

Archaeological Investigations – Hope Bay Mine 2025

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Executive Summary

At the request of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd., Nunami Stantec Limited conducted Archaeological Investigations under Nunavut Archaeological Permit 2025-68A relative to ongoing development-related and exploration activities for the Hope Bay Mine.

The Archaeological Investigations were conducted in August/September 2025 and included a pre-impact assessment of a proposed exploration area north of the Doris Camp, as well as mitigative investigations at two archaeological sites in advance of proposed development activities at the Madrid South area.

During the program, sites NaNh-101 and NaNh-121 were each subject to mitigative investigations. A tent ring at site NaNh-101 was subject to mapping and archaeological excavation, and four other features (one hearth, three inuksuit) were mapped and inspected. No cultural materials were recovered. Site NaNh-121 consisted of two caches and one inuksuk, which were subject to documentation and inspection. No cultural materials were observed or recovered. Both of these sites are considered to have been adequately subject to mitigative investigations, and no further investigation or avoidance is recommended at these sites.

Four other archaeological sites were revisited during the archaeological investigations, and five sites were newly recorded. Ongoing avoidance of these sites is recommended. If the sites or features are in position to be impacted by the project or future development activities, additional investigations are recommended to mitigate potential impacts.