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**NWB File No: 3BM-IGL1520
Renewal-Amendment Application**

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Subject: Water Licence No. 3BM-IGL1520; Submission of Renewal – Amendment Application

Dear Mr. Roy,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledges receipt of application (Application) and supporting information to renew and amend Type “B” Water Licence No. 3BM-IGL1520 submitted on January 31, 2020 by the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services (GN-CGS) on behalf of the Municipality of Igloolik (Applicant), for the continued Use of Water and Deposit of Waste. Additional information was provided on February 25-26, 2020, following an initial internal review of the application package.

The Application has been placed in the Board’s Public Registry and is available from the NWB’s FTP site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/3%20MUNICIPAL/3A/3AM%20-%20Municipality/3AM-IGL----/1%20APPLICATION/2020%20Renewal/>

Pre-licensing Requirements

On February 26, 2020, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) issued its land use conformity determination¹ for the renewal and amendment of Water Licence No. 3BM-IGL1520 for continued use of Water and deposit of Waste in the Municipality of Igloolik. In their letter, the NPC states that the activities proposed in this application were previously reviewed on December 30, 2008, August 13, 2014, March 31, 2015, June 9, 2015, March 1, 2016, and December 20, 2019, which still apply.

¹ Nunavut Planning Commission correspondence dated February 26, 2020



In addition, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened the works and activities associated with the current proposal, and a Screening Decision Report was issued on May 13, 2016 (NIRB FILE No. 15UN040)². In its February 2020 letter, the NPC indicated that the above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the current change to a Type A water license does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

The application received on January 31, 2020 consisted of the following documents:

- Appendix A: NPC letter, RE: 149222
- Appendix B: Certificate of Analysis – Municipality of Igloolik 2019
- Appendix C: Cover Letter
- Appendix D: Cover Letter (signed)
- Appendix E: Hamlet of Igloolik 2019 Annual Report
- Appendix F: Igloolik Water Licence Plan of Compliance
- Appendix G: Type “B” Renewal Water Licence Application

After reviewing the application information, the NWB determined that a Type “A” licence will be required. The NWB advised the Applicant to submit a revised application for a Type “A” licence and a decision letter from the NPC.

On February 25-26, 2020, the NWB received the following documents:

- Appendix H: Type “A” Water Licence Application
- Appendix I: NPC letter, RE: 149307

On March 02, 2020, the NWB received the following documents:

- Appendix J: O&M manual for the Sewage Lagoon (Volume I & II)
- Appendix K: Drawings and plans for sewage lagoon, water reservoir and intake pipe line

The NWB has conducted a preliminary review of the submission(s) and determined that the Application meets the requirements allowing for public distribution in support of an initial technical assessment. Further, the preliminary review confirms that the Application is for a Type

² Nunavut Impact Review Board correspondence dated May 13, 2016



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“A” Water Licence, which will require a public hearing in accordance with s. 523 of the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSTRA or Act). All public hearing matters will be carried out in accordance with the Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearing, dated May 11, 2005 (NWB Rules).

The next step in processing your Application involves a completeness review and an initial technical assessment to determine if all of the necessary information and studies to evaluate quantitative and qualitative effects of your project on the freshwater environment have been provided.

Accordingly, by copy of this letter, the Board requests that interested parties review the Application and supplemental information for completeness and conduct an initial technical assessment, including identifying any Information Requests (IRs) that the reviewing party requests be filed to enable that party to complete their technical review of the Application. Further, the NWB invites interested parties to comment on the type of Technical Meeting-Pre-Hearing Conference to be held for the application (written, teleconference, or in person as outlined in steps 3 and 5 in the process overview set out below).

All intervening parties should provide their submissions to the NWB’s Manager of Licensing at licensing@nwb-oen.ca by **March 24, 2020 (5:00 p.m. ET).**

Following the receipt of comments, the NWB will determine whether the Application is complete, or whether additional information and studies are required (IR’s) to evaluate all quantitative and qualitative effects of the undertaking pursuant to s. 48 of the Act. The NWB will advise the Applicant of the Board’s determination at that time.

Once the Application has been deemed complete, the following general process will be undertaken. Complete details on the NWB’s licensing process are available in NWB Guide 5⁴ and the Board preserves the right to modify the licensing process, including timelines as may be required to appropriately process this Application.

³ *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, section 52 (1) Subject to subsection 37(2), a public hearing shall be held by the Board before it disposes of (a) any application in relation to a licence, unless the application is of a class that is exempted by the regulations from the requirement of a public hearing.

⁴ Guide 5 – Processing Water Licence Applications (April 2010).





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5. Public Hearing (PH)

Sub-section 55(2) of the Act requires that a minimum notice period of sixty (60) days be provided for a Public Hearing (PH). As with the Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference, the Board has the ability to conduct its PH in writing, by teleconference, or in person. Once the Board has received all information requested through this process and is satisfied that the PH should proceed, the type or place, date, and time of the hearing will be determined and a notice will be published by the Board in advance of the PH and in a manner that promotes public awareness and participation in the hearing.

6. Public Hearing Decision

Following the Public Hearing, the Board will issue a written decision with reasons (final decision) for the Application. The Board's final decision will be provided to the Minister of Northern Affairs Canada (Minister) for consideration. Interested and intervening parties will also be provided with a copy of the of the Board's final decision. The Minister typically issues his/her response to the Board's final decision with forty-five (45) days of receipt, or if notifying the Board of an extension within the forty-five (45) days, within ninety (90) days from the date of receipt.

On this basis, the NWB is inviting interested persons to comment on the following: 1) Completeness of the Application based on their initial technical assessment; 2) Information Requests (IRs) related to the Application that must be provided to enable the parties to complete their full technical review; and 3) Type of TM/PHC to be held. All comments, recommendations and any requests for information (IRs) should be submitted to the NWB's Manager of Licensing at licensing@nwb-oen.ca **no later than March 24, 2020 (5:00 p.m. ET).**



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If you have any questions regarding the above or procedural matters, please contact Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing, at (867) 360-6338 ext. 27 or by e-mail to licensing@nwb-oen.ca. For inquiries related to technical matters, please contact Mohammad Ali Shaikh, Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338 ext. 33 or by e-mail to ali.shaikh@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

Richard Dwyer
Manager of Licensing

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