



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

March 8, 2012

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Dear Ms. Haener,

**Re: Information Requests related to the Proposed Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project**

Please find attached Information Requests (IRs) that have been directed to the Department of Justice from the Environmental Impact Review Board seeking information related to the proposed Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway project. These IRs have been generated as part of the environmental impact review of the proposed development being undertaken by the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) to fulfill the requirements of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Please complete a separate response to each IR, and clearly reference the IR number, topic and the Party that generated the IR (i.e., the source). Please complete your responses and submit them to the EIRB by March 30, 2012.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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# **INFORMATION REQUESTS**

## **(Round 2)**

**DATE OF RELEASE:** March 8, 2012

**DISTRIBUTION:** Justice, GNWT and the Electronic On-line Registry (EOR).

**PURPOSE:** Information Requests (IRs) issued by the EIRB to the Department of Justice, GNWT related to the Review of the proposed Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION  
OF RESPONSES:** March 30, 2012

**Information Request (IR) Numbers: 85, 86**

**IR Number:** *Number is assigned by EIRB*

**Source:** 1 EIRB

85

**To:** GNWT Department of Justice

**Subject:** Local Law Enforcement Services (IR Responses Round 1, IR #39; Developer Response to 2b and 2c, Section 11.2, pp. 97-100)

**Preamble**

The Developer states that “Emergency Response is currently offered through the Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Fire Departments and the RCMP,” and further, that “the RCMP will patrol the Highway, similar to their responsibilities in other jurisdictions in Canada. The effects on RCMP staffing levels are anticipated to be minimal” (Developer Response to 2b and 2c, p. 97).

In their response to Round 1 IR #39, the Developer confirmed that current traffic volumes (139 vehicles per day) will increase to 150-200 vehicles per day (year round), and that this includes traffic from tourism.

**Request**

1. Given that the proposed project will increase the amount of vehicles per day, as well as require year-round patrolling of the Highway, please describe current staffing levels and how these might be expected to change during operations.
2. Please describe the role of the RCMP in monitoring and reporting on law enforcement in the communities of Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk, and in the patrolling of the proposed Highway, regardless of whether these are determined to be project-related effects. Include the frequency of monitoring, the frequency of reporting, and to whom the information will be made available.

**IR Number:** *Number is assigned by EIRB*

**Source:** *EIRB*

*To: Health Canada*  
*Dept. of Justice GNWT*  
**GNWT Health and Social Services**  
**Beaufort-Delta Health and Social Services Authority**  
**Inuvialuit Regional Corporation**

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**Subject: Medical and Health Care Infrastructure, Human Health and Community Wellness**  
(Developer Response to 2b and 2c, Section 11.3, pp.100-102; Developer Response to 2b and 2c, Section 13.0, pp.112-116)

**Preamble**

With regard to Medical and Health Care Infrastructure, the Developer states that “The opening of the Highway may cause an initial rise in health care demand in Inuvik, with Tuktoyaktuk residents accessing health care services on a regular basis, but since it is already a regional medical care hub, it is unlikely to require a significant increase in permanent staff to meet the demand,” (Developer Response to 2b and 2c, pp.100).

In terms of Human Health and Community Wellness, the Developer notes that benefits of the project include increased and year-round access to medical and dental facilities, which are likely to improve the health conditions for Tuktoyaktuk residents, with the potential risk being increased access to alcohol (p.113).

The Developer has identified several agencies and organizations with existing responsibilities “related to administering related legislation, providing funds or public services, and/or conducting monitoring” (Developer Response to 2b and 2c, Section 13.4, p.114-116), but does not provide details on how project-related effects will be monitored and by whom.

**Request**

1. Please describe the role of your department, agency, or organization with regard to monitoring health conditions and various aspects of community wellness in general, and any efforts or activities that your department, agency, or organization will be involved in to mitigate and monitor *project-related* effects.
2. Please provide information regarding what your department monitors, including the indicators and measurement parameters, the frequency of monitoring and reporting, and to whom the information is reported and made available.