



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YA018

Project Name: The “Arctic coastal and drifting ice processes and dynamics” project
Proponent Name: Carleton University
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125786
Comment Deadline: **June 16, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Arctic coastal and drifting ice processes and dynamics” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 600 kilometres (km) from Grise Fiord. The Proponent intends to amend the scope of previously approved activities to include taking sediment cores and sampling benthic organisms. The program is proposed to take place from 2023 to 2040. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of sediment corer and sediment traps
- Sampling of benthic organisms
- Use of an underwater ROV
- Continue to use existing temporary camp to facilitate ongoing research

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23YA018** 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 Keith Morrison, Manager, Impact Assessment toll-free at (867) 983-4617 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.