



Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)  
Public Consultation Sessions Summary Report  
Informing Development of NIRB Standard Impact Statement Guidelines

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) would like to thank all those who participated in the public Community Consultation Sessions held in Gjoa Haven, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Baker Lake, Arviat, and Kugluktuk to inform the development of the *Revised Draft* Standard Impact Statement Guidelines. Once finalized, the Standard Impact Statement Guidelines will provide information to proponents for the preparation of their Impact Statement, a series of documents describing the planning, predictions of impacts of activities, implementation, and eventual decommissioning of a project required for a NIRB Review. Project-specific guidelines will be provided as necessary.

The objective of these meetings was to provide:

- an overview of the process to develop Standard Impact Statement Guidelines;
- information on key themes within the Guidelines; and
- community members with opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback to inform the next draft of the Standard Impact Statement Guidelines.

The NIRB would like to acknowledge the many Elders and community members who actively participated in the public meetings, sharing their knowledge, and raising their questions and comments about Standard Impact Statement Guidelines as well as NIRB processes. Comments from communities are integral to the NIRB's process, assessment, and final decisions. The NIRB would also like to thank all the interpreters who helped make each evening a success.

Due to weather conditions, the NIRB's planned interpreter was unable to attend the meetings in the communities of Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Baker Lake, and Arviat. While local interpreters were able to attend the evening sessions, the NIRB appreciates the assistance of the Hamlets and Hunters and Trappers Organizations in supporting staff during the afternoon meetings as needed when scheduling conflicts and short notice made it difficult for staff to obtain additional support.

Finally, the NIRB would like to take this opportunity to thank all the communities for the warm hospitality offered to the NIRB staff. The meetings were successful owing to the participation, assistance, and generosity of community members, leadership, and local organizations.

Sincerely,



Mark Ings

*Acting* Executive Director

Nunavut Impact Review Board

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>1</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>NIRB PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS .....</b>	<b>5</b>
2.1	Overview of the Public Consultation Sessions .....	5
2.2	Setup of the NIRB Public Consultation Sessions .....	6
2.3	Meeting Materials .....	6
2.5	Advertisements .....	7
<b>3</b>	<b>FEEDBACK RECEIVED DURING THE NIRB’s PUBLIC Consultation SESSIONS</b>	
<b>8</b>		
3.1	Gjoa Haven .....	8
3.2	Qikiqtarjuaq .....	9
3.3	Clyde River .....	11
3.4	Baker Lake .....	15
3.5	Arviat .....	18
3.6	Kugluktuk .....	20
<b>4</b>	<b>SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION .....</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Appendix A .....</b>	<b>22</b>

# 1 INTRODUCTION

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is developing Standard Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines as authorized under Article 12, Section 12.2.23(h) of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 26(1)(e) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)*. The Standard IS Guidelines will provide information to guide Proponents when preparing their impact statement documentation as required during the NIRB's assessment of project proposals under the *Nunavut Agreement* and *NuPPAA*. The Standard IS Guidelines will provide the general requirements applicable to the assessment of all projects, which will be supplemented by any focused, project-specific guidelines the Board considers necessary to guide the assessment of a given project.

The NIRB is also currently developing additional guidance documents on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Public Engagement, and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment.

On December 6, 2018, the NIRB released *Draft* Standard IS Guidelines for public comment. In reviewing the written comment submissions, input during recent NIRB processes, and similar work being done in other regions, several themes emerged that warranted follow up and revisions to the *Draft* Standard IS Guidelines. The NIRB identified the following themes for further consultation and discussion:<sup>1</sup>

- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Public Engagement – involvement of potentially affected communities throughout all phases of project development, assessment of a proposed project, and development of an Impact Statement
- Use of plain language and accessible documents
- Appropriate methodology
- Socio-economic impact assessment
- Baseline development
- Impact assessment of individual valued components as well as collective impacts
- Cumulative effects
- Significance determination
- Sustainable development
- Climate change
- Phased development and amendments

To support these revisions, NIRB staff provided opportunities for in-person and virtual discussions with parties involved in NIRB reviews. The NIRB held a two-day in-person consultation in session in Vancouver with:

---

<sup>1</sup> The non-technical summary of the key topics identified is available in [Appendix A](#).

