**Federal Authority Advice Record (FAAR)**

**FAAR Response must be submitted by May 26, 2025**

York Factory First Nation Ten Shilling Aerodrome Project – York Factory First Nation
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1. a) Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the project to enable it to proceed?

   If yes, specify the Act of Parliament and that power, duty or function.

   No.

   b) Please describe any Indigenous or public consultation that will be undertaken in relation to the exercise of that power, duty or function, including when it would take place.

   N/A

   c) Indicate if the power, duty or function will be required **to construct** the project. Please choose from Required, Potential, Likely, Unlikely, or Not Required as appropriate

   N/A

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2. Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge in its area of expertise that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?

   Specify the specialist or expert information or knowledge.

   Parks Canada fulfils its mandate through the management and administration of Canada's national heritage protected areas. Parks Canada has specialist and expert information related to:

   - Management of protected areas, including national parks, national historic sites, national marine conservation areas, urban parks, and heritage rivers,
   - Cultural resources as they relate to Parks Canada's mandate, and
   - Species at risk within Parks Canada's protected areas.

   The proposed project is located approximately 22km southeast of Wapusk National Park and 4.5km southwest of York Factory National Historic Site. Parks Canada is in possession of specialist and expert information and knowledge related to species and ecosystems, as well as cultural resources, protected by protected heritage areas.

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3. Has your department or agency considered the project; exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?

Specify.

No.

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4. Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project? (for example: an enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the project)

   Yes.

   Parks Canada met with York Factory First Nation in February 2024 to discuss a handful of topics, including this project. During these meetings, the First Nation shared preliminary plans with the field unit, including the proposed area for a landing strip and aerodrome. Both parties agreed at the time to stay in touch as things progressed. In January 2025, Parks Canada was contacted by ERG Energy Services Ltd. to learn more about York Factory National Historic Site, its operations and facilities. This served as a reintroduction to the project, as well as an update on the current status.

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5. Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge on the project not specified above, including information on the geographic, environmental, economic or social context of the project? (e.g. location of protected or sensitive areas, previous history between local communities and proponent or similar projects, local or regional social or economic concerns)?

   Specify as appropriate.

   No.

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6. Based on the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, what are the key issues related to the project?

   For each key issue:

   - Describe the potential effect or the nature of the issue, including any relevant context e.g. how it falls under an area of federal jurisdiction as defined under the IAA;
   - Provide the rationale and/or evidence for why it is a key issue;
   - Provide advice on how to address the issue, including any information or studies that should be required in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, potential mitigation measures, and/or regulatory requirements relevant to the issue;
   - Provide a concise, plain-language summary of the issue for inclusion in the Summary of Issues.

   The information provided will be considered by IAAC and may be used to inform its decision on whether an impact assessment is required and, where appropriate, for next steps in the impact assessment process including to develop project-specific draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.

   Please use Table 1 to respond to this question.

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7. Where possible, identify any additional information the proponent could include in their response to the Summary of Issues, and, if IAAC requires it, in their Detailed Project Description, that would:

   - Give confidence that minor issues or effects could be addressed and managed by clear measures, existing guidelines, other regulatory processes or other existing tools;
   - Inform the decision as to whether an impact assessment is required; or
   - Aid in tailoring the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, if IAAC decides an impact assessment is required.

- Clarify if a federal permit, licence or authorization may be required.

These clarifications and additional information will be included as specific questions in the Summary of Issues provided to the proponent.

Please use Table 2 to respond to this question.

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### Table 1: Key Issues to inform the impact assessment process

IAAC asks that federal authorities align expert advice with IAAC's approach to tailoring by project, which focuses on key project issues, clearly focused on the prevention of adverse effects within federal jurisdiction. In identifying key issues, federal authorities should be mindful of the project's context (size, scope, location), Indigenous Knowledge and perspectives, and public concerns. Key issues that may be relevant to the decision include:

- adverse effects within federal jurisdiction and direct or incidental adverse effects that may be to some extent significant, based on federal experts' knowledge and experience with past projects;
- potential impacts on Indigenous Peoples and their rights, based on Indigenous Knowledge and perspectives or experience with past projects;
- effects on key species or habitats (e.g. at risk, important to Indigenous communities, commercial importance, provide important ecosystem function);
- issues or effects that may result from novel project activities, components or technology;
- effects with large uncertainties, including in the effectiveness of mitigation measures;
- adverse effects within federal jurisdiction or direct or incidental adverse effects where mitigation measures are limited;
- positive effects, including where project may support other governmental priorities, including reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples; and
- key concerns raised by Indigenous groups or local communities.

