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Dear Invitees,

Re: Development of Nunavut Water Management Strategy

As you are aware, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) is planning to develop a comprehensive Nunavut Water Management Strategy (NWMS) for Nunavut that reflects watershed, regional, and territorial issues and priorities around the use and management of freshwater.

The NWB proposes establishment of a Steering Committee (SC), whose purpose is to provide support to the NWB in developing a comprehensive Strategy that provides a coordinated management approach that ensures freshwater in Nunavut is conserved and used in a manner that provides the optimum benefit for all Nunavummiut in particular, and all Canadians in general. The SC is intended to bring together the federal and territorial government departments, Inuit Organizations, the Nunavut Planning Commission and other interested participants with interest and jurisdiction relevant to water management to work collaboratively to address the challenge of developing an integrated water management strategy for Nunavut.

The SC will provide a centralized, coordinated, and focused approach within the territory to create a Strategy which supports the alignment and compatibility of policies, programs and services of the various stakeholders with the goals of sustainable water management. We have identified your organization as an important stakeholder to support the development of the WMS and wish to invite your organization to become a sitting member of the NWMS SC.

Please note that the NWB has identified you as a key contact for your organization in respect of this initiative, but please let us know if there should be a different lead contact for your organization. We would also appreciate it if, during the initial meeting you can identify both the primary participant and an alternate that would be able to participate.

The draft Terms of Reference for the NWMS SC are attached. The roles and responsibilities of the SC will be discussed and refined at the first in-person meeting and we would like you to attend and share the perspective from your organization in respect of this important work. For convenience and cost-savings, the NWB is proposing that the in-person inaugural meeting of the Nunavut Water Management Strategy Steering Committee, be held just

before the Yellowknife Geosciences Forum (November 20-22, 2018). **The meeting is scheduled for November 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Days Inn in Yellowknife.** A final agenda for the meeting will be sent out two weeks prior to the meeting. We expect to cover a number of topics including NWMS SC Terms of Reference, logistics and budget requirements, public and stakeholder consultation, development of a Technical Advisory Group, etc.

Attached to this invitation letter, are some background materials that you may find useful to set the stage for our initial meeting:

- Proposed NWMS SC Terms of Reference;
- a NWMS draft Discussion Paper; and
- An initial draft of the Communication, Consultation and Engagement Plan.

The NWB invites you to provide written feedback on the attachments in advance of the meeting. The NWB would appreciate receiving your feedback by November 05 so that we can incorporate revisions into the drafts before the SC meeting. We also welcome receiving your feedback during the SC meeting.

A block of rooms has been set aside **at the Nova Hotel in Yellowknife** (4571 48 St.) for November 19 to 23, 2018. Please reference group **confirmation number 7707057** when booking a room under this block. Rooms that have not been booked will be released after October 15, 2018.

Please confirm your organization's willingness to be on the Steering Committee and identify the lead contacts and participants who will be attending the first in-person meeting by September 28, 2018. We very much look forward to your participation. If you have any questions regarding the background materials, the NWB's approach to the NWMS or the upcoming meeting, please get in touch with me at my direct line (867) 360-6338 (ext. 22) or via email stephanie.autut@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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Attachments: NWMS Draft Steering Committee Terms of Reference
NWMS Draft Discussion Paper
Communication, Consultation and Engagement Plan
