Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Relations Couronne-Autochtones et Affaires du Nord Canada

September 18, 2026

Lootie Toomasie
Chairperson
Nunavut Water Board
P. O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

Dear Lootie Toomasie:

I am writing to inform you that Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is providing participant funding through its Northern Participant Funding Program (NPFP or the Program) to facilitate meaningful participation in the regulatory proceedings of the Nunavut Water Board's review of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Type A Water Licence Amendment Application for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project. The intent of this funding program is to help Indigenous peoples and other Northerners access the resources and expertise needed to participate effectively in assessments of major resource or infrastructure development projects in Canada's North.

CIRNAC is inviting applications from those seeking participant funding to take part in the review of the Meliadine Type A Water Licence Amendment Application. Applications will be accepted up until **11:59pm (EST) on October 9, 2026** (see attached Public Notice).

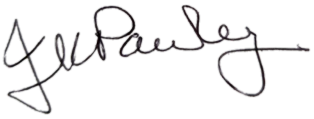
We request that the Board staff please upload this correspondence along with the Participant Funding Guide, Funding Application Form, and Public Notice to the Board's registry. Interested individuals or organizations can also contact program staff at aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca to request the Funding Guide and Form. Program staff are happy to assist with questions relating to the application process, eligibility, timing, or expense details. Additional information can be found on the NPFP webpage (https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1545150205116/1547478360408).

Once funding has been approved, CIRNAC staff will forward correspondence to the Board announcing the successful applicants and funding levels.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Program or the availability of funding to support participation in the Water Licence Amendment Application review of the Meliadine Gold Mine Project, please email aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

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Sincerely,



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