



# Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Licence Overview

## Community Session

Application for Amendment to  
Type “A” Water Licence

**2AM-MEL1631**

by

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# Nunavut Water Board

## Background

### The Nunavut Water Board

- is an Institution of Public Government (IPG) established under Article 13 of the *Nunavut Agreement*
- has responsibilities and powers over the regulation, use, and management of freshwater in the Nunavut Settlement Area



# Nunavut Water Board

## Background

The objective of the NWB is to provide for the conservation and utilization of waters in Nunavut, except in a national park, in a manner that will provide the optimum benefit from those waters for Nunavut's residents in particular and Canadians in general.



# Types of Authorizations

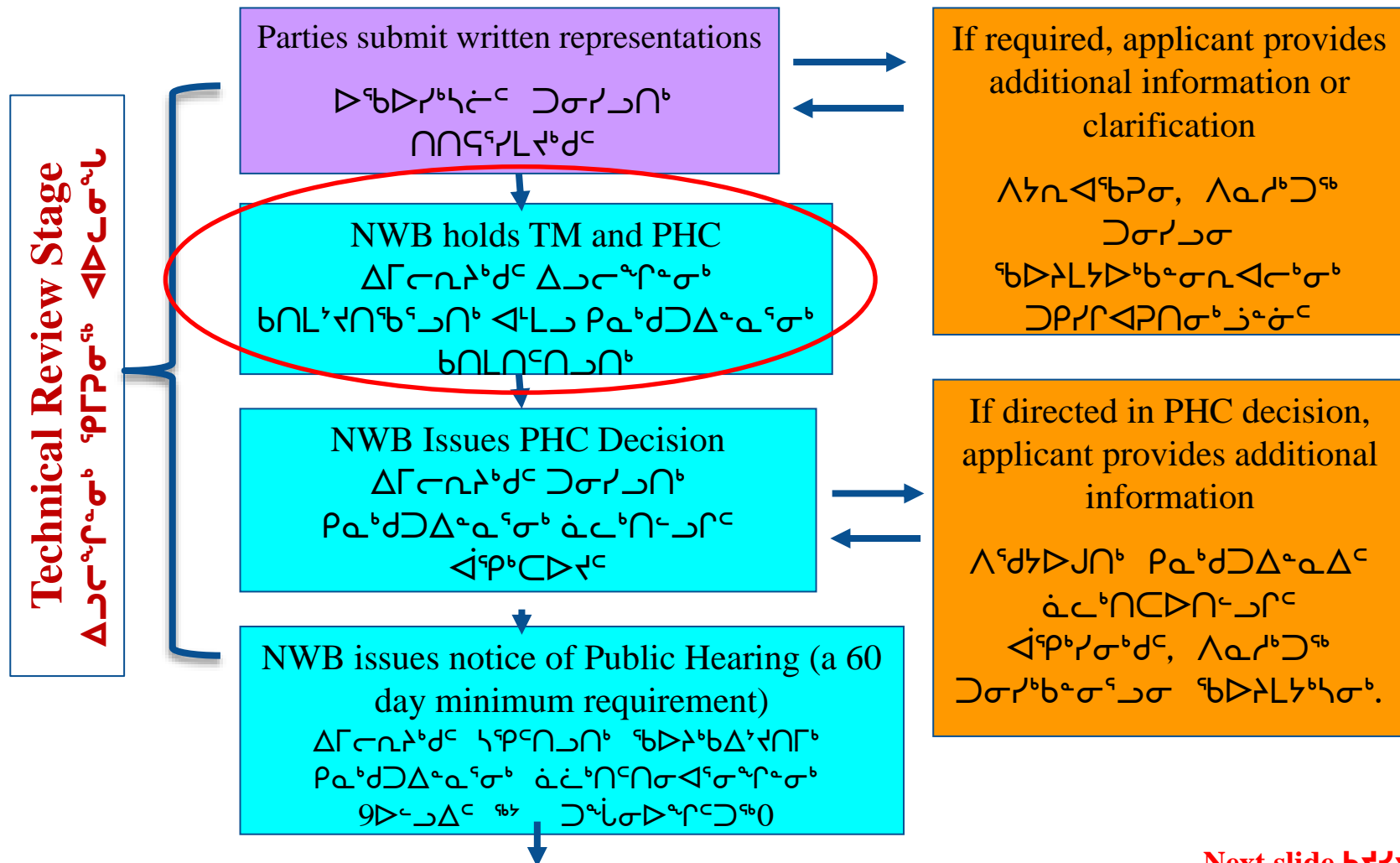
- Based on its mandate and the Nunavut Waters Regulations (*Regulations*), the NWB may issue one of the following authorizations for the use of water and/or deposit of waste for undertakings in Nunavut:
  - Authorization without a Licence  
(less than 50 m<sup>3</sup> per day water required)
  - **Type “B”** Water Licence  
(between 50 m<sup>3</sup> and 299 m<sup>3</sup> per day water required)
  - **Type “A”** Water Licence  
(300 m<sup>3</sup> or more per day water required)

