

GN-01: Cultural Resources	
Department	Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Potential presence of archaeological sites
References	<i>Notice of Screening for Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Sanirajak, Nunavut MET Tower" project proposal, NIRB File No.: 23YN027</i>
CONCERNS	
<p>The Proponent intends to construct a temporary meteorological tower to collect wind data to assess the potential for wind energy generation. The data will be collected over a period of 18 to 24 months. The tower will be dismantled, and material equipment will be removed after that period. The proposed Project is located approximately 6km away from the hamlet of Sanirajak.</p> <p>The proposed work, activities include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction the MET tower (2 ft x 2ft base structure); • anchorage of four guy wires about 20 cm from the base structure; • transportation of material and personnel to the tower site; • periodic tower maintenance. <p>A search of the Nunavut Archaeological Site Database indicates that there are eleven (11) archaeological sites recorded in the vicinity of the proposed project development area. This however does not preclude the presence of unidentified sites or cultural features as to this day no systematic archaeological reconnaissance has been conducted in this specific area.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>Based on the potential presence of archaeological sites in the vicinity of the Project Area and the fact that the footprint of the current project is extremely limited the Department of Culture and Heritage recommends the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Proponent shall exercise caution in their movements in the area, specifically with regards to the placement of the tower site. It is recommended that any areas subject to ground disturbance activities be visually inspected prior to construction. 	

2. Transportation activities (snow mobile, ATV) of material and personnel remain confined within the limits of a pre-determined route for the duration of the project.
3. The Proponent avoids conducting activities in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of archaeological/historical sites. If archaeological sites or features are encountered, activities should immediately be interrupted and moved away from this location. Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to our office.

All archaeological and palaeontological sites in Nunavut are protected by law. The Proponent must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that no heritage resource sites are disturbed during the course of their activities. No person shall alter, or otherwise disturb an archaeological site, or remove any artifact from an archaeological site. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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