



NIRB File No.: 24XN058

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To: The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand, P.C., MP
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs
House of Common,
Ottawa, ON
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Government of Nunavut – Department of Community Services’ “Resolute Bay Community Harbour Project” Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On December 16, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Government of Nunavut – Department of Community Services’ “Resolute Bay Community Harbour 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. 24XN058.**

On December 11, 2024, 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. On January 14, 2024, no information was submitted by the Proponent and the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application and submit the information necessary for the NIRB to commence screening of the project proposal.

On April 4, 2025, the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On May 6, 2025, 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 May 27, 2025.

Due to limited capacity, 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 **June 6, 2025**, 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/126136.

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: Justin McDonell, Government of Nunavut, Department of Community Services
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