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NWB File No: 3AM-IQA1626
Amendment No: 5

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Subject: Type “A” Water Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626; Application for Amendment to Construct and Operate New Solid Waste Disposal Facilities; City of Iqaluit Municipal Water Licence.

Dear Ms. Elgersma:

Further to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) correspondence of April 15, 2020¹, with respect to the determination of completeness of the 3AM-IQA1626 Water Licence Amendment Application and supporting documentation (Application) submitted by the City of Iqaluit (City or Applicant) for their Municipal Water Licence Project, the Board received Information Request (IR) from the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) by May 6, 2020. A complete response to IR was provided by the City of Iqaluit on June 2, 2020, and it was confirmed by June 9, 2020 that all parties consider the information sufficient to enter into the full technical review phase of the application, provided that additional information is provided during the technical review. Up to this point, the NWB has not received any indication that the Application should not proceed through the regulatory process.

Copies of the comments received from Intervening parties, submissions from the Applicant, and all documents associated with the Application have been placed in the Board’s Public Registry and made available through the NWB’s FTP site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/3%20MUNICIPAL/3A/3AM%20-%20Municipality/3AM-IQA1626/>

Based on the scope and nature of undertaking, the Application has been deemed to be a complete application for a Type “A” Water Licence. As such, it will require a Public Hearing as required

¹ Letter from Richard Dwyer, NWB, to Amy Elgersma, City of Iqaluit, Re: Application for Type ‘A’ Water Licence Amendment, File No. 3AM-IQA1626, City of Iqaluit, April 15, 2020.

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by the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSTRTA). 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).

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The NWB has determined through the completeness and preliminary assessment, which took into consideration the Application, Interveners' submissions, and the Board's initial review, that the Application submitted by the City of Iqaluit generally constitutes an administratively and materially complete Application in accordance with the Guides². The Board has therefore decided that the Application can proceed to the next stage(s) of the licensing process, subject to any outstanding pre-licensing considerations that may be associated with the Application. The NWB retains the rights, however, to request additional information and studies pursuant to s.s. 48(2) of the NWNSTRTA or to issue additional guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to s.s. 48(3) of the NWNSTRTA, if it becomes necessary.

In accordance with s. 55(1) of the NWNSTRTA, the **Board gives notice of the Application** and invites interested persons to make representation to the Board no later than **July 17, 2020** (3:00 p.m., MST). Notice of the Application will also be forwarded to the council of each municipality in the area(s) most affected by the Application, local organizations and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area(s) affected or, if there is no such newspaper, in such other manner as the Board considers appropriate. Parties are advised that the consequences of failure to respond are outlined in s. 59 and s. 60(2) of the NWNSTRTA³.

By copy of this letter to the distribution list, all interested parties or persons are requested to complete a thorough technical assessment of the Application for the amendment to the Type "A" Water Licence 3AM-IQA1626, available from the NWB Public Registry or by directly contacting Ms. Amy Elgersma, City of Iqaluit, at A.elgersma@iqaluit.ca.

Next Steps in the Process

The next steps in the Board's consideration of the Application in respect of the City of Iqaluit Municipal Water Licence Project, have been outlined as follows for the information of all parties. Please note that the Board reserves the right to revise the next steps and timelines if circumstances dictate:

Steps Preceding Technical Meeting

June 19, 2020:	Commencement of the technical review period; parties are asked to provide their technical review comments to the Board
July 17, 2020:	Submission of technical review comments and representations to

² The minimum information requirements set out in the NWB Guidance Documents: Guide 4 – Completing and Submitting a Water Licence Application for a New Licence, July 2015, see Table 1; and Guide 5 – Processing Water Licence Applications, July 2015, see Table 1.

³ Section 59: In the circumstances described in paragraph 58(b), an applicant need not compensate the person under section 58 if the person fails to respond to the notice of application given under subsection 55(1) within the time period specified in the notice for making representations to the Board. Section 60(2) Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of a person referred to in that subsection who fails to respond to the notice of application given under subsection 55(1) within the time period specified in that notice for making representations to the Board.

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	the Board.
July 27, 2020:	Applicant to provide response(s) to technical review comments. Parties given an opportunity to review responses from Applicant
July 30, 2020:	Circulation of draft agenda for the Technical Meeting.
August 5, 2020:	Submission of Applicants and Interveners presentations for the proposed technical meeting (including translated versions). Confirmation of attendance and draft agenda.
August 7, 2020:	Circulation of final agenda for the Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference.

Steps including and following Technical Meeting**1. Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference (TM/PHC): August 12-13, 2020**

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 has directed the staff of the NWB, in accordance with the NWB Rules, to hold the TM-PHC for the Application, (via teleconference), on the week of August 10, 2020 (tentatively on **August 12-13, 2020**). Interested persons should note that these dates are tentative and could be changed by the Board with a notice provided to parties. In advance of the date on which the TM-PHC will be held, the NWB will issue correspondence that will confirm dates and provide other relevant details.

2. Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) Decision

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

Public Hearing (PH) Notice

Sub-section 55(2) of the NWNSRTA requires that a minimum notice period of sixty (60) days be provided for a Public Hearing (PH). As with the Technical Meeting / Pre-hearing Conference, the Board has the ability to conduct its Public Hearing in writing, by teleconference, or in person. Once the Board has received all information requested through this process and is satisfied that the Public Hearing 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.

3. Public Hearing Decision

Following the Public Hearing, the Board will issue a final written decision with reasons (final decision). The final decision will be provided to the Minister of Intergovernmental and Northern Affairs and Internal Trade (Minister) for the Minister's decision. Interested and intervening parties will also be provided with a copy of the Board's final decision as well as the Minister's decision.

Throughout the technical review phase, interested parties are encouraged to work cooperatively with the City of Iqaluit to discuss issues in advance of the proposed Technical Meeting / Pre-hearing Conference. The NWB, however, requests to be kept informed of any issues and any agreement reached between the parties on specific issues related to the Application. The Board also asks that all technical review comments, particularly for matters such as air quality, noise, and wildlife, be provided within the limits of the NWB's jurisdiction over the use of waters and the deposit of waste in waters or that may enter waters.

All parties participating in the technical review of the Application are required to file documentation in accordance with the timelines set out in table above. The Board highlights that for parties wishing to file technical review comments pertaining to the Application, parties should file their comment submissions with the NWB's Manager of Licensing by email to licensing@nwb-oen.ca by Friday July 17, 2020 (3:00 p.m., MST).

If you have any questions regarding procedural matters related to the file, please contact Richard Dwyer, Licensing Manager, at richard.dwyer@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 27). For any technical inquiries, please contact Derek Donald, Technical Advisor at derek.donald@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at 867-360-6338, ext. 32 or Karén Kharatyan, Director of Technical Services, by e-mail to karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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