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FW: Coral Harbour Airport Community Road Washout Rehabilitation Project - Draft NPC Application 148146

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Thu, Sep 24, 2015 at 10:20 AM

Phyllis:

Greetings, I am contacting you today to confirm Water Licensing needs for the planned rehabilitation/replacement of several stream crossings (bridges and culverts) along the existing Coral Harbour Airport Community road.

As per your previous advice, we have been in touch with the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and as noted in the email trail below, Jonathan Savoy of the NPC has advised us that this project falls within the exemption of certain works and activities from the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) definition of the term "project". The NPC only has a statutory mandate to review "projects", and does not presently have jurisdiction to review this proposal.

Jonathan also advised that because the activities are not a "project" under NUPPAA, NIRB screening is also not required (NIRB now only receives proposals forwarded to them by the NPC).

Hence, we are now approaching you again for further direction on the Water Licensing needs for this critical project. To refresh your understanding of the project, below is a brief project description:

The Nunavut Department of Community and Government Services (CGS), has retained an Engineering firm (Tetra Tech EBA) to provide design and construction administration services for the Airport Community Road Washout Rehabilitation Project, in Coral Harbour, Nunavut. Upgrades are needed to the watershed road drainage crossing structures, allowing the road to pass a 100 year storm event. Generally, this includes replacement of the 8 – culvert stream crossing with a new bridge, rehabilitation of the abutments of the existing bridge, and replacement of culverts near the community fuel tank farm.

The Airport Road has washed out four times in the past nine years during spring freshet. The last occurrence was in the spring of June 2012, when snow melt and heavy rain caused

the road to washout in two places northwest of the fuel storage facility tank farm. The community was without access to the airport for approximately one week and the flooding also damaged the fuel tank farm's resupply pipeline. The airport and fuel tank farm are the community's lifelines; medevac services, food deliveries and other basic provisions rely on the airport and heating and power rely on fuel. The residents' health and safety will be at risk if the community becomes isolated from these facilities.

Thanks very much for your guidance on this matter.

Regards,

Rick Hoos, MSc., R.P. Bio. | Principal Consultant, Environment Practice

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From: Jonathan Savoy [mailto:jsavoy@nunavut.ca]

Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 10:50 AM

To: Hoos, Rick <Rick.Hoos@tetrattech.com>

Subject: RE: Coral Harbour Airport Community Road Washout Rehabilitation Project - Draft NPC Application 148146

Hi Rick,

Because the activities are not a "project" under NUPPAA, NIRB screening is also not required (NIRB now only receives proposals forwarded to them by the NPC).

You are able apply for any permits or licenses you may need, including to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The

NPC will be communicating with the NWB regarding this and other matters, but for clarity it may be helpful to provide a copy of my previous message when contacting the NWB.

Jonathan Savoy, Senior Planner

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From: Hoos, Rick [<mailto:Rick.Hoos@tetrattech.com>]

Sent: September 18, 2015 11:37 AM

To: Jonathan Savoy <jsavoy@nunavut.ca>

Subject: RE: Coral Harbour Airport Community Road Washout Rehabilitation Project - Draft NPC Application 148146

Jonathan:

Thank you very much for clarifying the role of the NPC regarding this project. Given that this community infrastructure rehabilitation project is exempted from further review by NPC, can you please advise whether we should assume that the next steps of review will be NIRB Screening and water licence permitting through the Nunavut Water Board?

Thanks for any further guidance you can offer us on this matter.

Regards,

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From: Jonathan Savoy [<mailto:jsavoy@nunavut.ca>]

Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 9:59 AM

To: Hoos, Rick <Rick.Hoos@tetrattech.com>

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Subject: RE: Coral Harbour Airport Community Road Washout Rehabilitation Project - Draft NPC Application 148146

Hello Mr. Hoos,

(I have copied the CGS representative you noted below).

After reviewing your draft proposal (**Coral Harbour Airport Community Road Washout Rehabilitation Project - Draft NPC Application 148146**), the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that it falls within the exemption of certain works and activities from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) definition of the term "project". The NPC only has a statutory mandate to review "projects", and does not presently have jurisdiction to review your proposal.

Section 2 of the NUPPAA defines the term "project" to mean:

...the carrying out, including the construction, operation, modification, decommissioning or abandonment, of a physical work or the undertaking or carrying out of a physical activity that involves the use of land, waters or other resources. It does not include

(a) the undertaking or carrying out of a work or activity if its adverse ecosystemic impacts are manifestly insignificant, taking into account in particular the factors set out in paragraphs 90(a) to (i);

(b) the undertaking or carrying out of a work or activity that is part of a class of works or activities prescribed by regulation; or

(c) the construction, operation or maintenance of a building or the provision of a service, within a municipality, that does not have ecosystemic impacts outside the municipality and does not involve the deposit of waste by a municipality, the bulk storage of fuel, the production of nuclear or hydro-electric power or any industrial activities.

Specifically, your proposal involves municipal works or activities identified under part (c) of the above, and does not need to be reviewed by the NPC.

In addition, thank you for contacting me regarding the issue you are having when attempting to fill in the proponent details on the online application form; I will discuss this with our programmers.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Jonathan Savoy, Senior Planner

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