



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23CN021

Project Name: The “Sinaasiurvik Gathering Place” project
Proponent Name: Parks Canada
Project Type: Camp Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125795
Comment Deadline: **May 25, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Sinaasiurvik Gathering Place” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 50 kilometres (km) from Arctic Bay. The Proponent intends to set up a temporary camp to construct a permanent cabin, a camping area, and a helicopter landing area within the Sirmilik National Park, together called the Cultural Learning Centre. The program is proposed to take place from May 2023 to August 2024. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of helicopter for transportation of personnel and equipment
- Construction of pre-fabricated multi-use cabin
- Transport of prefabricated material from Arctic Bay to Sinaasiurvik by snowmobile and qamutik in spring 2023 and 2024
- Temporary 10-person camps in summer 2023 and 2024

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23CN021** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Robby Qammaniq, Technical Advisor II toll-free at (867) 983-4618 or rqammaniq@nirb.ca.