



**NIRB File No.: 23YN025**  
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To: The Honourable Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Environment and Climate Change Canada's "OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping" Project Proposal**

Dear Honourable Minister:

On May 9, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) "OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 23YN025.**

On May 9, 2023, the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening. Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On May 15, 2023, the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On May 26, 2023, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by June 16, 2023.

Due to a potential change in the scope of the proposed project which requires an assessment by the Nunavut Planning Commission before further action can be taken, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by **July 18, 2023**, at which

time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125811](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125811).

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Robert Greenly, President of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association  
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The Honourable Joanna Quassa, Government of Nunavut, Minister of Environment, and Minister of Nunavut Arctic College