- Proponents and consultants
- Designated Inuit Organizations
- Government and other Intervenor, both within and outside of Nunavut

This meeting was facilitated by Stratos Inc. an ERM Group Company and included a targeted session for Proponents and consultants, Designated Inuit Organizations, and Government and other Intervenor, as well as an all-parties session. The NIRB also provided opportunities for follow-up discussions virtually as well as supplementary written comments. All related materials, including meeting materials, written comments, and a follow-up report summarizing comments heard, are available at: <https://www.nirb.ca/rules-of-procedure>.

## 2 NIRB PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

### 2.1 Overview of the Public Consultation Sessions

Two (2) communities within each region of Nunavut were selected for in-person consultation to represent a wide-range of viewpoints across Nunavut and different experiences with the NIRB's processes. The NIRB hosted public meetings at 7:00 pm as follows:

Community	Venue	Date
Gjoa Haven	Community Hall	April 20, 2023
Qikiqtarjuaq	Community Hall	April 24, 2023
Clyde River	Quluaq School	April 25, 2023
Baker Lake	Nunamiut Lodge Conference Room	April 26, 2023
Arviat	Community Hall	April 27, 2023
Kugluktuk	Community Hall	June 5, 2023

In January 2023, NIRB staff reached out to local Hamlets and Hunters and Trappers Organizations/Associations within each community to identify the best time to hold a public meeting as well as individual meetings with each of the organizations. Staff further reached out to schools to meet with high school students. Due to scheduling difficulties, the NIRB had to re-schedule the meetings multiple times in coordination with local organizations.

## 2.2 Setup of the NIRB Public Consultation Sessions

When arriving in each community, NIRB staff visited the Hamlet and Hunters and Trappers Organization/Association to discuss the process to develop Standard Impact Statement Guidelines, provide hard copies of related documents, and receive feedback on the process and topics identified for further input. NIRB staff made themselves available to meet with counsellors and Board members as well as staff.

NIRB staff further met with high school students as available to deliver a presentation and discuss the NIRB's:

- Mandate;
- assessment activity;
- standard impact statement guidelines; and
- employment opportunities.

In each community, public consultation sessions were hosted during the evening and included simultaneous interpretation into Inuktitut or Inuinnaqtun as appropriate, snacks and refreshments, and door prizes. All attendees were asked to sign in at each meeting. The NIRB delivered a detailed presentation providing:

- an overview of the process to develop Standard Impact Statement Guidelines;
- information on key themes within the Guidelines; and
- opportunities for community members to ask questions and provide feedback throughout the presentation to inform the next draft of the Standard Impact Statement Guidelines.

## 2.3 Meeting Materials

The following printed materials were provided at each meeting. An electronic version can be accessed on the NIRB's website under the dropdown folders as noted at: <https://www.nirb.ca/rules-of-procedure>.

Document	Dropdown Menu
<i>Draft</i> Impact Statement Guidelines (2018)	Rules of Procedure and Impact Statement Guidelines – Draft Standard IS Guidelines
Key Topics for Discussion and Input to Inform Revisions to the Standard IS Guidelines	Impact Statement Guidelines – Correspondence
NIRB PowerPoint presentation	Impact Statement Guidelines – Meeting Materials
Non-Technical Summary of IS Guidelines Discussion	Impact Statement Guidelines – Meeting Materials
Plain language definitions	Impact Statement Guidelines – Meeting Materials
NIRB Sign-in Sheets and comment forms	Impact Statement Guidelines – Meeting Materials

## 2.5 Advertisements

Public notification is essential to effective public engagement and is a prerequisite of the NIRB's community engagement. The NIRB informed the communities of the meetings through various advertisements, including print media, radio, and the NIRB's Facebook page (shared with individual community pages). Posters with meeting details were sent to local organizations and stores for placement. Copies of all advertisements are available on the NIRB public registry.



