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Re: Nunavut Airport Division - Iqaluit Airport Drainage Project - 1BR-1AD

On behalf of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND), I have reviewed the Water License Application and support documents submitted by Nunavut Airports Division with respect to the Iqaluit Airport Drainage Project (*Project*).

The *Project* proposes to excavate and reconfigure the drainage channels and replace the blocked/collapsed culverts due to water ponding on the runway and Aprons from snow melt and rain.

DIAND is pleased with the attention given to preserving water quality, particularly with respect to erosion control and sediment loading. During the course of landscaping water levels could rise due to rainfall. Therefore, erosion and sediment controls should be used preemptively to avoid unanticipated complications due to weather.

In reviewing the documentation there is no mention of consultation with the City of Iqaluit, nor is it evident that project information has been made available to the Public. Although, project work has been approved by the Government of Nunavut and will not occur on municipal lands, DIAND feels it is important to address the community in which the proposed work will be conducted.

Additionally, it seems that project work to be conducted at the Iqaluit Airport has been submitted to the Nunavut Water Board in portions; 1BR-IAD, 1BR-UTI and 1BR-LTU. 1BR-IAR deals with the reconfiguration of the drainage channels, 1BR-UTI deals with the utilidor removal and 1BR-LTU deals with the land treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soils. DIAND recommends that the Government of Nunavut and Transport Canada submit these projects collectively. This would result in one water license and one project manager, opposed to the current situation where three distinct license applications have been submitted.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me

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Sincerely,

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