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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

File No: 3AM-GRA1624

June 04, 2021

To: Rankin Inlet Distribution List

Re: Closure of the Public Hearing Record of the Written Public Hearing Associated with the Nunavut Water Board's processing of an Amendment Application to Type "A" Water Licence No: 3AM-GRA1624, filed by the Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services

Dear Parties,

This correspondence provides advice and direction regarding next steps in the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) processing of an Amendment Application for Type "A" Water Licence 3AM-GRA1624. The application was received by the Board from Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services (GN-CGS or Applicant) on September 16, 2020 to amend the existing Type "A" Water Licence No: 3AM-GRA1624 (the Application). The Application requests amendments to the current Type "A" Licence to authorize the continued use of water associated with a "municipal undertaking" as defined under the *Nunavut Water Regulations*¹.

The Board's direction reflects the Board's receipt of final written submissions from the Applicant on May 31, 2021, and from the Intervener, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) on May 25, 2021, outlining:

- all technical issues discussed during their review of the Application;
- identifying technical issues that have been resolved amongst the parties during the Board's review of the Application; and
- providing information regarding terms and conditions that could be included if the NWB recommends that an amended Type "A" Water Licence be granted as requested in the Application.

On June 01, 2021, the Applicant confirmed that they have no additional information to submit in response to the final written submissions of the Intervener. On this basis, the Board has decided that all information required for the NWB to consider the Application has now been filed and the

¹ *Nunavut Water Regulations*, SOR/2013-69, Schedule 1.

Board will consider the Application submitted by GN-CGS and technical written submissions filed to date by CIRNA.

The Board has placed this information on its public registry and all materials filed with the Board to date will comprise the Public Hearing Record for the NWB's file in respect of the Application. Access to this information is available through the NWB's ftp site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/3%20MUNICIPAL/3A/3AM%20-%20Municipality/3AM-GRA1624/2%20ADMIN/4%20HEARINGS/2%20HEARING/>

The Board wishes to advise all interested parties that the Hearing Record for the NWB's Public Hearing, conducted in writing, to consider GN-CGS's Type "A" Water Licence Amendment Application 3AM-GRA1624 is now **CLOSED**. Accordingly, no additional evidence in respect of the Application may be filed with the Board and the Hearing Record will consist solely of the documentation filed on or in advance of June 1, 2021.

Now that the Hearing Record has closed, the Application has been remitted to the Panel who will, in due course (typically within 30-45 days), issue a Decision Report to the Minister of Northern Affairs. In the Decision Report, the NWB will provide a recommendation to the Minister, regarding whether or not to grant, the amendments to the Type "A" Water Licence as requested by the Applicant for the current Licence No: 3AM-GRA1624. If the Board's decision is to recommend that an amended Type "A" Water Licence for the undertaking be issued, the Board will also attach a copy of the Water Licence to the Decision Report for the review of the Minister.

Now that the Panel is engaged in deliberations, the Board will not provide any further comment regarding the Application until the Board publicly issues the Panel's decision. In closing, the Board extends its thanks to the Applicant and CIRNA for their participation during the NWB's consideration of this Application, including providing the Board with technical review comments, and identifying concerns and issues during the teleconference Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference. The Board also appreciates all parties working together to accommodate the modifications to the Board's planned processes required to comply with the directions of public health authorities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic during the licensing process.

Regards,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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