



# Consultation Sessions

January 24-25, 2023



# WELCOME



# Session Objectives

Build knowledge and awareness around the Standard Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines development process

Provide an opportunity for stakeholders and rightsholders to give feedback

Gather input to inform the next iteration of the draft Standard IS Guidelines



# Housekeeping

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- Washrooms are located in the gym and pool area on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor (keys available near the front door)
- Muster station is located in the lobby of the Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel across the street
- WIFI network: Ambleside II Room - Password: NIRB

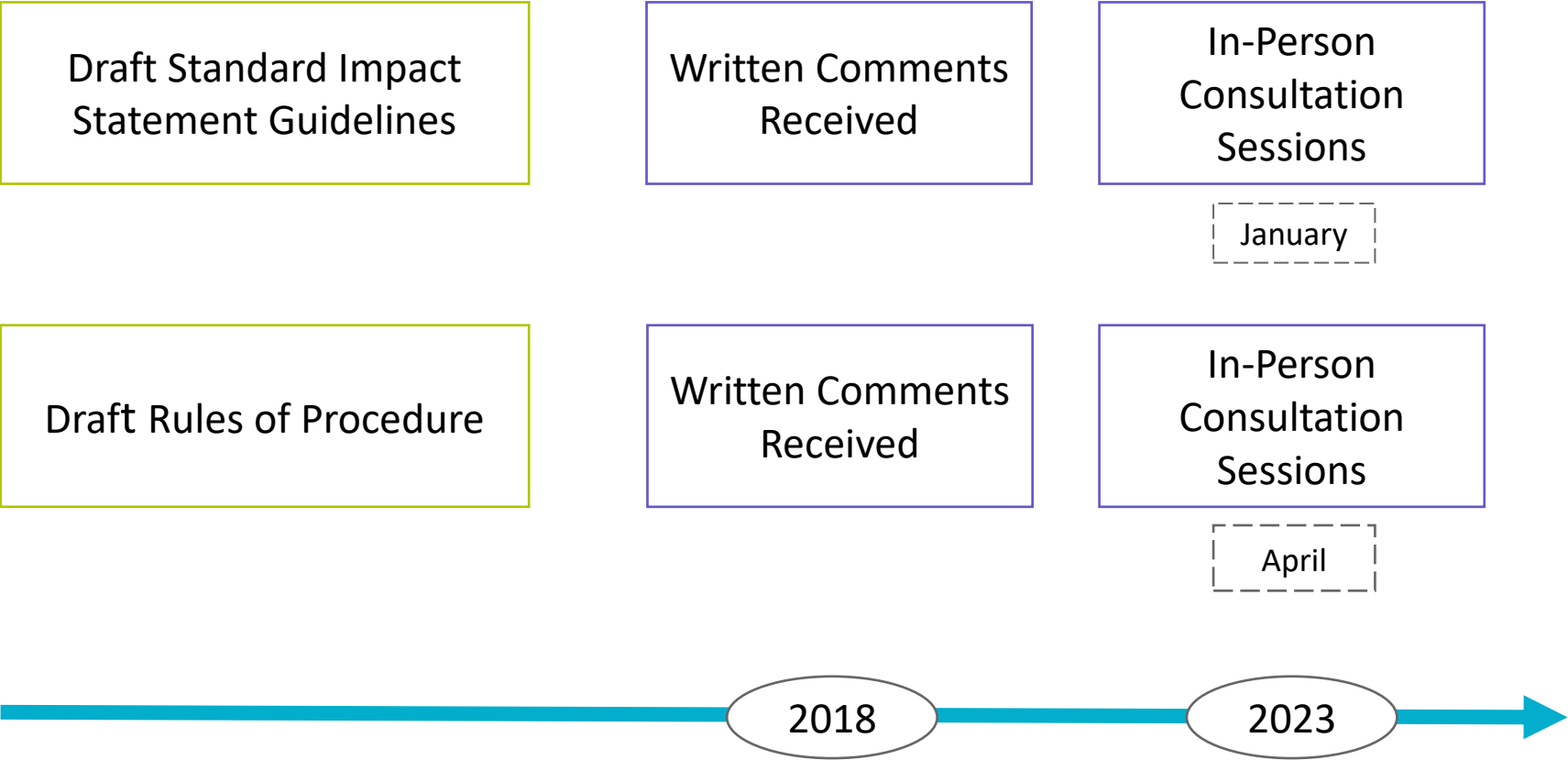




# CONTEXT SETTING



# Parallel Consultation Processes



# Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines

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- Purpose of the January 2023 Consultation Sessions are to:
  - Receive input and hold discussion with all parties on key topics
  - Inform the Revised Draft Impact Statement Guidelines
- Community engagement is planned for 2023, with two communities per region
- Additional guidance documents will be developed for proponents and parties on:
  - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
  - Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
  - Public Engagement



