

NIRB File No.: 19UN013

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To: The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., Q.C. M.P.
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## Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of City of Iqaluit's "Apex River Drinking Water Supply" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On January 11, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the City of Iqaluit's "Apex River Drinking Water Supply" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA). Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 19UN013.

On February 13, 2019 the NIRB accepted the Proponent's online application and commenced screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On February 14, 2019 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by March 7, 2019. On or before March 7, 2019, the NIRB received comments from several interested parties, and owing to concerns raised, on March 8, 2019 the NIRB provided the Proponent an opportunity to respond to comments. The Proponent's response to comments was received by the NIRB on March 21, 2019. As a result of the time given to the Proponent to respond to concerns raised during the public commenting period, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and requires an extension to complete the screening to fully consider the project proposal and all comments and responses.

The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **April 19**, **2019**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for

consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at <a href="https://www.nirb.ca/project/125429">www.nirb.ca/project/125429</a>.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,

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**Executive Director** 

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