



July 22, 2025

Honourable Rebecca Chartrand
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern
Economic Development Agency
House of Commons
Government of Canada
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via regular mail and email: <mailto:rebecca.chartrand@parl.gc.ca>

Re: Clarification in Relation to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's nomination of Albert Ehloak as Chairperson of the Nunavut Impact Review Board

Dear Honourable Minister:

This letter is in relation to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) June 6, 2025 correspondence, in which the Board submitted to the Minister its recommended nominee for a new Chairperson to replace the Board's Chairperson who resigned on May 13, 2025 in accordance with Article 12, Section 12.2.6(d) of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 20 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*. In that correspondence the Board indicated that: "*The Board Members have unanimously nominated the Board's current Acting Chairperson, Albert Ehloak, for your consideration to become the Board's Chairperson.*"

After subsequent discussions with Department staff, it was indicated that additional clarification was required about the Board's intentions relative to the term of the nominee. Since the nominee was recommended to succeed the previous Chairperson, Kaviq Kaluraq, whose term was scheduled to end on February 26, 2026, it was necessary to confirm that the Board's recommendation was for Mr. Ehloak to serve as Chairperson for the remainder of Ms. Kaluraq's term and for a subsequent three-year term.

In this regard, please accept this letter as confirmation that the NIRB has unanimously nominated Albert Ehloak for the Minister's consideration to be appointed as the NIRB's Chairperson for the duration of the Chairperson's term originally held by Kaviq Kaluraq (until February 26, 2026). Further, recognizing that the remainder of Ms. Kaluraq's term is less than one year, the Board has also recommended to the Minister that Mr. Ehloak be considered by the Minister for appointment as the Board's Chairperson for a subsequent 3-yr term.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, regarding this matter please contact the Board's Executive Director, Dionne Filiatrault via email at dfiliatrault@nirb.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Ehloak". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Albert Ehloak
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: The Honourable P.J. Akeeagok, Premier of Nunavut
The Honourable Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Member of the Senate
The Honourable Lori Idlout, Member of Parliament for Nunavut
Jeremy Tunraluk, President of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
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