



NIRB File No. 13UN034
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City of Iqaluit
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Sent via email: j.mabberi-mudonyi@city.iqaluit.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for the City of Iqaluit's "Application for Water Licence Renewal" Project Proposal

Dear John Mabberi-Mudonyi:

On November 5, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the City of Iqaluit's (the Proponent) "Application for Water Licence Renewal" proposal directly from the Proponent. On November 14, 2012 the NIRB issued correspondence to the Proponent advising that the Board would be required to await a formal referral from an Authorizing Agency prior to commencing with its screening assessment. While awaiting referral from an Authorizing Agency, the NIRB conducted a preliminary completeness check and found that the proposal did *not* contain sufficient information to permit proper screening. On July 11, 2013 the NIRB issued correspondence to the Proponent outlining the additional information required and requesting that it be provided to the NIRB on or before July 25, 2013. On July 25, 2013 the NIRB received an indication from the Proponent that the requested information would be available by September 30, 2013 and again on August 28, 2013 the NIRB received an updated notice that information would be submitted to the Board by November 30, 2013. On October 21, 2013 the NIRB received a referral from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) to commence screening of this proposal and on December 2, 2013 the Board requested an extension to its screening timeline from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. On June 11, 2014 the NIRB further requested that the Proponent provide an indication as to its anticipated timing for submission of requested information and on June 26, 2014 the Board received an updated notice that information would be submitted to the NIRB by July 15, 2014. On July 15, 2014 the Board received the additional information from the Proponent as requested to proceed with screening. The Board has assigned this proposal file number **13UN034** – please reference this file number in all related future correspondence.

The proposed project is located in the South Baffin Region within the municipality of Iqaluit. The Proponent is applying to renew and amend its Type “A” water licence with the NWB and intends to upgrade and construct various waste management facilities in Iqaluit. The Proponent has requested a renewed term of licence from October 2013 to October 2018. The proposed project activities associated with the renewal and amendment application include:

- Upgrade, operation and the eventual decommissioning of the Water Treatment Plant and other associated systems that supply water extracted from Lake Geraldine for municipal use;
 - Proposed maximum annual withdrawal of 1,100,000 cubic metres (m³) of water;
- Operation and the eventual decommissioning of a solid waste management facility at the existing West 40 Landfill and associated infrastructure;
- Upgrade, operation and decommissioning of infrastructure for managing wastewater at the existing West 40 Wastewater Treatment Plant and backup Sewage Lagoon;
- Construction, operation, and the eventual decommissioning and closure of a new Solid Waste Management Site approximately 7.5 kilometres (km) northwest of Iqaluit; and
- Construction of an access road approximately four (4) km northwest of Iqaluit and to be 8.5 m wide (not including the ditch and embankment) and 3.97 km long. While work related to the road forms part of the NIRB’s assessment it does not form part of the current NWB Type “A” Water Licence Renewal and Amendment request and is expected to form a NWB Type “B” Water Licence.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB’s online public registry at

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/13UN034-City%20of%20Iqaluit%20Type%20A%20Water%20Licence%20Renewal/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English and Inuktitut;*
- *NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements Application in English;*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut;*
- *NWB Application for Water Licence Renewal;*
- *Spill Contingency Plan;*
- *Solid Waste Management Plan;*
- *Landfill Decommissioning Plan;*
- *Maps;*
- *2007, 2008 NWB Annual Reports;*
- *Water Balance with Assessment of Recharge Needs;*
- *NWB Monthly reports from 2012; and*
- *2012 NWB Annual Monitoring report.*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above public registry for public access.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by the City of Iqaluit's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **October 9, 2014**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4606 or hramussen@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Distribution List
 Matthew Hamp, City of Iqaluit
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 Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
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 Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
 Elizabeth Patreau, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Enclosures (2): Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)