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# NWB Type “A” Licensing Process

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## Scope of the Amendment Application

- Increase to the authorized annual freshwater consumption –
  - For operations 1,116,112 m<sup>3</sup>/year, an increase of 374,112 m<sup>3</sup>
  - For closure 8,676,481 m<sup>3</sup>/year, an increase of 4,676,481 m<sup>3</sup>
- Open pit mining of F Zone, Wesmeg, Pump, and Discovery deposits;
- Underground mining at the Pump, F Zone, and Discovery;
- Development of a portal in the Tiriganiaq-Wolf area to expand the Tiriganiaq underground mine;
- Construction and operation of a windfarm;
- Construction of access roads;
- Use of additional borrow pits and quarries to replace depleted sources and build roads to the windfarm, Tiriganiaq-Wolf portal, Discovery, and other deposits;
- Extension of the operation phase (i.e., mine life) by 11 years to 2043; and
- Alternative for the future to use exhausted open pits to store tailings and waste rock.



## Application Procedural History

Date	Activity
<b><u>January 13, 2023</u></b>	NWB received the Amendment Application and supporting documentation from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
<b><u>January 16, 2023</u></b>	After initial review, the NWB commenced the Completeness Check where parties were invited to review the Application for completeness and provide Information Requests (IRs) by February 16, 2023
<b><u>February 16, 2023</u></b>	Submissions and Information Requests (IRs) were received from Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
<b><u>March 6, 2023</u></b>	Agnico Eagle responded to intervenors' comments
<b><u>March 10-13, 2023</u></b>	The NWB received letters from the KivIA, CIRNA and the DFO, requesting the NWB to pause the Application process until further information is received associated with the NIRB assessment
<b><u>March 17, 2023</u></b>	The NWB paused the Application process until <u>May 23, 2023</u> , when the Applicant was supposed to provide more information for the NIRB's process



Date	Activity
<u>May 26 – June 1, 2023</u>	The NWB requested intervenors to confirm if they are ready to move forward to the full technical review stage
<u>June 16, 2023</u>	The NWB gave public Notice of Application and commenced the full Technical Review of the Application. Parties were requested to provide technical comments by August 21, 2023. This was extended to August 31, 2023, after an extension request by the DFO
<u>September 18, 2023</u>	Agnico Eagle responded to Interveners' Technical Review comments
<u>September 29, 2023</u>	NWB distributed the draft agenda for the TM along with the timelines for the next steps in the process
<u>October 3, 2023</u>	The NWB received confirmation of participation and presentation documents from KivIA, CIRNA, DFO, ECCC and the Applicant
<u>October 6, 2023</u>	NWB provided correspondence with the final Agenda for the TM
<u>October 12-13, 2023</u>	Today the NWB hosts the TM in Rankin Inlet



## Next steps in the Application Process

- The Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) will be scheduled at a later date
- Timing and format of the PHC will be decided once the NIRB has released its Final Decision on the Meliadine Extension Proposal
- Information provided during this TM will assist the Board in determining whether all issues are sufficiently addressed at this stage in the process



## Next steps after the Pre-Hearing Conference

- NWB will release Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report;
- The report will contain details of the Application process so far;
- NWB will issue a Notice of Public Hearing informing stakeholders about tentative dates and format of the Public Hearing;



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