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Dear Caroline Whittle, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak, Carson Gillis, and Samantha Walker:

RE: NPC File No. 150744 [Ways to Angmaluktuq: Investigating the Interior Archaeological Landscape of the Amittuq Region, Nunavut.]

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

1. NEW Archaeological research activities: This project will investigate components of the Tuniit (Dorset) and Early Inuit inland settlement landscape described in Iglulingmiut oral history, but which have not yet been recorded archaeologically.

- a. In Summer 2025, the work will include an interview component with Knowledge Holders in Igloolik, followed by an archaeological survey and targeted excavations (primarily test units) on pathways heading towards Angmaluktuq (from Alarniq) and surrounding the lake itself.
- b. In addition to archaeological survey that involves field walking, taking pictures, and drone mapping, we also plan to lay in up to ten 1x1 metre test units to help understand land use in the ancient past, since we do not expect to find many visible house remains. By laying in test units, we may find evidence of animal butchering and tool-making that help inform our interpretations of site use.
- 2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 21 days over period 15 July to 5 August 2025
 - b. 7 personnel for a total of 147 person-days
- 3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Alarniq towards Angmaluktuq Lake, camp at Amittuarjuk Lake approximately 50 km west of Sanirajak and south of Igloolik]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal and has determined that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The project proposal is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 (item 2) of the *Nunavut Agreement* and a class of works or activities set out in an Exemption Agreement between the NIRB and the Government of Nunavut Department of Culture and Heritage (GN-CH) pursuant to Schedule 12-1 (item 7) of the *Nunavut Agreement*. The NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address: https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry/aspx?appid=150744.

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 the email or telephone number below.

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