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May 6, 2026

To: West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.

Sent via email: glaw@westkit.ca

RE: Conformity Determination for West Kitikmeot Corp.’s Impact Statement for the “Grays Bay Road and Port” Project Proposal and Commencement of the NIRB’s Technical Review Period

Dear Gavin Law:

On April 22, 2026, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) acknowledged receipt of the Impact Statement from West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. (WKR) for the “Grays Bay Road and Port” project proposal (NIRB File No. 24XN038). The NIRB initiated its internal review of the Impact Statement to determine whether it conforms to the requirements of the: *Final Scope* (the Scope List)¹; *Final Guidelines* for the preparation of an Impact Statement² (the Impact Statement Guidelines) and attachments; as well as the minimum IS requirements³. The document was also shared with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board and the Environmental Impact Review Board of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region as contributors to the Guidelines.

The NIRB has now completed its internal conformity check and determined that the Impact Statement conforms to the requirements of the Guidelines. As a result, the NIRB is initiating public technical review of the Impact Statement and allowing parties to submit Information Requests (IRs) directly to the NIRB via info@nirb.ca by **June 5, 2026**.

NIRB Call for Information Requests

Information Requests should identify information gaps within the Impact Statement that need to be addressed so parties can complete their review of the document and understand the conclusions provided in the Impact Statement. Appendix [A](#) of this letter provides important information on the format and context for the submission of Information Requests, specifically:

- Provide a clear reference to the volume, document, section, and/or page number in the Impact Statement where relevant information may be found, if applicable;
- To whom the Information Request is directed;
- Identification of the issue and the specific information being requested;
- The concern associated with the issue and need for information; and

¹ Pursuant to Section 99 of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2

² Pursuant to Section 101(1) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2

³ Section 12.5.2 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* and s. 101(3) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2.

- A clear rationale of the issue and information's importance to the impact assessment of the proposed project.

Process and Coordination

The Nunavut Impact Review Board has attached a draft process map to support planning of next steps of the assessment, through both the second and third phase of the Review process. The NIRB's public registry is the record of evidence for its assessment so parties are encouraged to provide materials relevant to the assessment directly to the NIRB via info@nirb.ca.

The NIRB is working directly with all parties interested in participating in the Review of the Grays Bay Road and Port proposal, in addition to coordinating work with assessment boards from the Northwest Territories guided by Memoranda of Understanding as well as direction from the responsible Minister in collaborating with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) under 142 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. The assessment boards will be coordinating:

- sharing information and submissions from parties,
- working together to plan and provide community updates, and
- to the extent possible, developing information requests or technical comments together.

In the coming weeks, the NIRB and MVEIRB look forward to providing additional resources to parties from the Mackenzie Valley area to align terminology between the agencies and clarify process activities.

Further direction will be provided in correspondence at each step of the technical review process, in-person to communities through community information sessions, and parties are encouraged to access NIRB's process guides at <https://www.nirb.ca/content/guides> or direct questions to Amir Pourmahabadian, Senior Impact Assessment Officer at apourmahabadian@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Manager Impact Assessment
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosed: *Appendix A: Format for Information Requests*

Attached: *Process Map (Rev 2 for the NIRB's Review of West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.'s Grays Bay Road and Port Project Proposal (24XN038), May 6, 2026*

cc: Grays Bay Distribution List

APPENDIX A: FORMAT FOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

IRs Format and File Size

Submissions **must** be in a fully functional, electronically searchable Word and PDF file with the latest version of Adobe no larger than 25MB. If the document is larger than 25MB, then multiple files may be required for the submission. The NIRB will be posting the PDF version and using the Word version for internal purposes.

Information Requests

Information Requests (IRs) are to identify information gaps or areas of uncertainty within the Impact Statement and are **not** a judgment of the quality of assessment provided, requests for re-assessment or changes to conclusions of the Impact Statement, but are to:

- identify if any additional information is required to understand the conclusions made in the document,
- identify missing supporting materials, or
- clarify the context surrounding an issue and assumptions made through the modelling.

Information requests can originate from, or be directed to, any party involved in the assessment.

Submissions must identify what specific information is required and outline why they are necessary to facilitate the party's technical analysis of the Impact Statement or the potential impacts of the proposed project. The NIRB will:

- assess the suitability of each request,
- consider the underlying issue being identified, and
- balance these requirements with the types of investigations that would be expected to occur in the technical review period.

Use the following table to submit Information Requests and address the points set out below:

IR Source:	Identify the organization/department/intervenor proposing the request.
IR Number:	Each specific Information Request must be numbered to allow for effective cross-referencing of the submission.
IR Directed To:	Clearly identify the organizations/departments/agencies to which the IR is directed (e.g., the Proponent and/or specific organization(s) responding).
Subject:	Identify the issue; list the general subject or topic associated with the request (e.g., monitoring of sediment quality).
Reference:	Provide reference to applicable volume, document, section, and/or page in the Impact Statement linking to the request.
Issue/Concern:	Provide background and justification for the request. The issue/concern should identify any shortcomings of available information; concerns associated with the issue and how the requested information is relevant to the technical analysis of the Impact Statement. A clear rationale of the issue's importance to the formulation of technical review comments and the overall impact assessment of the proposed project is required.
Information Request:	Specifically state the question and/or outline the specific information being requested of the Proponent or organization. Each of the items requested should be appropriately numbered to track the provision of responses.