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- 1 (PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT 10:09 AM)
- 2 THE CHAIR: Good morning and welcome to
- 3 the public hearing organized by the Nunavut Water Board
- 4 for an application filed by the City of Igaluit to
- 5 renew and amend its expired Type "A" Water Licence No.
- 6 3AM-IQA0612. This Type "A" Water Licence was issued to
- 7 the City for municipal works, activities, and
- 8 undertakings on May 15, 2006, with the expiry date set
- 9 for May 15, 2011. However, in May '11, the Board
- 10 granted an emergency amendment to the City that, later
- 11 approved by the Minister in June 2011, extended the
- 12 expiry date of licence to July 15, 2012.
- 13 And my name is Norman Mike, and I am Board member
- 14 and the Chairperson of the Panel responsible for the
- 15 City of Igaluit's application to renew and amend the
- 16 Type "A" Water Licence.
- 17 We like to do some opening prayer. Prayer will be
- 18 done by Lootie Toomasie.
- 19 (OPENING PRAYER)
- 20 Opening Remarks
- 21 THE CHAIR: On behalf of the Nunavut Water
- 22 Board, I welcome you to the City of Igaluit.
- Now to provide some background and set the stage
- 24 for the Hearing, the Nunavut Water Board, which I shall
- 25 refer to as the "Board" or the "Nunavut Water Board",
- 26 is an institution of public government created under

- 1 Article 13 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The
- 2 Nunavut Water Board is responsible for the use,
- 3 management, and regulation of freshwater in Nunavut
- 4 Settlement Area.
- 5 The purpose of this public hearing is to review
- 6 and discuss the information provided in application
- 7 filed by the City of Iqaluit, which I shall refer to as
- 8 the "City" or the "Applicant", for the renewal and
- 9 amendment of the Type "A" Water Licence that the City
- 10 requires to authorize the water use and deposit of
- 11 waste associated with their municipal water system, the
- 12 landfill, and their sewage system under Nunavut Waters
- 13 and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and the Nunavut
- 14 Waters Regulation. The City of Iqaluit's Type "A"
- 15 licence expired in 2012, and this renewal and
- 16 amendments application seeks renewal of expired licence
- 17 with a few amendments that will be described by the
- 18 City in their presentation of the application.
- 19 In accordance with the requirements of Nunavut
- 20 Land Claims Agreement and the Nunavut Waters and
- 21 Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act, the Board has
- 22 delegated its power to dispose of all matters related
- 23 to the renewal and amendments application for Type "A"
- 24 Water Licence No. 3AM-IQA0612, including the conduct of
- 25 this public hearing to a Panel of the Board, which is
- 26 referred to as "Panel P6" or the "City of Igaluit

- 1 Panel".
- 2 Again, my name is Norman Mike, and I will be
- 3 chairing this Panel. With me today, as a Member of the
- 4 Panel, are the Board Members: Lootie Toomasie on my
- 5 right, and on my left is Makabe Nartok.
- 6 Several staff members who have contributed to the
- 7 Nunavut Water Board's administration and technical
- 8 review of the application are present along with legal
- 9 counsel to the Nunavut Water Board, and I will
- 10 introduce the individuals in attendance: Stephanie
- 11 Autut, Executive Director; David Hohnstein, Director of
- 12 Technical Service; Sean Joseph, Senior Technical
- 13 Advisor; Ida Porter, Licensing Administrator; Ben
- 14 Kogvik, Secretary and Interpreter to the Board; and
- 15 Teresa Meadows with Shores Jardine LLP, Legal Counsel
- 16 to the Nunavut Water Board.
- 17 In addition, we have interpreters available for
- 18 simultaneous interpretation in Inuktitut and French:
- 19 Ben Kogvik, Secretary to the Board, Mary Hunt, and
- 20 Daniel Cuerrier.
- 21 For audio support, we have with us George Metuq,
- 22 Elaina Cooper, Eelei Uniuqsaraq from Innirvik Support
- 23 Services Limited. If you experience any difficulties
- 24 with your headsets, please let George know, and he will
- 25 be able to provide assistance.
- To ensure we have an accurate record of these

