



March 30, 2023

### Nunavut-wide Distribution

*Sent via email*

**Re: Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2022 *Revised Draft* of the Rules of Procedure for Comment**

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is releasing the 2022 *Revised Draft* Rules of Procedure (ROP) for public consultation. By way of this correspondence, the NIRB is inviting interested parties to provide comments on the 2022 *Revised Draft* ROP by **June 30, 2023**.

In 2018, a *Draft ROP* was 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*). 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. Once finalized, the updated ROP will apply to NIRB proceedings, including Public Hearings.

To assist parties in their review of the 2022 *Revised Draft* ROP, the NIRB is providing:

- *2022 Revised* Draft NIRB Rules of Procedure
- *2022 Revised* Draft NIRB Rules of Procedure with all changes tracked for ease of reference
- NIRB Response to Comments on the 2018 *Draft* ROP

Please submit all comments regarding the *Revised Draft* 2022 ROP to the NIRB by **June 30, 2023** though regular mail, fax, or email:

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Fax: 1-867-983-2594 Email: [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca)

The following format is recommended for written comment submissions to enable the NIRB to effectively address and respond to comments, revisions, or recommendations provided by interested parties on the draft documents:

All comments received on the 2022 *Revised Draft* ROP will be posted online on the NIRB's Public Registry. The NIRB looks forward to working with all interested parties to consider the comments, revisions, and recommendations received, with a view to finalizing and implementing the updated Rules of Procedure in 2023.

<b>Comment Number:</b>	Each specific comment, revision, or recommendation should be numbered to allow for effective cross-referencing of the submission.
<b>Subject:</b>	Identify the general subject or topic associated with the comment, revision, or recommendation (e.g., 'Filing of Motions').
<b>Reference:</b>	Provide a clear reference to the applicable document, section, and/or page number where the text associated with comment, revision or recommendation may be found.
<b>Priority:</b>	Identify the relative importance of the comment, revision, or recommendation to you/your organization/agency.
<b>Background/Rationale:</b>	Provide background information and any rationale supporting the comment, revision, or recommendation.
<b>Recommendation to Address Issues:</b>	If possible, provide recommendations regarding the best means of addressing the issue(s) identified, including, but not limited to, providing suggested changes to the text of the draft, identifying additions or deletions required, and discussing whether the NIRB should address the issue(s) outside the current draft document.

The next steps for finalization of the ROP are as follows:

Activity	Anticipated Date <sup>1</sup>
NIRB distributes the 2022 <i>Revised Draft</i> ROP for comments	March 30, 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 30, 2023

NIRB publishes notice <sup>1</sup> and finalized ROP	Tentatively October 2023
<sup>1</sup> Note: all dates are tentative and may be changed by the Board to reflect circumstances	

The 2018 *Draft* Rules of Procedure and 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](http://www.nirb.ca/rules-of-procedure).

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned at 867-983-4606 or [hramussen@nirb.ca](mailto:hramussen@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



Heather Rasmussen  
*Acting* Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Cc: Nunavut-wide Distribution List

Enclosed (3): 2022 *Revised* Draft NIRB Rules of Procedure  
2022 *Revised* Draft NIRB Rules of Procedure with all changes tracked  
NIRB Response to Comments on the 2018 *Draft* ROP

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<sup>1</sup> As required under s. 38(5) of the *NuPPAA*.