



# Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)

- The NIRB is an institution of public government responsible for environmental impact assessment of proposed projects in Nunavut
- Established through the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement
- Currently in our 19<sup>th</sup> year of operations



# Mission Statement

The NIRB's mission is to protect and promote the wellbeing of the environment and Nunavummiut through the impact assessment process.

# Nunavut Regulatory System

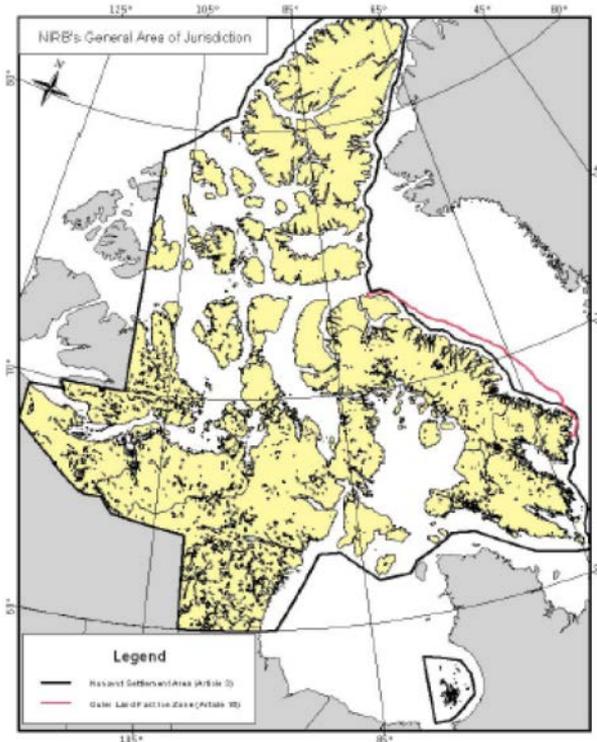
- Development proposals must satisfy the requirements of:
  - Land use planning
  - Environmental impact assessment
  - Water and land use licensing



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Nunavut Planning Commission  
Commission d'Aménagement du Nunavut



# NIRB's Operations & Jurisdiction



- **Screen** project proposals to determine whether or not a review is required
  - Gauge and define extent of regional impacts
- **Review** eco-systemic and socio-economic impacts of project proposals
- Determine whether project proposals should proceed, and if so, under what terms and conditions
- **Monitor** projects that have been approved to proceed

- Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) & Outer Land Fast Ice Zone
- Transboundary Impacts

# Types of Proposed Projects

- NIRB may assess proposed:
  - Roads/trails
  - Marine infrastructure
  - Research
  - Mineral exploration
  - Mining
  - Telecommunications
  - Oil and gas
  - Nuclear power
  - Tourism
  - Hydro-electric



# Community Work

- Community component to impact assessments:
  - Community meetings
  - Public hearings
  - Public letters
- In the office:
  - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
  - Volunteering
    - Community cleanups
    - Nunavut Day

