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Dear Richard Dwyer, Mosha Cote, Alexander Stubbing, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak, and Neil Shubin:

**RE: NPC File No 149927 [Late Devonian Vertebrates of Ellesmere Island]**

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

1. Renewal to conduct the project which has been postponed to July 2023. Project activities include paleontological research to investigate new areas of the Fram formation for fossils discovery and analysis.
2. Related NPC FILE No: 149678
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region [Simmons Peninsula, Southern Ellesmere Island]

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 completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on April 19, 2022, which still applies. The project proposal does not require screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it belongs to 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, and 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149927&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue'.

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