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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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**NWB File No: 3AM-IQA1626/
Amendment No. 5**

April 15, 2020

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**Subject: Application for Type ‘A’ Water Licence Amendment, File No: 3AM-IQA1626,
City of Iqaluit.**

Dear Ms. Elgersma,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledged receipt on April 9, 2020, of an amendment application and supporting documentation (Application) from the City of Iqaluit (the Applicant or the City) for their municipal Type “A” Water Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626. Additional information was provided on April 14, 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 our ftp site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/3%20MUNICIPAL/3A/3AM%20-%20Municipality/3AM-IQA1626/1%20APPLICATION/2020%20Amendment%203/>

Pre-licensing Requirements

On December 3, 2018, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) issued a letter regarding their review of the Amendment to Water Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626. The NPC determined that the City is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan and has determined that the Amendment requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

On September 13, 2019, the NIRB issued a Screening Decision Report (NIRB FILE No.: 13UN034) recommending that a review of City of Iqaluit’s “New Landfill and Waste Transfer Station” is not required pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.4.4(a) of the *Agreement between the*

Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement) and s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). As such, the NWB has started its licensing process.

The Application received on April 9, 2020, consisted of the following documents:

- Application for Water Licence Amendment
- NPC and NIRB Decisions
- Topographic Map
- Closure and Decommissioning Plan
- Landfill and Waste Transfer Site 90 Percent Drawings
- Method Statement of Construction Report
- Monitoring Program Plan
- Operations and Maintenance Manual
- Environmental Management Plan
- Construction Environmental Protection Plan
- Closure Environmental Protection Plan
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Public Consultation Report
- Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation Report
- Biophysical Assessment Report
- Compliance Assessment and Status Report
- Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment
- Climate Change Resilience Assessment
- Project Summary – English, Inuktitut

Additional information received on April 14, 2019:

- Emergency Response Plan

The NWB has conducted a preliminary review of your submission(s) and determined that your 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 “A” Water Licence which will require a public hearing in accordance with s. 52¹ 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

¹ *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.

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 **May 6, 2020 (3:00 p.m. MT)**.

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 City of Iqaluit 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 5² and the Board preserves the right to modify the licensing process, including timelines as may be required to appropriately process this Application.

1. Notice of the Application

A notice of the Application will be made in accordance with s. 55(1) of the Act. This notice will invite interested persons to make representation to the Board. Parties will be advised of the consequences of failure to respond as outlined in ss. 59 and 60(2) of the Act. Furthermore, the Board will distribute notice to the communities and interested parties affected by the application and shall publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the areas that are affected. If there is no such newspaper, the Board shall publish the notice in such other manner as the Board considers appropriate.

2. Detailed Technical Review

Interested parties will be invited to undertake a detailed technical assessment or review of the complete application for the undertaking. Parties (interveners and the Applicant) will be encouraged to work cooperatively to address technical issues identified during the review period. Generally, the Board provides at least thirty (30) days for a technical review in advance of a technical meeting. However, to assist the Board in expediting the technical assessment, parties are encouraged to begin their detailed technical assessment as early as possible (during and following the initial request for IRs).

² Guide 5 – Processing Water Licence Applications (April 2010).

3. **Technical Meeting (TM) / Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC)**

Rule 14 of the NWB Rules permits the Board, through its staff or in conjunction with staff, to hold a Technical Meeting (TM) and Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) with interested parties, either in writing, by teleconference, or in person. The Board anticipates setting a date for a TM/PHC shortly after the deadline for receiving technical review submissions. The PHC is typically scheduled to immediately follow the TM.

4. **Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) Decision**

Following the TM/PHC, the NWB will issue a PHC decision and may outline any technical commitments of the Applicant, and the administrative and procedural requirements for a Public Hearing.

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 public hearing 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 (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 May 6, 2020 (3:00 p.m. MT)**.

If you have any questions regarding the above or procedural matters, please contact Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing, at (867) 360-6338 or by e-mail at licensing@nwb-oen.ca. For inquiries related to Technical matters, please contact Derek Donald, Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338 ext. 32 or by email at Derek.Donald@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

Richard Dwyer
Manager of Licensing

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Cc: City of Iqaluit Distribution