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Dear Mr. Stubbing, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Maksagak, and Ms. Gullason:

RE: NPC File # 149340 [Saving Morin Point Thule Site Phase I: Climate Change Risk Assessment and Archaeological Testing]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Scientific Research: Renewal for a multiyear program intended to take place over 3 years. Archaeological survey and mapping of the Morin Point site on Devon Island to assess its risk of destruction from coastal erosion. Activities will include excavating structures to obtain samples for radiocarbon dating to establish their age and identify the potential significance of the site in terms of occupation date, evidence of European contact, and nature of the metal deposits contained within it to determine if its inhabitants were part of the early Thule migration to the Eastern Arctic. To assess the impact of coastal erosion on the site's survival, rows of metal stakes will be established along the actively eroding bluff face as a baseline to monitor the rate of erosion.
2. Related NPC File #: 149169.
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region (North Baffin) [Morin Point, Devon Island, approx. 215 km South of Grise Fiord and 365 km Est of Resolute Bay, approx].

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP. The project proposal does not require screening because it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement (NA), and in an Exemption Agreement between the NIRB and the GN Department of Culture and Heritage (GN-CH) pursuant to Schedule 12-1 (item 7) of the Nunavut Agreement, and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149340&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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