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May 8, 2015

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Robin Ikkutisluk  
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**Re: Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Review of the Hamlet of  
Pangnirtung's Application to Renew Type 'B' Water Licence, #1BR-DUV1214**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

Thank you for your email of April 8, 2015, concerning the above mentioned application. A memorandum is provided for the Board's consideration. Comments and recommendations have been provided pursuant to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 867-975-4555 or email at [David.Abernethy@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:David.Abernethy@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca) for further information.

Sincerely,

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Encl.

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# Memorandum

To: Robin Ikkutisluuk, Nunavut Water Board

From: David Abernethy, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

CC: Andrew Keim (AANDC), Erik Allain (AANDC), and Phyllis Beaulieu (NWB)

Date: May 8, 2015

**Re: Type 'B' Water Licence Renewal Application, #1BW-DUV1214**

Applicant: Hamlet of Pangnirtung  
Project: Pangnirtung Small Craft Harbour / Duval River Crossing  
Region: Qikiqtani

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Comments:

## A. Background

On April 8, 2015, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) provided notification of the Hamlet of Pangnirtung's application to renew their type 'B' water licence, #1BW-DUVB1214, for 10 years. This licence allows for the use, maintenance, and eventual abandonment of a watercourse crossing and associated drainage redirection structure that was constructed in support of the Pangnirtung Small Craft Harbour Project.

In 2009, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans constructed a crossing over a section of the Duval River that flows into a bay east of the Hamlet of Pangnirtung. The crossing was constructed using three steel culverts along with rock and gravel aggregates. The crossing was used as the only route for transporting crushed rock from the existing municipal quarry to the harbor site. The harbor was constructed in September 2013. The Hamlet of Pangnirtung wants to maintain the Duval River crossing for heavy traffic equipment access to the municipal quarry. The Hamlet's single span steel bridge cannot support such loads.

Interested parties were asked to review this application and provide comments by May 8, 2015.

## B. Results of review

On behalf of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, the following comments and recommendations are provided:

### 1. Requested licence renewal term

The requested 10 year licence renewal term should be accepted.

## **2. Licence the river crossing under water licence #3BM-PAN1417**

It would be more efficient for the Duval River crossing to be licensed under the Hamlet of Pangnirtung's type 'B' municipal water licence, #3BM-PAN1417. When applying to renew the municipal water licence the Hamlet should request the necessary amendments to include the Duval River crossing. If the amendments are approved in a renewed licence, the Hamlet should apply for a cancellation of the type 'B' water course crossing licence.

Prepared by David Abernethy