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Re: Amaruq Exploration Access Road
File: 11EN010

Stephanie,

Baker Lake HTO board read your e-mail dated July 22, 2015, inviting our board to comment on whether this project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern, cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects.

Baker Lake HTO board, on behalf of our community and local harvesters, and traditional users of the land appreciate that they are invited to voice the concerns of our membership.

As the board reviewed the project proposal, which majority of the project will be on IOL (Inuit Owned Land). The board, requests the following:

1. NIRB delay the deadline (August 12, 2015) for comments. This is a very major project proposal, which Baker Lake HTO board should have been involved in the process from the get go. As the project is on IOL, and KIA/NTI should have had beneficiaries to have a voice under CLARC (which did not happen) Now, the project is proposed to proceed without community being intimately involved in identifying many different sacred and important sites they want to protect.
2. Baker Lake HTO would like NIRB to hold public meeting to inform, involve and for community to have a say in this major proposed project.
3. Baker Lake HTO would like NIRB to officiate a meeting, explaining a detailed proposed development and operation on the 62.5 kilometres. As the Baker Lake HTO board cannot

comment on written proposed activities as they do not know, for an example 'corrugated round culverts, and other 'eskers' etc without maps.

4. Baker Lake HTO board requests that NIRB provide maps identifying, such as where proposed bridges, culverts, and the 'seven eskers' are located

Baker Lake HTO board feels that information in the letter is insufficient to adequately comment on the communities many concerns.

5. Baker Lake HTO board also feels that this is major project proposal which will impact on wildlife habitat, traditional hunting grounds. Baker Lake harvesters has already experienced negative impacts since the AEM all-weather road was built, and the additional road will only add impacts that are immitigable.
6. Baker Lake HTO feels that an additional IIBA should be negotiated for this project. Beneficiaries, hunters and traditional land users are being asked to give up major sections of our land but are not gaining anything. We are not even being consulted about what areas of our land are sacred."

Baker Lake HTO board would like to have NIRB to officiate a public meeting with all the information available, showing the route of the proposed road, drilling, breaking up and destroying more of their land water-systems.



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Chairperson

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