



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Carleton University's "Arctic coastal and drifting ice processes and dynamics (project amendment)" Project Proposal



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Keith Morrison
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Cambridge Bay, NU, X0B 0C0
via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Carleton University's "Arctic coastal and drifting ice processes and dynamics (project amendment)" Project Proposal

Dear Keith Morrison,

On June 7, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Carleton University's "Arctic coastal and drifting ice processes and dynamics (project amendment)" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC #1: Fuel Cache

The Proponent indicates that it will store 3600 litres of aviation fuel on Ellesmere Island to supply its helicopter, facilitating access to select sites.

The Proponent did not provide descriptions of: (1) the fuel cache (e.g., secondary containment measures); and (2) the land on which fuel will be stored and the surrounding environment.

CIRNAC recommends that all fuel should be stored at a minimum of thirty-one (31) meters away from the high water mark of any waterbody, with use of secondary containment or a surface liner, and with drip pans or other equivalent devices when refueling equipment on-site.

CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC appreciates the effort that the Proponent has made in communicating with the Hamlets of Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay, Iviq Hunters and Trappers Association, and the Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association, as well as earlier consultation efforts with the Nauttiguqtiit Guardians and community members in Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay. CIRNAC encourages the



Proponent to continue consultations and follow up with these communities, organizations, and associations throughout the lifespan of the project.

CIRNAC #3: Potential for Positive Effects to Inuit through Employment, Training, and Procurement Opportunities

CIRNAC appreciates that the Proponent plans to bring people from Grise Fiord and/or Resolute Bay to Milne Fiord, and to make a positive impact on Inuit employment. CIRNAC recommends that, wherever and whenever possible, the Proponent also prioritize the training of local Inuit, as well as procurement with Inuit-owned businesses, when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact John MacInnis by e-mail at john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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