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Nunavut Water
Board

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To: Nunavut Water Board
From: Robert McLean, CEDO, Municipality of Sanikiluaq
RE: Pullalik Bridge Project

Please find enclosed a short description of the project and a Project schedule.

Description of Pullalik Bridge Project

In order to make this project happen this summer, the Municipality of Sanikiluaq is requesting funding from Community Initiatives Program for improving the trail and replacing the bridge over the Pullalik River, which is 3.78 miles SE from the community. This is the main trail from the community that is used by most travellers, hunters, fishermen, berry-pickers, and people going for a picnic, owners of several outpost cabins as well as the main route to get to south camp at the far end of our island. The trail is narrow and winding and when it crosses the flood plain of the large river, which drains Windy Lake, it is always very rough and/or muddy from all the silt that gets washed downstream.

The narrow wooden bridge that is in place at the present time was constructed many years ago and is becoming unsafe. The trail that leads up to the bridge is very rough and has caused extensive damage to vehicles that have to use it

Our major concern is to make a trail that is safer and faster to travel for any Search and Rescue teams that have to assist any residents that are in trouble.

The bridge we would like to construct would be made from steel I-beams with wooden planks for the roadbed. The approaches to the bridge would be built up approximately 8-10 feet to give clearance underneath for the spring run off and any ice that comes downstream. The trail that is the roughest is approximately 400 yards on the north west side and only 100 yards on the south east side of the bridge. The rest of the trail from town would take minimal work to get into safe and comfortable condition.

The material that would be used to improve the trails and build the access approaches to the bridge would be locally obtained beach gravel from drier areas.

The equipment that would be used consists of a Caterpillar front-end loader, 5 ton tandem dump truck and a D6 Bulldozer. A local labour force of six men would be needed to construct the bridge and direct the heavy equipment. Over 80% of the funding would remain in the community as local wages and the remainder would be used to purchase the steel I-beams and wooden planks for the roadbed of the new steel bridge.

Project Schedule

Applications for funding sent March 12,2006

Material for bridge delivered by ship from Montreal on sealift July 2006

The project would commence on July 5,2006 and continue for ten weeks (weather permitting) until September 13, 2006.

We have also submitted applications to:

- Economic Development and Transportation, Government of Nunavut for funding from the Community Initiatives Program
- Notification Forms to Fisheries and Oceans Canada office in Iqaluit
- Application for Access to Inuit Owned Lands through Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ken Nelson, SAO Municipality of Sanikiluaq or myself.

Your prompt attention to this submission is greatly appreciated.
Sincerely

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