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2023 Winter Ice Road Technical Memorandum 2AM-BRP1831

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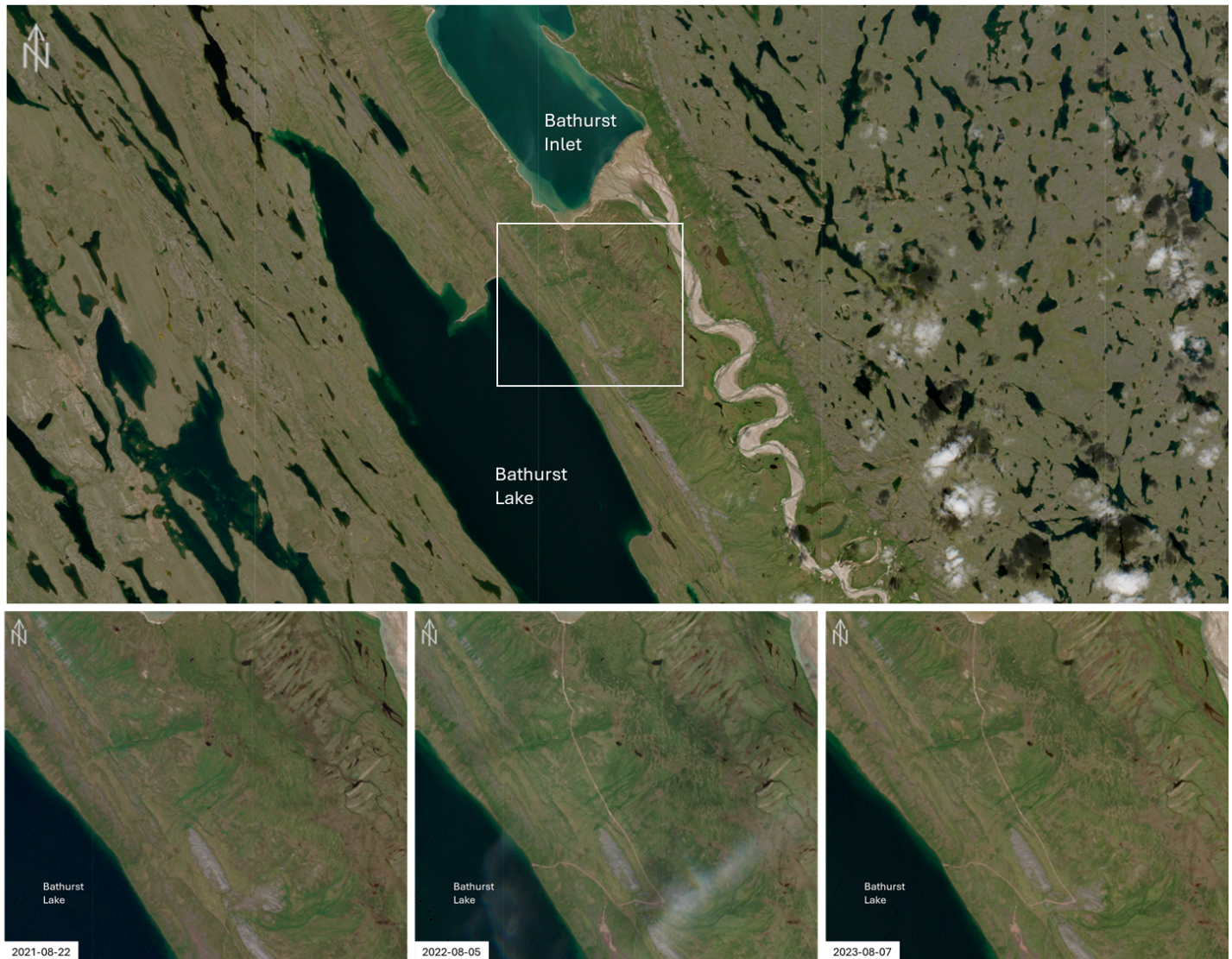
Dear Richard Dwyer, the KIA has reviewed the 2AM-BRP1831 Winter Ice Road Technical memorandum and has only two comments.

First there appears to be a mix-up with the years in Section 4 when the memorandum refers to evaluating ice conditions in late 2023 and the anticipated start is in early January 2024. This is considered a minor error in the memorandum.

Second, the KIA has checked free Sentinel satellite images of the WIR location, which are included below. From these pictures the WIR is clearly visible in the summer. The images are from August 2021 (on the left), prior to the WIR, and then August 2022 and August 2023 where one can easily see the road. Considering the slope between Bathurst Lake and Bathurst Inlet, The KIA has some concerns regarding changes in surface drainage conditions and potential impacts. The KIA therefore asks for the status of the summer terrain conditions along the WIR corridor to have a better understanding of the potential impact of the WIR on the terrain.

Thank you.

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