



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

Agenda

#	Agenda Item	Time
1	Welcome and Opening Remarks	15 minutes
2	Context Setting	15 minutes
3	Building a Path Forward	90 minutes
4	Roundtable Discussion	50 minutes
5	Closing	10 minutes

Housekeeping

- Washrooms are located in the gym and pool area on the 4th floor
- Muster station is located in the lobby of the Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel across the street
- WIFI network: Ambleside II Room - Password: NIRB

Roundtable Introductions

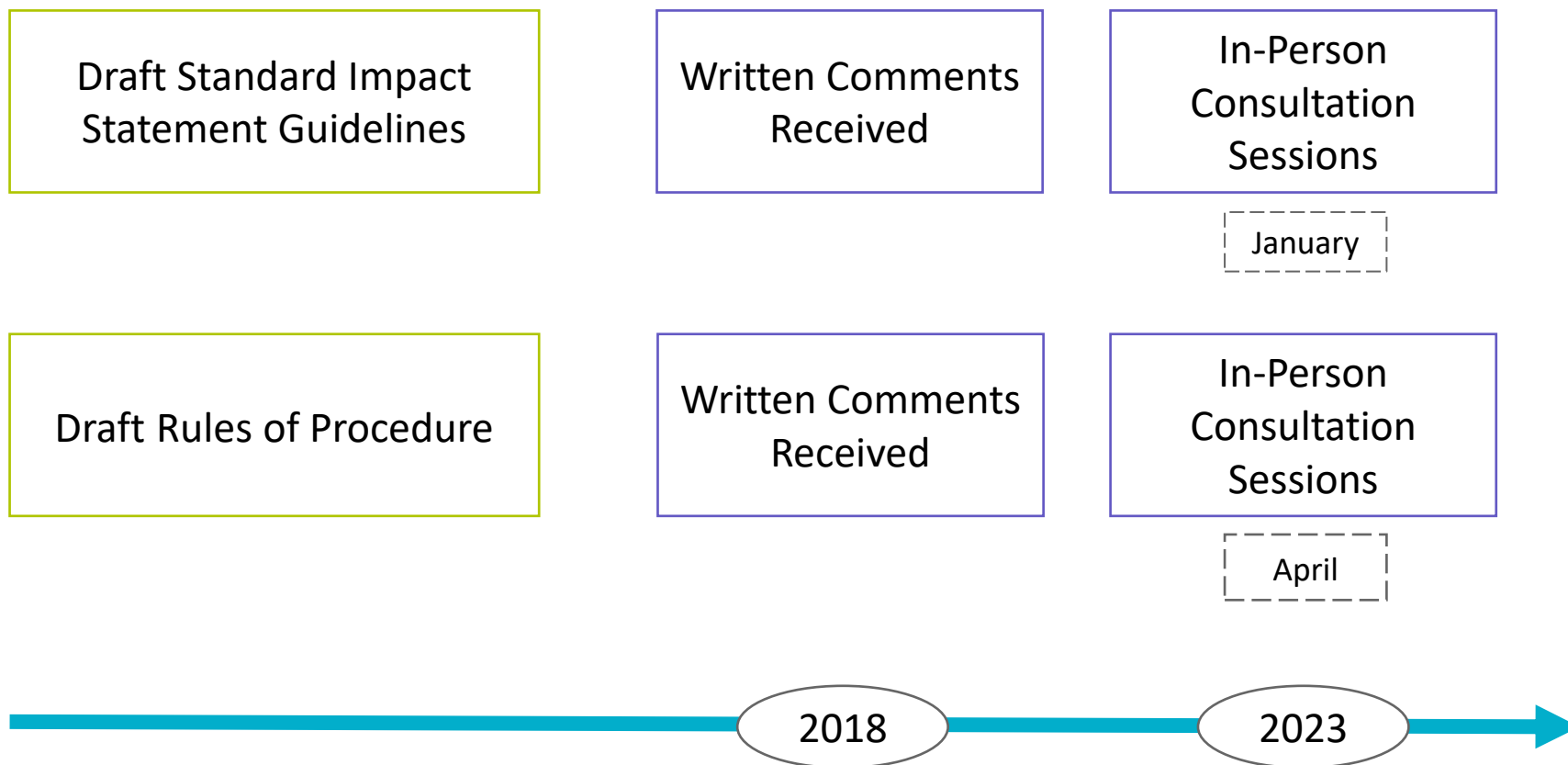
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CONTEXT SETTING

Parallel Consultation Processes



Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines

- 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

- Key themes are informed by:
 - Written comments received in 2018
 - Input during recent NIRB processes
 - Process changes since 2018
 - Similar work in other jurisdictions
- Key themes have been grouped for discussion

Core Principles



- 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)



BUILDING A PATH FORWARD

What We Heard - Summary



- Need for clarity on roles and responsibilities of all Parties for the collection, protection and use of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
- Request for additional clarity on definitions and terminology used in Draft IS Guidelines (e.g., community)
- Request for consistency in overall language use in the IS Guidelines
- Recognition of need for regional and project-specific approaches
- Divergent perspectives on proponent conclusions and reasoning for different views from communities
- Request for guidance and certainty on phased development
- Concerns regarding capacity of all Parties

Moment of Reflection

Before we prioritize the themes for our discussion together in plenary this afternoon, please reflect on the following themes alone or with a partner:

- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Public Engagement
- Significance Determination
- Methods and Baseline
- Impact Assessment and Cumulative Effects
- Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
- Climate Change

5 minutes of reflection alone or with a partner!

- What outstanding questions do you have?
- What additional information or guidance is needed?
- What perspectives would you like to understand better?

Prioritizing Themes for Discussion

To determine the order of discussion, go to www.menti.com and enter code 61254195 to rank each theme by priority level

- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Public Engagement
- Significance Determination
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Consider:

What outstanding questions do you have?

What additional information or guidance is needed?

What perspectives would you like to understand better?

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

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What We Heard

Impact Assessment and Cumulative Effects

- Request for clarity on transboundary issues
- Acknowledgement of the cumulative effects of phased developments and need for clarity on how to address this going forward

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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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

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

Baseline

Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- Baseline includes historical background and current baseline conditions
- A description of how the existing environment is expected to change over the life of the project in response to climate change
- Any time limits associated with the validity of data used must be clarified (for example, baseline data may not be valid after a certain time due to changes in sampling techniques)

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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).

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

Tentative Timeline

January 2023:

Consultations on the Draft
Standard IS Guidelines

February – April 2023:

Regional Community Consultations

June 2023:

Revised Draft Standard IS Guidelines
for Comment

October 2023:

NIRB Distributes Finalized
Standard IS Guidelines

A vibrant green aurora borealis (northern lights) displays across a dark, starry night sky. The lights form a bright, horizontal band with wispy, flowing patterns. Below the sky, a rugged, rocky landscape is visible, with numerous light-colored, rounded stones and boulders scattered across the foreground and middle ground. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Thank you!