



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19UN013

Project Name: The “Apex River Drinking Water Supply” project
Proponent Name: City of Iqaluit
Project Type: Other Region: Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No: 125429
Comment Deadline: **March 7, 2019**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Apex River Drinking Water Supply” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, within the municipal boundaries of Iqaluit. The Proponent intends to conduct water transfer via pumping from the Apex River to the Lake Geraldine Reservoir to meet the City of Iqaluit’s water requirements. The program is proposed to take place from July 2019 to July 2026. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Withdrawal of up to 500,000 cubic metres (m³) of water annually from the Niaquanguk (Apex) River and surrounding watershed to supplement the Lake Geraldine reservoir;
- Use of up to three (3) submersible pumps in the Niaquanguk (Apex) River for water withdrawal;
- Use of a 100 kilowatt (kW) generator to power the pumps;
- Use of up to 540 litres of diesel per day for the generator;

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19UN013** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Keith Morrison, Technical Advisor II, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.