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Re: Baffinland's Request for Changes to NIRB's Phase 2 Public Hearing Venues and Dates

On July 10, 2019 the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization (MHTO) received Baffinland's correspondence to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) requesting changes to the current timeline and Hearing arrangements for its Mary River Phase 2 Proposal. The MHTO provides the following comment to the NIRB with regard to Baffinland's request that the Hearing be delayed until November 2019, and that the Hearing be held only in Pond Inlet.

While the MHTO supports a delay to the timing of the Public Hearing for the Phase 2 proposal, we do not support Baffinland's suggestion that the Hearing take place only in Pond Inlet. We agree that it is important to facilitate community participation, but believe hosting separate dates - one in Pond Inlet to focus on community input, and another in Iqaluit to focus technical expertise, will be the best means to achieving this. As many intervenors may have technical experts from farther afield that they wish to convene for a short time during the Hearing, we suggest that Iqaluit would prove the most feasible location to host the number of participants that could attend, as



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