- 1 proceedings, we have with us a court reporter, Karoline
- 2 Schumann, from Dicta Court Reporting Inc.,
- 3 Incorporated.
- 4 To assist our court reporter and interpreters to
- 5 provide us with accurate record, I ask that all parties
- 6 please state their name prior to speaking, speak slowly
- 7 and clearly, and avoid the use of abbreviations as much
- 8 as possible.
- 9 And for housekeeping matters, before I hand over
- 10 microphone to the Board Executive Director to provide
- 11 an overview of this Applicant [sic] and what to expect
- 12 today during this public hearing, there are some
- important housekeeping items for everyone here.
- 14 First, as indicated earlier, there will be
- 15 interpretation available throughout the hearing in
- 16 English, Inuktitut, and French. Earpieces can be
- 17 obtained from the table located just by the door as you
- 18 enter the room. Channel 2 broadcasts English, Channel
- 19 1 broadcasts Inuktitut, and Channel 4 broadcasts
- 20 French. When you are speaking into microphone, please
- 21 turn off your earpiece to avoid feedback.
- 22 Second, the Board will appreciate if everyone,
- 23 including the Applicant, interveners, and members of
- 24 public sign in on the sheets located at the table as
- 25 you come into the hall. This is an important record of
- 26 the attendance at the public hearing, and we appreciate

- 1 your help in making sure it is complete.
- The washrooms are located on the back left, and
- 3 the exits are located at the far right and left of the
- 4 hall. There will be coffee, tea, snacks located at the
- 5 table along the left side of the hall available
- 6 throughout the hearing, during breaks.
- 7 I would also like to remind everyone to please
- 8 turn off your cell phones before we begin.
- 9 Finally to assist both our court reporter and our
- 10 interpreters, please wait to have microphone before you
- 11 speak, then state your name, speak clearly and slowly,
- 12 and avoid the use of abbreviation. We appreciate your
- 13 assistance in making sure your comments are recorded
- 14 and the Board's record of proceedings is accurate and
- 15 complete.
- 16 If the media is present, I would like to notify
- 17 the participants that the media may be present at this
- 18 public hearing, we ask all the members of media sign in
- 19 and identify themselves as media to all participants in
- 20 attendance at the hearing.
- I would like to advise parties that CBC, Nunavut
- 22 News, has asked to plug into the recording system. If
- 23 any of the parties have concern with this request, I
- 24 ask that they make such concern known before we
- 25 proceed.
- 26 A reminder of audio, I would also like to remind

- 1 everyone that while this public hearing is taking place
- 2 and following the hearing, until the Board has issued
- 3 its decision report for the file, the Board cannot
- 4 provide comments regarding the file or the Board's
- 5 view. Accordingly, the Board members and the staff
- 6 will not discuss the hearing or the matters before the
- 7 Board with any of the parties or the media prior to
- 8 issuing the Board's decision report to the Minister and
- 9 the public.
- 10 Since the Board cannot comment on pending matters,
- 11 either by confirming or denying accuracy or statements
- 12 by others, including comments to the media, the Board
- 13 would appreciate it if all parties would refrain from
- 14 any comments or speculation that may imply a certain
- 15 action or decision by the Board.
- 16 If you have general questions regarding the Board
- 17 and its practices or procedures, please speak with
- 18 Stephanie Autut, the Nunavut Water Board's Executive
- 19 Director, and she will assist you.
- 20 Prior to identifying and introducing all of the
- 21 parties in attendance today, I will turn the microphone
- 22 over to the Board's Executive Director, Stephanie
- 23 Autut, to provide a summary of the history of the file
- 24 in terms of licences issued by the Board to the City,
- 25 as well as overview of the renewal and amendment
- 26 application that is before the Board.