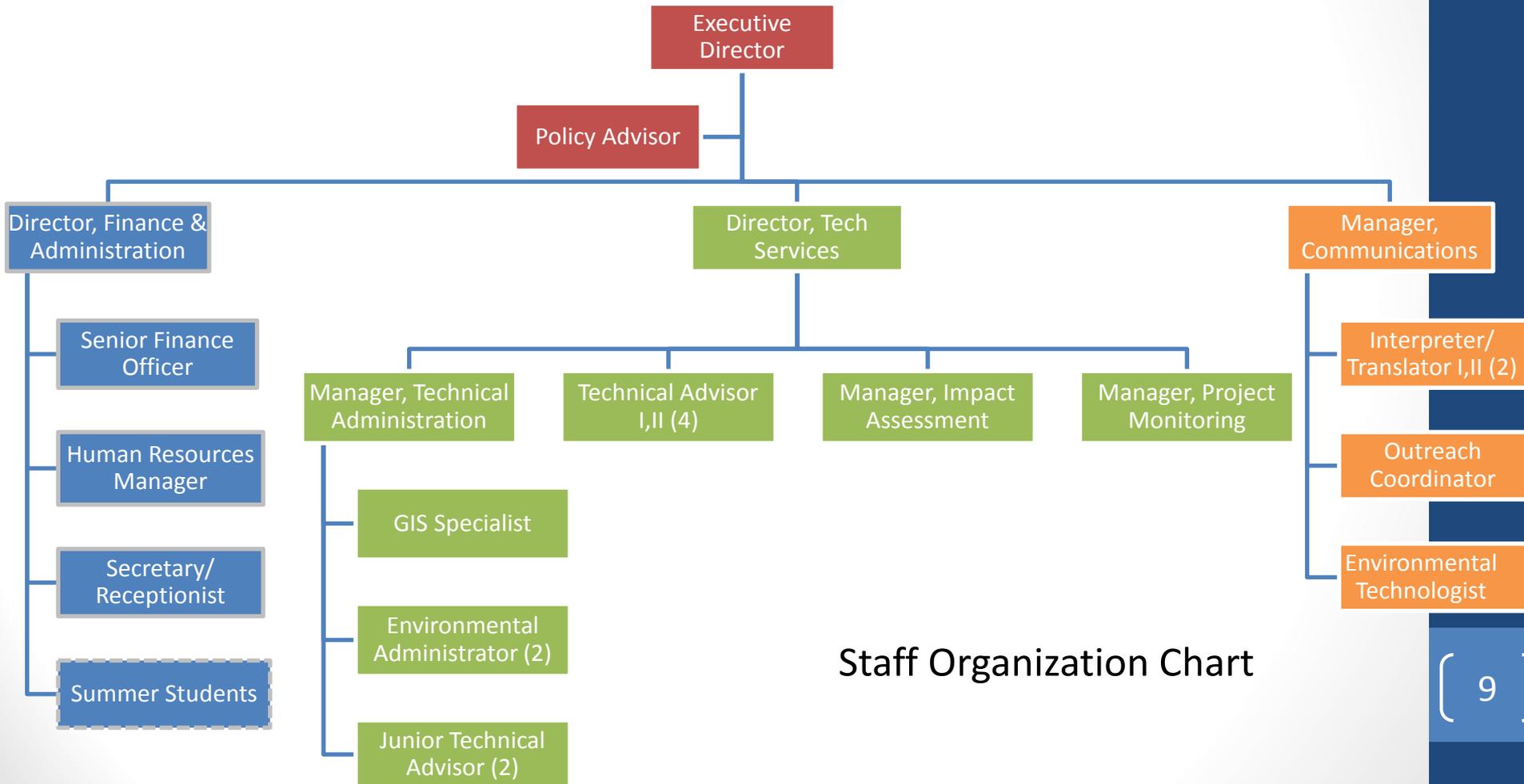


# How is NIRB Structured?

- The Board is made up of a Chairperson and 8 board members:

Board Member	Home Community	Nominated By:	Appointed By:
Elizabeth Copland (Chair)	Churchill (Arviat)	NIRB	GOC
Glenn McLean	Baker Lake	GOC	GOC
<i>Vacant</i>	-	GOC	GOC
Phillip Kadlun (Vice-Chair)	Kugluktuk	GN	GN
Marjorie Kaviq Kaluraq	Iqaluit	GN	GN
<i>Vacant</i>	-	NTI	GOC
<i>Vacant</i>	-	KitIA	GOC
Guy Alikut (Secretary/Treasurer)	Arviat	KivIA/NTI	GOC
Jaypootie Aliqatuqtuq	Qikiqtarjuaq	QIA/NTI	GOC

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Staff Organization Chart

# Ongoing Review and Monitoring Projects





**Kitikmeot Region** ★

- Bathurst Inlet & Port Road
- Hackett River
- Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt
- Back River
- Izok Corridor
- Jericho Diamond Mine
- Doris North Gold Mine

**Kivalliq Region** ★

- Kiggavik
- Meadow Bank Gold Mine
- Meliadine Gold Mine

**Qikiqtani Region** ★

- Iqaluit Hydroelectric
- Mary River Iron Mine

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- Website & Public Registry
  - Allows parties to apply, view, and/or follow projects in a user-friendly manner, with access to all documents, maps, and necessary information.
  - Intended to increase transparency and access to information

The screenshot displays the Nonavot Impact Review Board (NIRB) website. At the top, the NIRB logo is visible alongside the text 'Nonavot Impact Review Board' and navigation links for 'About NIRB', 'Process', 'Resources', 'Contact Us', and 'PUBLIC REGISTRY'. A search bar is located in the top right corner, with 'Sign In' and 'Register' links below it. The main content area is titled 'Search Public Registry' and features a 'Keyword Search' section with radio buttons for 'Search Projects' (selected) and 'Search Documents', a search input field, and 'Submit' and 'Reset' buttons. Below this is an 'Advanced Search' section with three filter panels: 'Project Location' (listing Transboundary, Kitikmeot, Kivalliq, North Baffin, and South Baffin), 'Project Type' (listing various activities like Access, Access Road, Camp, etc.), and 'Assessment Status' (listing screening and monitoring stages). To the right of the filters is a 'Map Search' section with a satellite map of North America and a 'Set Search Area' button. A 'ARE YOU A REGISTERED USER?' box is also present, encouraging user registration for feedback.

# NIRB's Initiatives

- Nunavut Marine Council
  - Increasing awareness of NMC mandate by:
    - Attending conferences and forums
    - Creating a website
    - Joint IPG session in Iqaluit, February 2016



# NIRB's Initiatives

- Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
  - In force: July 9, 2015
  - Development of new technical guides
    - Audience-focused
    - Example based
  - Host/hold workshops with responsible authorities to discuss flow of work between agencies



# The Path Forward...

The NIRB will continue working with KIA and others to protect and promote the well-being of the environment and Nunavummiut.





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