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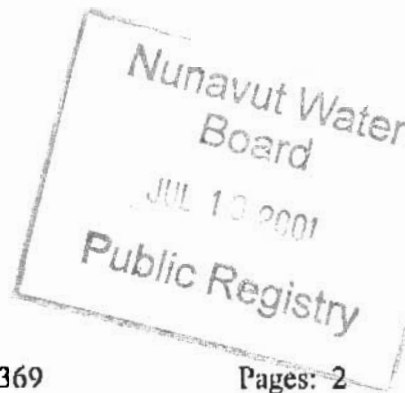
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Thomas Kudloo, Chair
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Dear Sir:

Re: Iqaluit Water Licence NWB31QA0103 – Response to Submissions

The Council has, for the last two years, respected the views and opinions of the Nunavut Water Board. I reiterate, however, that the question of whether our licence is valid remains unresolved. In the letter from DIAND dated June 22, DIAND states that "the proposed licence will not be 'issued', and thus will not be valid or effective, unless and until it is approved by the Minister. The Minister has not yet approved the proposed licence. Consequently, it would appear that the Board lacks the authority to revisit the licence terms at this time." **I respectfully request that the Water Board and DIAND resolve ALL outstanding questions of jurisdiction and ensures that our licence is valid prior to any further discussion of issues facing our community.**

In response to the many submissions received by the Water Board from residents concerned about the adverse affects of open burning at our dump, the following explains our position with respect to open burning, solid waste disposal and recycling:

On Friday June 29 we received an order from the Chief Medical Officer of the Government of Nunavut to start burning. This was due to the huge amount of waste piling up throughout Iqaluit caused by the current labour dispute.

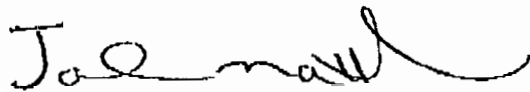
As we have done throughout the three month labour dispute, we continue to utilize public service announcements and brochures to encourage residents to separate their waste and hold on to their plastics and metals and take only their burnable material to the dump. We will also continue to do everything we can to avoid burning inappropriate material at the landfill and will burn only when the wind conditions are right.

We are also trying to make progress on the longer term solid waste management plan which includes a high tech incinerator and an aggressive recycling program. Planning and design for the incinerator

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is underway while we work to find the many millions of dollars still required beyond Government of Nunavut commitments. The implementation of our recycling program has been delayed significantly by our labour dispute; but we hope by the end of September to have a "blue bag" plastics and metals recycling program to supplement our very successful office paper recycling program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Matthews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John Matthews
Mayor of Iqaluit

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