- 1 Thank you. Stephanie.
- 2 MS. AUTUT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 3 Stephanie Autut, Nunavut Water Board.
- 4 I will now give a brief overview of the licensing
- 5 history for the City of Igaluit municipal water and
- 6 wastewater system that is the subject of this public
- 7 hearing.
- 8 Both the Nunavut Water Board and the previous
- 9 water licensing authority in the Territory, the
- 10 Northwest Territories Water Board, have issued various
- 11 types of licences to the City of Iqaluit to authorize
- 12 the use of water for municipal purposes and the
- 13 operation of municipal waste and wastewater systems
- 14 commencing in 1996.
- I will give a brief summary of these
- 16 authorizations, but for more detail, you can review the
- 17 prior licences on the NWB's FTP site. From 1996 till
- 18 2012, the City held a succession of four Type "A" water
- 19 licences that allowed the City to use 1.1 million cubic
- 20 metres of water annually and to deposit waste, both
- 21 solid and sewage, in support of a municipal
- 22 undertaking.
- The City also holds two Type "B" licences, and
- 24 these licences are largely separate from the Type "A"
- 25 licence and involve the use of water and the deposit of
- 26 waste in support of the construction of various onsite

- 1 access roads, water crossings, and quarrying
- 2 activities.
- The last Type "A" licence issued to the City was
- 4 Licence 3AM-IQA0611, issued in May 2006, with an expiry
- 5 date of May 2011.
- 6 Prior to expiry of the licence, the City applied
- 7 to the Board for an emergency amendment to extend the
- 8 term of the licence by one year. The Board granted the
- 9 emergency amendment on May 13th, 2011, and the Minister
- 10 of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada,
- 11 as he was at that time, approved the amendment on June
- 12 17th, 2011. This allowed for the expiry date of the
- 13 licence to be extended to July 15th, 2012, and so the
- 14 licence number was updated to 3AM-IQA0612.
- In July 2012, just days before the expiry of the
- 16 licence, the City again applied for an emergency
- 17 amendment to extend the licence term by an additional
- 18 year, but the Board determined, at that time, that
- 19 emergency circumstances did not exist, and the City's
- 20 licence expired in 2012.
- 21 Pre-licensing requirements: Before this renewal
- 22 and amendment application could be fully considered by
- 23 the Board, the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement requires
- 24 that the Applicant have the project proposal reviewed
- 25 by the Nunavut Planning Commission for conformity with
- land use planning requirements and assessed by the

- 1 Nunavut Impact Review Board.
- 2 Land use planning conformity: In October -- on
- 3 October 5th, 2012, when the original application was
- 4 submitted, the Nunavut Planning Commission issued
- 5 written confirmation that the project falls outside the
- 6 boundaries of the two approved land use plans
- 7 administered by the NPC and did not require a
- 8 conformity assessment as a result.
- 9 Subsequently, on August 12th, 2015, the Nunavut
- 10 Planning Commission issued correspondence to the City
- 11 of Iqaluit indicating that a project proposal must be
- 12 submitted to the NPC for review for all projects
- 13 carried out in whole or in part in the designated area
- 14 in accordance with the Nunavut Planning and Project
- 15 Assessment Act.
- On August 28th, 2015, the Nunavut Planning
- 17 Commission indicated that it understands that the NIRB
- issued an approval for the proposal in 2014 and that
- 19 there have been no modifications to the project
- 20 subsequent to that approval. Consequently, the NPC
- 21 clarified that the Commission is not required to
- 22 undertake a review of the file as the Nunavut Planning
- 23 and Project Assessment Act do not apply.
- With respect to environmental assessment: On
- 25 November 3rd, 2014, the Nunavut Impact Review Board
- 26 issued and indicated that the project proposal may be

