Revised Draft</i> ROP for comments	April 2023
In-person consultation on the 2022 <i>Revised Draft</i> ROP	April 28, 2023
NIRB receives written feedback on the 2022 <i>Revised Draft</i> ROP	June 2023
NIRB publishes notice ² and finalized ROP	Tentatively October 2023
¹ Note: all dates are tentative and may be changed by the Board to reflect circumstances	

The 2018 *Draft* Rules of Procedure and (when available) the 2022 *Revised Draft* Rules of Procedure, as well as comments submitted can be accessed from the NIRB's website at www.nirb.ca/rules-of-procedure.

To assist in planning for the in-person consultations, the NIRB would appreciate participants planning to attend the consultation session in Iqaluit to inform Heather Rasmussen, Senior Policy Advisor, by April 10, 2023. If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Heather Rasmussen at 867-983-4606 or hrasmussen@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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² As required under s. 38(5) of the *NuPPAA*.