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Re: Grays Bay Road and Port Project

Dear President Anablak,

I am writing today regarding our joint proposal submitted to the National Trade Corridors Fund for funding for the Grays Bay Road and Port (GBRP) Project.

In light of the recent mandate, Turaaqtavut, unveiled by our Government on March 20, 2018, the Government of Nunavut (GN) has decided to withdraw our proposal under the National Trade Corridors Fund.

This financing commitment would significantly impact the GN's ability to pursue needed infrastructure in other areas.

As well, the GN has received advice that the mining companies benefitting from the GBRP would be in a position to finance the road construction themselves without negatively impacting the profitability of their mines. In light of this, we are seeking to utilize scarce infrastructure money to facilitate development of projects that would not happen without GN intervention, primarily in our communities.

For these reasons, we will be informing Transport Canada and the Nunavut Impact Review Board that we are withdrawing as Proponents of this project. This, however, does not mean that we do not support the project in principle. We believe that the GBRP represents an important piece of Nunavut's potential infrastructure and will benefit the Kitikmeot and Nunavut as a whole.



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As you are aware, the GN has allocated over \$3.2 million on this project over the past three years. I will ensure that the products of this expenditure are fully shared with your organization to assist you in your planning. I understand that the next Northern Intake under the NTCF will come in the fall, and that you would be able to pursue an application alone.

My Department continues to support the project in principle and will work collaboratively in efforts for Federal funding for the project. We remain committed to a strong mining sector in our territory and local and regional involvement in that sector.

I look forward to discussing this in person with you at the Nunavut Mining Symposium.

Sincerely,

Joe Savikataaq

Minister