- 1 processed without a review under Part 5 or 6 of the
- 2 Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, and that NIRB may
- 3 recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached
- 4 to any approval.
- 5 Scope of renewal and amendment application:
- 6 Having met the requirements, these pre-licensing
- 7 requirements, the file then progressed to the Nunavut
- 8 Water Board. The application that is currently under
- 9 review by the Board is for renewal and amendment of
- 10 Type "A" Water Licence No. 3AM-IQA0612 issued to the
- 11 City of Iqaluit for a municipal undertaking.
- The scope of the application, which has been
- 13 amended several times since the initial version of the
- 14 renewal amendment application was submitted in 2012,
- 15 now includes the following works, activities, and
- 16 undertakings: Withdrawal and use of up to 1,100,000
- 17 cubic metres of freshwater annually from Lake Geraldine
- 18 for municipal purposes; the upgrading, operation, and
- 19 eventual decommissioning of infrastructure used for
- 20 managing wastewater at the exiting West 40 wastewater
- 21 treatment plant and backup sewage lagoon; the operation
- 22 and eventual decommissioning of the solid waste
- 23 management facility at the existing West 40 landfill
- 24 and associated infrastructure; specific changes to the
- 25 monitoring program requirements of the previous
- 26 licence; and the renewal of the licence for a ten-year

- 1 term.
- 2 City of Iqaluit application documents: The
- 3 documentation provided by the City of Igaluit in
- 4 support of this renewal and amendment application is
- 5 extensive and was over a four-year period, from October
- 6 12th, 2012, to April 7th, 2016.
- 7 Recognizing that all of this documentation is
- 8 available from the Board's website and is available for
- 9 a review in detail by anyone wishing to see the Board's
- 10 registry for the file, I am not going to go through a
- 11 list of all the application documents but have
- 12 highlighted the key documentation received to date.
- The 2012 submission included a water licence
- 14 application, which included the final signed water
- 15 licence renewal application form dated October 2012; a
- 16 cover letter regarding the application for the renewal
- 17 of Water Licence 3AM-IQA0611, dated November 1st, 2012;
- 18 a cover letter regarding the application for renewal of
- 19 Water Licence 3AM-IQA0611, dated November 2nd, 2012; an
- 20 executive summary in English; an executive summary in
- 21 Inuktitut; application appendices; and a 2011 annual
- 22 report and appendices.
- 23 A copy of the final NIRB application and
- 24 associated attachments for the 2013 submissions
- 25 included City of Igaluit response to the Nunavut Water
- 26 Board, April 8th, 2013 letter, regarding application

- 1 for water licence renewal; Lake Geraldine water balance
- 2 assessment dated 2013; City of Iqaluit letter to the
- 3 NIRB requesting extension for requested additional
- 4 information, dated August 27th, 2013; Igaluit Waste
- 5 Management Project newsletter #3 dated 2013; Iqaluit
- 6 annual monitoring report for Water Licence Monitoring
- 7 Program-2012; letter from the City of Iqaluit to the
- 8 NWB regarding the City of Iqaluit outstanding items
- 9 submission, dated August 30th, 2013; City of Igaluit
- 10 quality assurance and quality control plan, dated March
- 11 2013, which included a City of Iqaluit 2007 water
- 12 licence annual reports, City of Iqaluit 2008 water
- 13 licence annual reports, and monthly general monitoring
- 14 reports, June, July, September, October, and December
- 15 of 2012.
- 16 The 2014 submissions included a City of Igaluit
- 17 solid waste management plan; West 40 landfill
- 18 decommissioning technical memorandum, dated January
- 19 2014; City of Igaluit landfill operations and
- 20 maintenance manual; dated January 2014; and City of
- 21 Iqaluit solid waste management plan, dated January
- 22 2014.
- 23 2015 submission included a cover letter regarding
- 24 confirmation of submission and scope for Type "A" Water
- Licence No. 3AM-IQA0611, dated March 2nd, 2015;
- 26 Appendix A, list of appendices considered under the