### 3 FEEDBACK RECEIVED DURING THE NIRB'S PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSIONS

The following is a summary of verbal comments discussed during each session. Comments are sorted by key topics and identified by meeting.

#### 3.1 Gjoa Haven



Meeting Overview		
Date	NIRB Activities	Notes
April 20, 2023	Hunters and Trappers Association	Staff dropped off materials and discussed the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines with the Manager of the Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers Association. Staff further noted opportunities for virtual follow-up discussions with Board members if desired.
April 21, 2023	Hamlet	Staff dropped off materials and discussed the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines with the Acting Senior Administrative Officer. Staff further noted opportunities for follow-up virtual discussions with Councillors if desired.
April 20, 2023	School Session	Due to First Aid training being held, the NIRB was unable to meet with students at the Qiqirtaq High School.
April 20, 2023	Evening Session	Interpreter: Josie Tucktoo Attendance: 1



### 3.2 Qikiqtarjuaq



Meeting Overview		
Date	NIRB Activities	Notes
April 24, 2023	Hunters and Trappers Organization/Hamlet	<p>NIRB staff met jointly with the Mayor and Senior Administrative Officer as well as Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization Board members and manager.</p> <p>Summary of comments below.</p> <p>The NIRB would like to thank members for providing interpreting assistance as needed.</p>
April 24, 2023	School Session	NIRB staff met with grade 10-12 students at Inuksuit School.
April 24, 2023	Evening Session	<p>Interpreter: Rosemary Metuq</p> <p>Attendance: 2</p> <p>Summary of comments below.</p>

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Public Engagement	
Evening Session	We know where to hunt, which animals, and what is available each season due to migration.

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
Inuksuit School	Recommended large community meetings rather than going into schools/
Appropriate Methodology	
Hunters and Trappers Organization	The size of the project does not matter, just whether it impacts us, the water, or the land.
	We are not used to being consulted in the process.
Impact Assessment	
Hunters and Trappers Organization	Importance of animals.
	Do not disturb protected areas like bird sanctuaries.
Inuksuit School	Assessing impacts to wildlife are important.
Evening Session	The most important thing is the migration of anything that comes up from the South during the summer and goes back during the fall, such as wildlife, sea mammals, and birds.
	We are getting unfamiliar birds that used to only be down South.
	We never used to get mosquitoes and now we have them in the thousands.
Climate Change	
Evening Session	I have seen climate change dramatically since the 1970s.
	Elders used to tell stories before Qikiqtarjuaq was a settlement. There were lots of glaciers, polar bears, and dens in parts of glaciers. Now there are no more glaciers where they used to be.
Other	
Hunters and Trappers Organization	Are we being impacted by Mary River Mine and should we know about this?
	The mines in Northern Quebec go in and destroy caribou and fish habitat. I hope that is not the same company that would come here.
	It is hard to have our voice heard and get points across because the mining companies are very big and have a lot of money.
	Project-specific questions.

### 3.3 Clyde River



Meeting Overview		
Date	NIRB Activities	Notes
April 25, 2023	Hamlet	Staff dropped off materials and discussed the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines with the Senior Administrative Officer. Staff further noted opportunities for follow-up virtual discussions with Councillors members if desired. The NIRB appreciates the assistance in identifying an interpreter for the evening session.
April 25, 2023	Hunters and Trappers Association	Staff dropped off materials and discussed the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines with the Manager of the Nangmoutaq Hunters and Trappers Association. Staff further noted opportunities for virtual follow-up discussions with Board members if desired.
April 25, 2023	School Session	NIRB staff met with grade 10-12 students at the Quluq School. Summary of comments below.
April 25, 2023	Evening Session	Interpreter: Loseosie Paneak Attendance: 34 Summary of comments below.

