

# Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Licence Overview

### **Public Hearing**

for

**Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet** 

Application for Type "A" Water licence





### **Topics**

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- Types of Authorizations
- The NWB's Licensing Process
- Overview of the Project
- Scope of the Application
- Application Procedural History
- Next Steps in the Application
- Questions and/or Comments

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### **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

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### **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 m³ per day water required)



### **Types of Authorizations**

- o **Type "B"** Water Licence (between 50 m³ and 299 m³ per day water required)
- o **Type "A"** Water Licence (300 m³ or more per day water required)



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NWB receives application and confirms classification of undertaking and type of licence as a Type "A" licence

Applicant provides additional information if required

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NWB issues notice of application and requests technical review and submission of comments (30 days minimum)

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Technical Review Stage

Parties submit written representations

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**NWB Issues PHC Decision** 

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NWB issues notice of Public Hearing (a 60 day minimum requirement)

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If required, applicant provides additional information or clarification

If directed in PHC decision, applicant provides additional information

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Parties exchange written interventions

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Parties prepare for public hearing

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NWB holds Public Hearing

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**Current Stage** 

NWB issues decision to approve of application and provides a draft licence to Minister (Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs)

Minister approves the issuance of the licence

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NWB issues decision to not approve of application with reasons to Minister (Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs)

Minister approves of NWB decision

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Minister does not approve of NWB decision

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#### **Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet: Overview**

- Located in the Kivalliq Region
- Current population is 397 (2021 Census)
- Projected population in 2033 is 489
- Water Management Area: Wilson Watershed (13)
- Previous Licence:
  - Type "B" 3BM-CHE1523
  - Expired on May 14, 2023
  - Water Use Authorized: 23,000 cubic metres per annum
- New Licence Application:
  - Type "A" 3AM-CHE----
  - Term requested is 10 years (expiring in 2033)
  - Water Use requested: 23,000 cubic metres per annum (no change)
  - withdraw of up to 2,000 m3/day of water from First Lake during the open water season



### **Scope of Application**

- Withdrawal of Water from First Lake to support community needs;
- Continued operation and maintenance of the following municipal facilities:
  - Water Supply Facilities, including:
    - Pump station at First Lake,
    - Overland water supply pipeline;
    - Water Storage Reservoir; and
    - Truck-Fill Station.
  - Sewage Disposal Facility, including:
    - Two sewage detention cells; and
    - A wetland area for supplementary treatment.
  - Solid Waste Disposal Facility.



## **Application Procedural History**

March 20, 2023	NWB received from the GN-CGS an application for a Type "A" Water Licence 3AM-CHE
March 22, 2023	The NWB acknowledged receipt of application, determined that the application meets the requirements for public distribution, and invited interested parties to conduct an initial completeness check and provide information requests by April 12, 2023
<u>April 12, 2023</u>	CIRNAC, ECCC and DFO provided technical comments and Information Requests (IR) in relation to the Application
May 3, 2023	Applicant responded to intervenors' comments
May 9, 2023	CIRNAC and ECCC accepted the Applicant's Responses and stated they were ready to move to the next step of the process.
May 23, 2023	The NWB provided public notice of an application for a Type "A" Water Licence Application, commencing a twenty-four (24) day technical review period, and timelines for the Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference.



June 15, 2023	CIRNAC requested extension to submit Technical Review comments by June 21, 2023
June 21, 2023	Parties submit Technical Review comments
June 29, 2023	GN-CGS provided response to interveners' comments
<u>July 6, 2023</u>	NWB distributed the draft agenda for TM-PHC along with the timelines for the next steps in the process
<u>July 13, 2023</u>	The NWB received confirmation of participation and presentation documents from CIRNA and the Applicant.
July 14, 2023	NWB provided correspondence with the final Agenda for the TM-PHC
July 19, 2023	The NWB hosted the TM-PHC via teleconference, followed by a Community Session in the evening
August 25, 2023	The NWB issued the Pre-Hearing Conference Decision for the file; providing the Panel's direction that the Public Hearing be conducted in-person, and proposing tentative timelines for the Pre-Hearing exchange of information by parties and the public as the Application proceeded to the Public Hearing



August 25, 2023	The NWB issued Notice of the written Public Hearing
<b>November 2, 2023</b>	NWB provided the final Agendas for the Public Hearing and the related Community Session
<b>November 15, 2023</b>	The NWB Panel (P24) conducted an in-person Public Hearing, including hosting a Community Session, in the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet



### **Public Participation**

- Everyone is encouraged to participate in the PH and this community session
- Interested persons can also contact the NWB staff if needing to provide written comments or to review the documents filed for application
- All documents received have been posted on the NWB's FTP site at <a href="ftp.nwb-oen.ca">ftp.nwb-oen.ca</a>



### **Next steps in the Application Process**

- The Public Hearing of this week is chaired by the Board Panel and led by the Board's Chair
- The NWB Panel is here to consider the evidence provided during the hearing before issuing a decision in about 30-45 days
- The NWB will inform the public of the Board's decision once rendered



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