- 1 application; Appendix B, supplementary water supply
- 2 study dated August 2014; letter from the City of
- 3 Igaluit dated November 13th, 2015, in response to
- 4 Environment Canada technical intervention; letter to
- 5 the City of Igaluit, dated November 13th, 2015, in
- 6 response to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
- 7 Canada technical intervention; and letter from the City
- 8 of Iqaluit, dated November 13th, 2013, in response to
- 9 DFO technical intervention.
- 10 2016 submissions included the City of Iqaluit's
- 11 presentation for the technical meeting and prehearing
- 12 conference scheduled for its application; City of
- 13 Igaluit changes to monitoring proposed by the City of
- 14 Iqaluit; copy of AANDC and Environment Canada
- inspector's direction, fourth quarter update 2015; copy
- 16 of Environment Canada inspector directions, dated March
- 17 5th, 2013; scope clarification of renewal application
- 18 for Water Licence No. 3AM-IQA0612; recommendations
- 19 regarding management plans submitted for the City of
- 20 Iqaluit water licence application, Commitment Number 5;
- 21 City Iqaluit landfill fire emergency update; addendum
- 22 to the landfill operations and maintenance manual to
- 23 include current sampling program; additional
- 24 information regarding historical use of Lake
- 25 Geraldine's drainage channel; identification of offsite
- 26 sampling point locations down-gradient of the West 40

- 1 landfill; response to Nunavut Water Board's
- 2 recommendations regarding management plans submitted
- 3 for the City of Igaluit water licence application;
- 4 proposed changes to Schedule C of expired Licence
- 5 3AM-IQA0611 and monitoring program; licence, unofficial
- 6 copy with edits; location of wastewater treatment plant
- 7 outfall in relation to the ordinary high tide mark;
- 8 copy of letter from DFO Lake Geraldine drainage
- 9 channel, Igaluit, Nunavut; additional information
- 10 regarding historical use of Lake Geraldine; and the
- 11 City of Iqaluit's public hearing presentation.
- 12 With respect to the application procedural
- 13 history, I'm going to provide you with a brief overview
- 14 of the procedural history for the application that is
- 15 presently before the Board, which highlights the major
- 16 procedural steps in the Board's processing of the
- 17 amendment application which are as follows: On October
- 18 12th, 2012, the NWB acknowledged receipt of an
- 19 application to renew and amend the City of Iqaluit's
- 20 water licence. On October 29th, 2012, the NWB
- 21 acknowledged receipt of the City's application fees.
- 22 On November 21st, 2012, the NWB requested that the City
- 23 of Igaluit cancel, withdraw, or provide guidance as to
- 24 whether an amendment application filed with the Board
- 25 in 2006 should be considered as part of the renewal and
- amendment application or whether it should be

- 1 withdrawn.
- On April 8th, 2013, the NWB issued correspondence
- 3 outlining outstanding deficiencies associated with the
- 4 application. On July 5th, 2013, the NWB and the City
- 5 of Igaluit held a teleconference to discuss matters
- 6 related to requirements to complete the application and
- 7 other process issues. On July 8th, 2013, the NWB
- 8 issued correspondence outlining the commitments made by
- 9 the parties during the teleconference. On July 25th,
- 10 2013, the City of Iqaluit provided correspondence to
- 11 the Nunavut Impact Review Board, which outlined the
- 12 timelines by which the City intended to submit
- outstanding requirements to the NIRB. On September
- 14 27th, 2013, the City of Igaluit filed an addendum to
- 15 the City's water licence renewal application. On
- 16 October 21st, 2013, the NWB further acknowledged
- 17 receipt of the application and commenced a preliminary
- 18 technical review and completeness check with the
- 19 deadline for submission set for November 8th, 2013.
- 20 November 8th, 2013, the NWB received a submission on
- 21 completeness from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern
- 22 Development Canada. On December 11th, 2013, the NWB
- 23 issued follow-up correspondence to the City of Igaluit
- 24 regarding outstanding requirements while informing the
- 25 City of its commitment to address those requirements.
- 26 On January 31st, 2014, the NWB received from the