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Public Engagement	
Quluaq School	Consultation should be respectful.
	Proponents should meet with the whole community in the community hall.
	We want reports of what is happening and what is not happening with the proposed project. Materials should be simplified and easy to read.
	We would like to see Proponents use more media – Facebook, radio, posters in town <i>etc.</i>
Evening Session	We hear stories that when hunters were hunting they did not scare the animals, it was part of our culture. This should be part of the NIRB's considerations. People are finally sharing stories, maybe we can write these down and those could be used. People could share with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and then the Qikiqtani Inuit Association could be a resource.
	Animals have been here long before us; we should have bear monitors and research on narwhals before a project starts. They say they do not see changes to narwhals, but we see it and we should have someone monitoring these right from the beginning.
	Pollution from ships goes straight into the air and impacts microplankton and animals in the sea. They also contaminate the sea from the hull. According to Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, we need to respect all animals.
	There is material left out on the land that I saw when travelling. Nunavut needs to be kept clean.
	We treasure animals and want to pass that on to our children.
	There are a lot of benefits to community-based monitoring.
	The land is always moving and it can change and fix itself.
	Those who want to make a profit from the land have to be able to work with us. They can have a negative impact from pollution and on the animals.
	We know Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, but we do not deal with computers. We need a representative in the community. We would like someone from NIRB to be here in person to get information from us.

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
	We do not seem to have any power even though we have so much knowledge because Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is not written. We do not seem to be believed when we just talk.
	Inuit had laws and were never allowed to scare animals.
Quluaq School	We want blueprints of the proposed project.
Evening Session	We have to understand each other. I have been happy with employment at the Mary River mine site.
	I am very happy people are employed at the Mary River Iron Ore Mine.
Socio-economic impact assessment	
Evening Session	The Government of Nunavut needs to teach us how to get contracts for projects. A lot of Nunavut-owned businesses do not know how to get contracts.
	What if a mine came and the animals went further and further away? How can we get help? Can we get any financial benefits?
Baseline Development	
Evening Session	Information shared on hunting areas, narwhals, and camping.
Impact Assessment	
Evening Session	Do mining companies make a report if they are destroying the environment? Is there an organization that can stop a mine if it is having highly significant impacts?
	There are restrictions on hunting caribou and wolves catch caribou. Is research done on this?
Climate Change	
Evening Session	Companies are the ones causing climate change.
	Climate change impacts our animals and our hunting.
	The sea ice and the snow on the land is melting faster than it used to be.
Other	
Evening Session	Very happy with NIRB and Baffinland; we have to take care of the environment together.
	The dust from Mary River travels so far and contaminates so much of the area: the land and even salt water in area between Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay.
	People in Pond Inlet are struggling to deal with the dust.

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
	Iron-ore dust is in the ice that is collected for tea and is bad for the body. We have to boil water for tea.
	There are lots of minerals you can see around here. If they found iron ore in the future by Clyde River I would be happy about potential future employment, but there are things I would not be happy about.
	Has anyone got lung disease from mines?
	Have there been any studies about lung disease from dust?
	Questions about Meadowbank post closure plans for the pits.
	Is money available to clean up material left behind on the land? Information requested on securities (financial security that is provided by a mine operator to cover the cost of reclamation and monitoring of a site once mining is complete)
	Cruise ships have started coming into our inlets and fiords and into our hunting and camping areas. I would like to understand more. If they start coming into our hunting areas, can I and fellow hunters take pictures and report it to the NIRB?
	Do the mining companies and outside organizations like the World Wildlife Fund and Greenpeace have a say in the process to develop Standard IS Guidelines?
	The NIRB has produced good quality guidelines for the Mary River Mine and they helped us a lot.
	People on cruise ships hunt narwhals from the fjords in Pond Inlet.
	How do we make a complaint on an operational mine?



### 3.4 Baker Lake



Meeting Overview		
Date	NIRB Activities	Notes
April 26, 2023	Hamlet	NIRB staff met with Baker Lake Councillors. The NIRB thanks the Hamlet for providing interpretation services. Summary of comments below.
April 25, 2023	Hunters and Trappers Organization	NIRB staff met with the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization Board members. Summary of comments below.
April 25, 2023	School Session	NIRB staff met with grade 10-12 students at the Jonah Amitnaaq School. Summary of comments below.
April 25, 2023	Evening Session	Interpreter: Alexander Aluq Attendance: 23 Summary of comments below.

