



November 25, 2025
NPC File No. 150939

Richard Dwyer

Manager of Licensing
Nunavut Water Board (NWB)
P.O. Box 119, Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0
By email: richard.dwyer@nwb-oen.ca
licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Tracey McCaie

Manager Land Administration
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs
Canada (CIRINAC), P.O. Box 100, Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0
By email: tracey.mccaie@canada.ca;
aadnc.landsmining.aandc@canada.ca;
isa.gamaniq-mason@canada.ca;
spencer.dewar@canada.ca; jeff.hart@canada.ca;
richard.bingley2@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca;

Scott Close

Tundra Copper Corp
902 N Wallace Ave Ste A
Bozeman, Montana 59715 United States
By email: scott@ethosgeo.com

Calvin Ehaloak

Acting Manager, Public Registry
Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)
P.O. Box 1360, Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0
By email: cehaloak@nirb.ca; info@nirb.ca;
kgillard@nirb.ca

Cory Barker

Regulatory Affairs Manager
Kitikmeot Inuit Association
P.O. Box 360,
Kugluktuk, NU X0B 0E0
By email: cbarker@lands.kitia.ca;
projectofficer@kitia.ca; tbolt@lands.kitia.ca

Caroline Whittle

Director of Culture and Heritage
Department of Culture and Heritage (GN-CH)
P.O. Box 1000, Stn. 800, Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0
By email: cwhittle@gov.nu.ca; apollock2@gov.nu.ca

Dear Richard Dwyer, Calvin Ehaloak, Tracey McCaie, Cory Barker, Caroline Whittle, and Scott Close:

RE: NPC File # 150939 [Coppermine River Drilling Program]

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

1. Mineral Exploration: Tundra Copper Corporation is proposing to continue mineral exploration and drilling activities within the Coppermine River claims.
2. **Summary of modification or amendment:** Annual exploration program (starting 2026/27) from March to October.

Activities include:

- Continuation of prospecting, geological mapping, and geochemical sampling (rock, soil, till).
- Drone photogrammetry and geophysical surveys (airborne, ground, downhole).
- Expansion of Drilling: Up to 4 diamond drills and 2 RC rigs. Average depth <400 m; total annual drilling ~25,000 m. An archaeological inspections will be conducted before drilling.
- Construction of a 50 person seasonal camp at Hope Lake airstrip along with a generator shack, a storage facility, a fuel cache, an incinerator, and outhouses/pacto system. Most of the structures will be Arctic Oven sleeper tents or canvas prospector tents, or similar, often with plywood floors.
- Total amount of time spent on site will amount up to approximately 12,200 man-days per calendar year.

3. **Associated NPC File No:** 150439,150294, 148333 and 149531; **Associated NIRB File No.:** 15EN009
4. **Location:** Kitikmeot Region [Inuit Owned and Crown Lands near the community of Kugluktuk]

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened mineral exploration and drilling activities associated with the current proposal, including a seasonal camp (NIRB File No. 15EN009).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the inclusion of new exploration activities requiring a new or amended Class A land Use permit.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal, and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150939>

This decision 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



Solomon Amuno, PhD
Senior Planner
Nunavut Planning Commission