- 1 City of Iqaluit copies of some of the outstanding
- 2 documents required for the application. From January
- 3 to November 2014, the NWB suspended further processing
- 4 of the application until the Nunavut Impact Review
- 5 Board assessment process was completed and all
- 6 outstanding deficiencies with the water licence
- 7 application were addressed. On November 3rd, 2014,
- 8 NIRB issued its decision indicating that the proposal
- 9 may proceed to the licensing stage.
- 10 On March 10th, 2015, following receipt of
- 11 additional information, NWB issued acknowledgment
- 12 receipt and commenced another preliminary technical
- 13 review and completeness check for the application with
- 14 a deadline for submission set for March 31st, 2015.
- 15 March 31st, 2015, Environment Canada, as it then was,
- 16 requested and was granted an extension to the
- 17 submission deadline. On April 15th, 2015, NWB received
- 18 submissions on completeness from Aboriginal Affairs and
- 19 Northern Development Canada and Environment Canada on
- 20 or before April 15th, 2015. May 28th, 2015, NWB issued
- 21 notice and commenced a full technical review of the
- 22 application with the deadline for submission set for
- 23 July 5th, 2015. June 30th, 2015, Environment Canada
- 24 requested and was granted an extension to the comment
- 25 deadline. July 10th, 2015, NWB received technical
- 26 review submissions from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern

- 1 Development Canada, the Department of Fisheries and
- 2 Oceans Canada, and Environment Canada on or before the
- 3 extended deadline for submissions. July 23rd, 2015,
- 4 NWB received correspondence from the City of Igaluit
- 5 indicating that the City would respond to interveners'
- 6 comments on November 13th, 2015. August 10th, 2015,
- 7 NWB issued follow-up correspondence requesting that the
- 8 City respond to interveners' comments as soon as
- 9 possible and not delay until November the 13th, 2015.
- 10 November 13th, 2015, the City of Iqaluit provided
- 11 responses to the technical review comments provided by
- 12 Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, the
- 13 Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and
- 14 Environment Canada. November 27th, 2015, Aboriginal
- 15 Affairs and Northern Development Canada provided
- 16 additional comments regarding the City of Igaluit's
- 17 response to AANDC's information requests. December
- 18 4th, 2015, NWB provided notice of the Board's intention
- 19 to hold a technical meeting and prehearing conference
- 20 in person in the City of Iqaluit during the week of
- 21 January 11th to 15th and distributed for public
- 22 comments or feedback a copy of the draft agenda for the
- 23 City of Igaluit technical prehearing conference.
- 24 December 11th, 2015, NWB additional comments from the
- 25 Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada related to
- 26 the City of Iqaluit application, technical meeting,

- 1 community session, and prehearing conference. December
- 2 14th, 2015, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
- 3 Canada provided correspondence addressed to the City of
- 4 Igaluit regarding AANDC's second reply to comments on
- 5 the City of Iqaluit's water licence; NWB distributed
- 6 final agenda for the technical meeting, community
- 7 session, and prehearing conference for the City of
- 8 Igaluit water licence and confirmed the dates of the
- 9 sessions to be January 13th and 14th, 2016.
- January 13th and 14th, 2016, NWB held a technical
- 11 meeting and prehearing conference in Igaluit for the
- 12 City water licence renewal and amendment application.
- 13 February 2nd, 2016, NWB received a copy of the City of
- 14 Iqaluit proposed changes to monitoring requirements.
- 15 February 19th, 2016, the NWB issued a prehearing
- 16 conference decision report and notice of the public
- 17 hearing in English and Inuktitut. On March 30th, 2016,
- 18 the NWB received Environment and Climate Change
- 19 Canada's intervention in respect of the application.
- 20 On April the 8th, 2016, NWB received INAC's final
- 21 written submission regarding the application. On April
- 22 15th, 2016, NWB distributed the television and radio
- 23 advertisements for the public hearing and distributed
- 24 follow-up correspondence for the public hearing. April
- 25 22nd, 2016, the NWB received a copy of the City of
- 26 Igaluit's public hearing presentation.