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit and Public Engagement	
Jonah Amitnaaq School	We want consultation to happen in-person, or virtually.
	We want to know if they will be giving funding to the communities.
	We want field trips to the mine site.
	Mine workers should come into the schools and talk to the students about their experiences and jobs.

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
	We want proponents to meet with all community members, not just hunters and trappers organizations.
Hunters and Trappers Organization	We are not supposed to disturb caribou during migration.
	The Government of Nunavut is collaring caribou. They should not collar all of the caribou. This could cause stress to pregnant caribou and we should not be causing stress.
Evening Session	How do we, the Hunters and Trappers Organization and the Elders, know what an impact is going to be if we have never experienced it? For example, with the Meadowbank mine, there are things we did not know. Dust from the 100km road affects hunters; they can no longer catch caribou from all of the dust, and when they move their rocks there is a layer of dust. That is an impact and something we did not know in the past.
	Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is what is true and is right; that is our strength. Inuit did not know that they would not be able to cross the road properly by snowmobile or All-Terrain Vehicle. I tried to move a cabin but could not find a way, the flooring started breaking. With the new projects that are coming up, how are we going to consider these things for the Impact Statement when we do not yet know?
	We do not have money to provide an Elder to help inform Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.
	Consultation is not always open to the public; it is just open to the Boards and committees.
Appropriate Methodology	
Jonah Amitnaaq School	We want to know what tools they are going to use and how they are going to use them.
	A lot of people learn visually; I would like to see maps and pictures, including maps showing how migration would be impacted.
Evening Session	We try to use Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and western science. For example, Agnico Eagle Mines started to stop using the road to Meadowbank when the caribou are there. The first herd has already gone through.
Socio-economic impact assessment	
Jonah Amitnaaq School	We want to know about job opportunities.

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
Impact Assessment	
Jonah Amitnaaq School	Research should be conducted on migration patterns.
Phased Development	
Hamlet	Are the terms and conditions in project certificates changeable if communities see something is not working? Do amendments have a full review or not?
Evening Session	How does phased development work?
	The dust from the Meadowbank road is not enforced by the NIRB. The dust impacts vegetation, water and river systems, fish, and animals. They are supposed to put dust control on the roads; it is in their project certificate but they do not do this. We already know that dust is an issue, so how can we approve an extension of the project? If the Proponent breaks their agreement, they should address what they have broken before they get approved for another amendment.
Other	
Jonah Amitnaaq School	We hear lots about uranium mining around and want to know more about that.
	Community members have been supportive of additional fuel tanks to be built at Meadowbank so that the mine can be operational when the road is shut down due to caribou migration.
Hunters and Trappers Organization	There was a fuel spill and pipes were left on the water for freeze up between the Agnico Eagle Mines dock and the new dock on Baker Lake. This is our drinking water. Can you please look into plans for cleaning up the lake and if there will be any compensation to the community? No one from the Hunters and Trappers Organization was notified when this happened. We only know because one (1) of our members was employed to help with removing the pipes.
	There is unsupervised fishing happening on Baker Lake and lots of noise pollution.
	A tanker hit a rock, although there were no punctures. It was parked in an unusual place.
	Tankers put waste in the ocean.
Evening Session	Who decides whether there should be a review process?

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
	There is a very limited time for shipping and the field season for a project, like an exploration project. Most projects cannot happen in the winter. Does the NIRB think about that when it gets a project? Do they have a specific time frame to get an answer from the NIRB?
	We do not have enough time to review information, do you think we need to have a different approach to meet the timeline?
	They have been hauling gravel for two (2) decades and a very large area of the land out there has been completely destroyed. It is uphill from the drainage and silt goes into the lake. There are some of us that think it should go for environmental review. How does someone say the NIRB should look at it?
	Every community in Nunavut wants to build a road to nowhere but no studies are being done on the impacts to the environment.
	Does the Minister's decision override the NIRB?
	We are mostly about caribou around here, but other communities have other animals.
	Why does the NIRB not have enforcement?
	It sometimes feels like exploration projects that we are not prepared for pass through the process quickly and surprise us at the review stage.