Effects that are anticipated to be minor or which can be managed using well understood mitigation, existing guidance, and/or other regulatory processes may have simplified information requirements or may be removed entirely. Measured advice from federal authorities on key issues and solutions —and on the scope and detail of any required information and studies — will enable IAAC to focus assessments on issues that are important to participants and to decision-makers.

| Comment ID | Relevant section of the Initial Project Description | Valued Component or Factor to Consider | Description of Key Issue (Context and Rationale) | Advice | Plain language summary for inclusion in Summary of Issues |
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| *Please identify comments by organization and comment number.*<br><br>*e.g.: IAAC-01* | *If the comment is related to a specific section of the Initial Project Description, please include that reference.* | *Identify valued component(s) or factor to consider—within the mandate of your department or agency—to which the potential effect or issue applies.* | *Provide a brief description of the issue and rationale for being a key issue.*<br><br>*Include, where relevant,:*<br>• *the pathway of effects;*<br>• *relevant context on why it is a key issue;*<br>• *key uncertainties that should be addressed in the impact assessment;*<br>• *Indigenous or public concerns or perspective;*<br>• *potential for differential effects among diverse subgroups;*<br>• *scientific evidence or Indigenous Knowledge, including from past project experience, which supports inclusion as a key issue.* | *Where applicable, briefly provide solutions on how to address the potential issue or effects including:*<br>• *Information or studies required to describe and characterize the potential effect; including any guidance for data collection and/or analysis or existing data sources to inform the assessment;*<br>• *Any means, including any powers, duties or functions, that your department or agency has that may mitigate, manage, or set conditions related to the issue or effect;*<br>• *Guidance or policies for mitigating effects or any standard and well-understood mitigation measures that would address the effect, including follow-up monitoring activities; and/or*<br>• *Commitments the proponent could make to respond to the issue.*<br><br>*Where available, please refer to existing text in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines template.* | *For issues to be included in the Summary of Issues, provide a concise, plain language synopsis of the key issue and any questions or directions for the proponent.* |
| PC-01 | 3.4 | York Factory National Historic Site features a Classified Federal Heritage Building (the Depot) | The location of the proposed aerodrome is approximately 4.5km SW from the York Factory National Historic Site (NHS). If flights coming to/departing from the aerodrome pass over the NHS, there is potential for intense sound waves from aircrafts to vibrate and ultimately damage the Classified Federal Heritage Building (the Depot). | Parks Canada recommends that additional information about proposed flight paths, flight altitudes, and future flight frequencies be included in the project description.<br><br>If it is anticipated that flights will be travelling over the NHS, can the approximate noise levels be estimated for the NHS? | See Table 2. |

*Please insert additional rows as necessary.*

**Table 2. Clarifications or additional information the Proponent could include in the response to Summary of Issues**

| Comment ID | Relevant section of the Initial Project Description | Description of Issue, Concern or Uncertainty | Clarification or additional information | Plain language summary for inclusion in Summary of Issues |
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| *Please identify comments by organization and comment number.*<br><br>*e.g.: IAAC-01* | *If the comment is related to a specific section of the Initial Project Description, please provide a reference.*<br><br>*You may also choose to copy the relevant text here.* | *Provide a description of the issue, concern or uncertainty the proponent could address in their response to Summary of Issues and, if IAAC requires it, in their Detailed Project Description that would give confidence that the issue will be addressed and managed, by clear measures, existing guidelines, regulatory processes or other existing tools, and thus be the subject of simplified information requests in the guidelines, or simply be removed. Include any uncertainty related to federal permits, licences or authorizations that may be required for the project* | *Provide recommended clarification or additional information to be included in their response to the Summary of Issues and, if IAAC requires it, in their Detailed Project Description to address the issue, concern or uncertainty, for example:*<br>• *Clarifications to elements of the project description (e.g. components, activities, locations or alternatives);*<br>• *Proposed project design changes that could avoid effects;*<br>• *Evidence that could be presented to demonstrate there is no effect pathway of effect or that effects would be negligible;*<br>• *Evidence that standard mitigations will address potential effects*<br>• *Commitments the proponent could make to respond to the issue, including the implementation of federal operational policies or guidance documents.*<br>• *Information needed to clarify whether a federal permit, licence or authorization may be required* | *For issues to be included in the Summary of Issues, provide a concise, plain language synopsis of the issue and of the question or direction for the proponent.* |
| PC-02 | 3.4 | To align with Parks Canada's mandate of ensuring the commemorative integrity of the York Factory National Historic Site (NHS), Parks Canada requires more information to determine whether intense sound waves and vibrations from aircrafts could damage the York Factory's Classified Federal Heritage Building (the Depot). | Please provide more information about operation of the aerodrome, including:<br>• Will any flights be flying directly over the York Factory NHS? Please include the anticipated flight paths and flying altitude in relation to York Factory NHS in the project description.<br>• Based on the proposed flight paths and flying altitudes, what would be the sound/vibration levels reaching York Factory NHS? | To determine whether noise and vibrations of flights into/out of the proposed Ten Shilling Aerodrome will impact York Factory National Historic Site's (NHS's) Classified Federal Heritage Building (the Depot), Parks Canada requests additional information about operation of the aerodrome, including:<br>• Whether any flights will be flying directly over York Factory NHS (flight paths and altitudes),<br>• What sound/vibration levels are expected to reach York Factory NHS. |

*Please insert additional rows as necessary.*