# Core Principles

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- Inuit and community involvement are to be woven throughout all themes
- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit needs to inform all stages of the impact assessment
- The proponent must provide reasons for differences in conclusions
- Systems analysis (individual and collective impacts)



# KEY THEME: INUIT QAUJIMAJATUQANGIT AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

# Thinking About Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Holistically

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- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is collected, managed and interpreted differently across Nunavut:
  - How is Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit being managed in your region?
  - How might the NIRB or proponents treat these differences?

# Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Public Engagement

## Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- Inuit and community members need to be involved throughout all stages of project development.
- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit needs to inform all stages of the impact assessment
- The Proponent shall share how it has followed all applicable Inuit protocols for the collection, protection, and use of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.
- Inuit need to be involved in both the collection and interpretation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and other Knowledge shared.
- The Proponent must provide reasons for conclusions differing from community views.

What do you like or appreciate?  
What uncertainties or gaps remain?  
What additional information or guidance is required?



# COMMENTS ON OTHER THEMES



# Significance Determination

## Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- Assessing the significance of potential impacts is the most important aspect of an Impact Statement and must involve potentially affected communities.
- The Proponent shall include how it considered different parties' views in determining the significance of potential impacts.
- The Proponent shall describe how Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, well-being, and the values of potentially impacted communities are reflected in the determination of significance.

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# Methods

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## Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- Sufficient information and analysis must be included (for example scientific information, engineering information, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Indigenous Knowledge, and Community Knowledge).
- Where conclusions are inconsistent with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Indigenous Knowledge, and Community Knowledge, Proponent rationale and plans to address differences shall be included.
- The Proponent shall identify and/or clarify any uncertainties in methods and conclusions.
- Proponents are encouraged to use plain language as much as possible and consider plain language summaries for each chapter.
- The Proponent shall engage with potentially impacted communities on what visuals would be most helpful (for example 3-D models, maps with pictures on them, or photos of the area).





# Cumulative Effects

## Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- A cumulative effect refers to the accumulation or addition of changes to the socio-economic or biophysical environment caused by past, existing, and proposed human activities and/or natural processes.
- Cumulative effects on valued biophysical and socio-economic components must include culture, health, and food security.
- Input should be requested from all relevant parties (including governments, Designated Inuit Organizations, and potentially affected communities) and be informed by community-based monitoring programs.
- Cumulative effects must consider that cumulative biophysical and socio-economic effects can also result from individually minor, but collectively significant, effects occurring over a period of time.
- Proponents shall address how the assessment of alternatives considered cumulative effects.

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# Socio-Economic Impact Assessment

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## Key points from NIRB Discussion Document (General):

- An assessment of the socio-economic environment shall be done with the same level of effort and expertise as the biophysical environment
- The Proponent shall engage with Inuit and community members from potentially affected communities so that the factors that are most important to Inuit well-being are chosen as indicators
- A holistic understanding of health must be taken
  - The Proponent should use a determinants of health approach when predicting potential effects of proposed projects on health
  - The Proponent should undertake both a Health Impact Assessment and Human Health Risk Assessment...

# Socio-Economic Impact Assessment

## Key points from NIRB Discussion Document (continued):

- Health impact assessments related to Inuit shall include the following considerations: food security; perceived and real risk of contamination and effects of both on country food harvesting and alienation; a Population Health approach; Inuit determinants of health that go beyond the biophysical, and consider the mental, physical, and spiritual aspects of health

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# Climate Change

## Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- The Impact Statement shall include a discussion on global climate change.
- The Proponent must assess how potential climate change could affect valued components.
- Proponents shall demonstrate how climate change has been considered in the design and planning of the Project including the post-closure period.
- Assessments shall address uncertainty and indicate how areas impacted by development are expected to change over time and under different climate change conditions/models.

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# CLOSING



A vibrant green aurora borealis (northern lights) displays in a dark, starry night sky. The lights form a bright, horizontal band across the upper half of the frame, with some wispy, vertical streaks extending upwards. Below the horizon, a rugged, rocky landscape is visible, with numerous light-colored, rounded boulders scattered across the foreground and middle ground. The overall scene is a serene and majestic natural landscape.

# Thank you!