### 3.5 Arviat



Meeting Overview		
Date	NIRB Activities	Notes
April 27, 2023	Hamlet	<p>Staff dropped off materials and discussed the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines with the Senior Administrative Officer. Staff further noted opportunities for follow-up virtual discussions with Councillors if desired.</p> <p>The NIRB thanks staff for assistance in identifying an interpreter.</p>
April 27, 2023	Hunters and Trappers Organization	<p>Staff dropped off materials and discussed the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines with the Manager of the Arviat Hunters and Trappers Organization. Staff further noted opportunities for virtual follow-up discussions with Board members if desired.</p> <p>The NIRB thanks staff for assistance in identifying an interpreter.</p>
April 27, 2023	School Session	NIRB staff were unable to meet with high school students and offered to have a virtual follow-up session.
April 27, 2023	Evening Session	<p>Interpreter: Emil Arnalak</p> <p>Attendance: 8</p> <p>Summary of comments below.</p>

Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
Impact Assessment	
Evening Session	Plastic containers and garbage should not be left out on the land. It impacts animals and animals are very important to us.
Other	
Evening Session	Is the NIRB aware of the boundary issues between the government and the Dene?
	If someone wants a job with one of the companies, where would they go?



### 3.6 Kugluktuk



Meeting Overview		
Date	NIRB Activities	Notes
June 5, 2023	Hamlet	Staff dropped off materials and discussed the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines with the Senior Administrative Officer. Staff further noted opportunities for follow-up virtual discussions with Councillors if desired.
June 5, 2023	Hunters and Trappers Association	Staff dropped off materials and discussed the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines with staff at the Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association. Staff further noted opportunities for virtual follow-up discussions with Board members if desired.
June 5, 2023	School Session	As the last day of school at the Kugluktuk High School was June 5, 2023, NIRB staff were unable to meet with high school students and offered to have a virtual session before the end of the school year.
June 5, 2023	Evening Session	Thank you to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association for their opening remarks. Interpreter: Mona Tiktalik Attendance: 25 Summary of comments below.



Meeting Notes	
Commenter	Questions/Comments
Other	
Evening Session	How do proponents deal with pits and make hunters aware so that there are no safety risks when they are out on the land, especially in the winter?

## 4 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Throughout the NIRB's public consultation sessions, community members provided their comments, shared knowledge, and asked questions on a variety of topics related to the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines as well as the NIRB's assessment processes. Comments were generally focused on:

- Sharing Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
- Public engagement (including youth engagement) and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the assessment of a proposed project and development of an impact statement
- Helpful materials for communities
- Changing climate
- Current project-specific impacts and questions
- Community based monitoring
- Mitigation, monitoring, and post-closure
- NIRB process and process to develop the Standard Impact Statement Guidelines
- Employment opportunities
- Phased Development and amendments

A general appreciation for the NIRB's process and approach to the development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines was expressed throughout the tour. Community members were happy to be included in process-based discussions and to inform guidelines for Proponents. The comments and knowledge shared and questions asked play an important role in the development of the *Revised Draft* Impact Statement Guidelines. Information shared regarding general NIRB processes or specific projects will be applied as appropriate. The NIRB greatly appreciates the participation of community members in development of Standard Impact Statement Guidelines and encourages community members and local organizations to continue to participate in the review of the *Revised Draft* Impact Statement Guidelines.

The Board would like to thank the community members for their participation and hospitality, the interpreters, community members, Hamlets, Hunters and Trappers Organizations/Associations, and local businesses who assisted in the bookings, logistics, and set up of each session and for helping make these sessions a success.

## 5 APPENDIX A

### *Non-technical Summary*

The Standard Impact Statement Guidelines will provide information to proponents for the preparation of their Impact Statement, a series of documents describing the planning, implementation, and eventual decommissioning of a project required for a NIRB Review. Project-specific guidelines will be provided as necessary.

