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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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**File No: 3AM-IQA1626/
Renewal Application**

May 29, 2026

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RE: Water Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626 Type A, City of Iqaluit; Renewal Application by the City of Iqaluit

Dear Kevin Kerr:

Further to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) correspondence, dated January 08, 2026¹, with respect to the determination of completeness of the 3AM-IQA1626 Water Licence Renewal Application and supporting documentation (Application) submitted by the City of Iqaluit (City or Applicant) for the City of Iqaluit Municipal Undertaking, the Board received, on or before February 06, 2026, the Information Requests (IRs) and recommendations from the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) .

On April 30, 2026, the Applicant provided their responses to Interveners' IRs and recommendations on the completeness of the Application. Interveners were requested to confirm by May 07, 2026 whether the Applicant's responses were satisfactory. On May 13, 2026 DFO submitted their responses stating that DFO has requested additional information from the Applicant as part of their Request for Review and provided comments that are relevant to the licensing process, however, they advised that any comments that cannot be resolved through the licensing process can continue to be addressed through DFO's regulatory review. On May 15, 2026, the NWB received follow up correspondence from CIRNAC stating that there are 9 unresolved comments. On May 19, 2026, the City responded to the Board, stating that *the City has reviewed CIRNAC's latest submission and we suggest that these are not items of completeness but instead are technical comments that can be addressed during the technical review period.*

¹ R. Dwyer (NWB) to S. England (City of Iqaluit); RE: Water Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626 Type A, City of Iqaluit; Renewal and Amendment Application by the City of Iqaluit; January 08, 2026

After reviewing all submissions from Interveners and responses from the City, the NWB notes that there are some outstanding concerns from CIRNAC and DFO. The Board is of the opinion that some of these concerns are not necessarily information requests, but rather technical issues that could be more effectively discussed during the Technical Review stage and the in-person Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference (TM-PHC). The Board also acknowledges that some additional information (i.e. Dam Break Analysis) will be available in the summer and expects the City to provide with that information once it becomes available.

Addressing these outstanding technical issues at that stage would help move the review process forward more efficiently. Further, the NWB reminds parties that it was seeking feedback on the completeness of information required to begin the full technical review stage, where technical issues can be examined in greater detail.

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 Public Registry using the following link:

[City of Iqaluit Application for Water Licence Renewal](#)

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

It should also be noted that on March 13, 2026, the City submitted a Short-Term Renewal Application (STR Application) to the Board. On March 16, 2026 the NWB provided notice of the STR Application as required under s. 55 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act, S.C. 2002 (NWNSRTA or Act)* and invited comment on the STR Application within thirty (30) days (April 15, 2026). In addition, as permitted under s. 9(1)(b) of the *Regulations*, the STR Application was processed by the Board without a Public Hearing once the 30-day time period elapsed. Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) indicated that they have no comments on the STR Application on April 01, 2026, April 08, 2026 and April 15, 2026 respectively.

Following the review of comments received during the thirty (30) day comment period, and pursuant to Article 13 Clause 13.3.6 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 29 of the NWNSRTA the members of the City of Iqaluit Panel (P6), on April 17, 2026, by Panel Motion No. 2026-01-P6-03 approved the grant of the STR Application. The Panel authorized the issuance of a single renewal of the Water Licence, being a change to the expiry date of the Licence to add a further term of up to 180 days. The Short Term Renewal Licence (STR Water Licence) was approved by the Minister on May 19, 2026 for approval. The STR Water Licence will take effect at the expiry of Water Licence on June 16, 2026 and will expire on the earlier of the Minister's completion of decision-making for the full Renewal Application (and if approved by the Minister,

the issuance of a long-term renewed licence) or December 13, 2026 (180 days after the Existing Water Licence expires).

NWB Notice of Application and Commencement of Technical Review

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 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. 48(2) of the *NWNSRTA* or to issue additional guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to s. 48(3) of the *NWNSRTA*, if it becomes necessary.

In accordance with s. 55(1) of the *NWNSRTA*, the **Board gives Notice of the Application** and invites interested persons to make representation to the Board no later than **June 30, 2026** (3:00 p.m., MT). Notice of the Application will also be forwarded to the council of each municipality in the area(s) most affected by the Application 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 *NWNSRTA*³.

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 renewal of the type A Water Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626, available on the NWB Public Registry or by directly contacting Richard Cook, Specialist Environmental Scientist, Knight Piésold Ltd., at rcook@knightpiesold.com.

Next Steps in the Process

The next steps in the Board's consideration of the Application 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

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.

Notice of Application and Commencement of Technical Review

May 29, 2026	Commencement of the technical review period; parties are asked to provide their technical review comments to the Board.
June 30, 2026	Submission of technical review comments and representations to the Board.
July 17, 2026	Applicant to provide response(s) to technical review comments. Parties given an opportunity to review responses from Applicant.
July 24, 2026	Circulation of draft agenda for the Technical Meeting.
July 31, 2026	Submission of Applicant's and Interveners' presentations for the proposed technical meeting (including translated versions). Confirmation of attendance and receipt of draft agenda.
August 6, 2026	Circulation of final agenda for the Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference.

Steps including and following Technical Meeting**1. Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference:**

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 in-person TM/PHC in Iqaluit in the week of August 10, 2026 (tentatively on **August 13-14, 2026**). 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 Decision

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

Public Hearing 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 the Northern Affairs (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 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 agreements 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 marine discharges, 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 submissions pertaining to this file should be provided to the NWB's Manager of Licensing by email at licensing@nwb-oen.ca by Tuesday, June 30, 2026 (3:00 p.m., MST).

If you have any questions regarding procedural matters, 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 Nidhi Singh, Technical Advisor, at nidhi.singh@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,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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