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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
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**File No: 3AM-ARV2232**

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By Email

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**Subject: Type “A” Water Licence No: 3AM-ARV2232; Hamlet of Arviat**

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Dear Honourable Minister Vandal:

In accordance with the requirements for Ministerial approval of Type “A” Water Licences under s. 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, please find attached the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board’s) Reasons for Decision and Record of Proceedings and Type “A” Water Licence No: 3AM-ARV2232 (the Licence) for your consideration. As described in more detail in the attached NWB Decision, the Board recommends the grant of the Licence as requested in an application filed with the Board by the Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services (GN-CGS) on behalf of the Hamlet of Arviat (Applicant or Licensee) requesting the replacement of an expired Type “A” Water Licence No: 3AM-ARV1016 (the Expired Licence) with an amended Type “A” Water Licence No: 3AM-ARV2232 (the Application). The Licence amends specified terms and conditions of the Expired Licence and authorizes the continued use of Water and deposit of Waste by the Hamlet of Arviat associated with a Municipal undertaking (as defined in Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*) for a term of ten years.

In deciding to recommend the grant of the Licence, and consistent with the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, the Board considered the outcome of the Board’s licensing process as well as the determinations made by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) with respect to the Application.

The NPC, in its April 16, 2021 correspondence<sup>1</sup>, confirmed that the Application conformed to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The NPC stated that it “*previously reviewed work and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued on January 28, 2010, May 18, 2017 and July 29, 2020), which still applies. The proposal requires screening by [the Nunavut Impact Review Board] under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project.*”

On August 17, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) released its Screening Decision Report<sup>2</sup> for the Application, recommending that further impact assessment in the form of a NIRB or joint panel review of the Application was not required pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.4.4(a) of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). The NIRB also indicated that, provided that the Applicant complies with the terms and conditions specified in the NIRB’s Screening Decision Report, the undertaking is not likely to cause significant public concerns, and will not result in significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic impacts.

With these pre-licensing requirements for the Application met, the Board processed the Application, concluding with a Public Hearing held in Arviat, Nunavut on May 31 and June 1, 2022. On the basis of the information received during the Board’s processing of the Application, the Board has decided to grant the Application to replace the Expired Licence No: 3AM-ARV1016 with the attached amended Type “A” Water Licence No: 3AM-ARV2232, in accordance with the terms and conditions included in the Licence, and offers the attached for your review and consideration.

Should you have any questions, require clarification with respect to the above or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Lootie Toomasie  
Nunavut Water Board, Chair

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<sup>1</sup> Correspondence dated April 16, 2021 from S. Amuno, Nunavut Planning Commission to R. Dwyer, NWB (and others) Re: NPC File # 149528 [3AM-CARV1016 Municipal Water Licence Amendment].

<sup>2</sup> Correspondence dated August 17, 2021 from K. Kaluraq, Nunavut Impact Review Board to the Hon. J. Ehaloak (Minister of Community & Government Services) Re: Screening Decision for the Governments of Nunavut’s “3AM-ARV1016 Municipal Water Licence Amendment” Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region and attached NIRB Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 21UN019, NPC File No.: 149528, August 17, 2021 (NIRB Screening Decision Report).

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Enclosure: **Licence No: 3AM-ARV2232**  
**Reasons for Decision**

cc. Kivalliq Distribution List