### *Key Topics for Discussion and Input*

Several themes were identified during the review of the December 6, 2018, comment submissions on the *Draft* Standard Impact Statement Guidelines, recent NIRB processes, and through similar work in other regions. The NIRB is requesting input on the following topics, as well as any additional feedback from parties:

Topic	Details
Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Inuit and community members need to be involved throughout all stages of project development.</li><li>▪ Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit needs to inform all stages of the impact assessment.</li><li>▪ The Proponent shall share how it has followed all applicable Inuit protocols for the collection, protection, and use of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.</li><li>▪ Inuit need to be involved in both the collection and interpretation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and other Knowledge shared.</li><li>▪ The Proponent must provide reasons for conclusions differing from community views.</li></ul>
Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sufficient information and analysis must be included (for example scientific information, consideration information, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Indigenous Knowledge, and Community Knowledge).</li><li>▪ The Proponent shall identify and/or clarify any uncertainties in methods and conclusions.</li></ul>

Topic	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proponents are encouraged to use plain language as much as possible and consider plain language summaries for each chapter.</li> <li>The Proponent shall engage with potentially impacted communities on what visuals would be most helpful (for example 3-D models, maps with pictures on them, or photos of the area).</li> </ul>
Socio-Economic Impact Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An assessment of the socio-economic environment shall be done with the same level of effort and expertise as the biophysical environment.</li> <li>The Proponent shall engage with Inuit and community members from potentially affected communities so that the factors that are most important to Inuit well-being are chosen as indicators.</li> <li>A holistic understanding of health must be taken.</li> </ul>
Baseline (Biophysical and Socio-Economic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline includes historical background and current baseline conditions.</li> <li>A description of how the existing environment is expected to change over the life of the project in response to climate change.</li> <li>Any time limits associated with the validity of data used must be clarified (for example, baseline data may not be valid after a certain time due to changes in sampling techniques).</li> </ul>
Impact Assessment (including Significance Analysis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The impact assessment must describe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential impacts and effects on individual valued components considered;</li> <li>Potential impacts and changes to the valued components as they relate to or form systems (also referred to as collective impacts);</li> <li>Significance of the predicted impact and reasoning for that determination;</li> <li>Potential cumulative effects of the proposed project on the valued components and the systems identified;</li> <li>Potential for transboundary effects;</li> <li>Proposed mitigation measures to avoid, reduce, or offset predicted impacts; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Topic	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Predicted residual impacts after mitigation measures are applied.</li> <li>▪ Proponents are expected to focus on assessing the impacts identified by communities as issues of concern, in addition to those with greater potential to cause residual impacts.</li> </ul>
Cumulative Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A cumulative effect refers to the accumulation or addition of changes to the socio-economic or biophysical environment caused by past, existing, and proposed human activities and/or natural processes.</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects on valued biophysical and socio-economic components must include culture, health, and food security.</li> <li>▪ Input should be requested from all relevant parties (including governments, Designated Inuit Organizations, and potentially affected communities) and be informed by community-based monitoring programs.</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects must consider that cumulative biophysical and socio-economic effects can also result from individually minor, but collectively significant, effects occurring over a period of time.</li> <li>▪ Proponents shall address how the assessment of alternatives considered cumulative effects.</li> </ul>
Significance Determination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assessing the significance of potential impacts is the most important aspect of an Impact Statement and must involve potentially affected communities.</li> <li>▪ The Proponent shall include how it considered different parties' views in determining the significance of potential impacts.</li> <li>▪ The Proponent shall describe how Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, well-being, and the values of potentially impacted communities are reflected in the determination of significance.</li> </ul>
Sustainable Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adding social acceptability and food security as a factor in sustainability.</li> <li>▪ Considering potential alternative economic activities that may be lost or reduced because of the Project.</li> </ul>

Topic	Details
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Impact Statement shall include a discussion on global climate change.</li> <li>▪ The Proponent must assess how potential climate change could affect valued components.</li> <li>▪ Proponents shall demonstrate how climate change has been considered in the design and planning of the Project including the post-closure period.</li> <li>▪ Assessments shall address uncertainty and indicate how areas impacted by development are expected to change over time and under different climate change conditions/models.</li> </ul>
Phased Development and Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Proponent shall provide sufficient information regarding their plans for foreseeable future development related to the Project.</li> </ul>