

CITY OF IQUALUIT DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING MEMO

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2004
 TO: SEE DISTRIBUTION LIST ATTACHED
 FROM: BRAD SOKACH
 RE: GRANULAR MATERIALS


As you are aware the City operates the North 40 gravel pit and the Road to Nowhere sand pits. Although the City operates these sites, to our knowledge, the City does not have a contract or obligation to provide raw or processed granular material to contractors, developers, or other government agencies in the City.

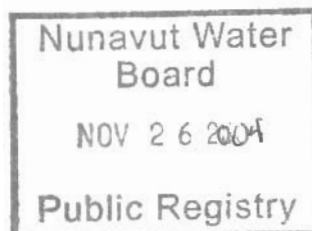
During the summer of 2004 the City committed significant financial, and more importantly, staff resources to meet territorial and federal regulators requests to continue the removal of sand and gravel from the North 40. The City performed this work in 2004 due to the sudden requirements, at the start of the construction season, of the regulators. Had these requirements not been met the North 40 may have remained closed for the entire 2004 construction season.

The City will be working with the regulators, through the Nunavut Water Board, to develop a working protocol to allow the continued extraction of material from the North 40. We hope a final reasonable protocol can be established to allow the continued extraction of material from the North 40 for all developments in the City. Depending on the terms of the final sampling and analytical protocol required by the regulators, the City may halt the extraction, processing, and removal of granular materials from the North 40 for all non-City of Iqaluit projects.

After two closures of the North 40, a preliminary protocol for sampling and analysis was implemented in 2004. However, due to some contractors not following the requirements and restrictions of the protocol the North 40 ended up being closed for approximately seven days near the end of the construction season. The City does not have the staff resources or funding to continually police the North 40 gravel pit. If an agreement should be made which allows the continued use of the North 40 by all contractors and developers the City will not have any flexibility with the protocol not being respected. If a contractor is found to be removing material without following the proper procedures or protocols their quarry permit will be immediately cancelled and they will be required to leave the pit for the remainder of the construction season.

Regards,


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