- 1 Complete information related to the procedural
- 2 history of the application in the file is included on
- 3 the NWB's public registry, which can be accessed
- 4 through the Board's website.
- 5 I will now move on to a list of issues to be
- 6 addressed at the public hearing as identified in the
- 7 prehearing conference decision.
- Number 1, the scope of the licence: Not including
- 9 a new quarry, new landfill, and alternative water
- 10 source, the Apex River, at this time; amendments to the
- 11 original scope of 3AM-IQA0612 to reflect current site
- 12 conditions, including the completion and or reclamation
- 13 of existing structures.
- Number 2, the term of the licence; ten-year term
- 15 now sought by the Applicant.
- 16 Number 3, plans for future use of emergency
- 17 measures infrastructure, including projected water
- 18 treatment, discharge of treated water, and management
- 19 of residuals.
- Number 4, compliance: The status and
- 21 consequential amendments.
- 22 Number 5, discussion of general amendments and
- 23 revisions to terms and conditions of the expired
- 24 licence.
- 25 Number 6, fisheries issues: Lake Geraldine and
- 26 streams.

- 1 Number 7, management plans and reports, including
- 2 content of plans, updates to plans, and approval of
- 3 plans.
- 4 Number 8, the monitoring plan, including updates,
- 5 amendments, and new requirements.
- 6 And Number 9, the closure and reclamation
- 7 planning, including updates to abandonment and
- 8 restoration plans and sediment management and runoff
- 9 management ponds, including establishing depth of
- 10 sediment and sediment quality in existing ponds.
- If I have missed any written submissions of any
- 12 intervener, please let me know.
- So that, Mr. Chair, takes us up to the
- 14 commencement of the public hearing, and I'll turn the
- 15 microphone back to you for the remainder of the opening
- 16 remarks.
- 17 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Stephanie, for
- 18 getting us caught up on the history of the file that is
- 19 before us.
- I'll move on to Number 4, identification and
- 21 introduction of the parties. I would like to now move
- 22 forward to a roll call, and I will begin the roll call
- 23 with the Applicant, the City of Igaluit.
- 24 The City, if I can have you introduce to -- the
- 25 people who will appearing on your behalf during this
- 26 hearing.

- 1 MR. HAMP: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My name
- 2 is Matthew Hamp. I'm the Director of Public Works and
- 3 Engineering for the City of Iqaluit, and I'm
- 4 representing the City in its application today.
- 5 MR. CLOW: Hi, I'm Paul Clow. I work
- 6 with the Engineering Department with the City of
- 7 Iqaluit, and I'm here to help Matthew with this
- 8 process.
- 9 MR. SPARHAM: I'm Richard Sparham. I'm with
- 10 the City of Iqaluit as well, and I'm here to take notes
- 11 and make some observations for future needs.
- 12 MR. HAMP: We have a fourth person coming
- 13 this afternoon; his flight was delayed. It's David
- 14 Lycon from Stantec, who's just providing technical
- 15 support during the meeting.
- 16 THE CHAIR: Thank you. And now I ask the
- 17 intervening parties to introduce their representatives.
- 18 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada?
- 19 MR. BURGESS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My
- 20 name is Scott Burgess. I am the Manager for Water
- 21 Resources for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.
- 22 MS. FORTE: My name is Forte. I'm the
- 23 Water Management Coordinator with Indigenous and
- 24 Northern Affairs Canada.
- 25 MR. BURGESS: Also with us, behind me, we
- 26 have Justin Hack, who is the Manager for Field

- 1 Operations and also the Water Resources Officer for
- 2 this file. And joining us later today on the phone
- 3 will be Ken Landa from the Department of Justice, and
- 4 he will be calling in from Yellowknife.
- 5 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Next Environment
- 6 and Climate Change Canada, ECCC?
- 7 MR. SUMMERFIELD: Thanks. My name is Bradley
- 8 Summerfield. I'm an environmental assessment
- 9 coordinator with Environment and Climate Change Canada,
- 10 and with me today I have Anne Wilson, who is the head
- 11 of our water quality expert support group, and Curtis
- 12 Didham, who is an environmental enforcement officer.
- 13 Thanks.
- 14 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Third, Department
- of Fisheries and Oceans Canada intervener?
- 16 MS. AUTUT: Stephanie Autut with the
- 17 Nunavut Water Board. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 18 It's our understanding that representatives of the
- 19 Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada have been
- 20 delayed due to a flight cancellation yesterday, so
- 21 we're expecting them late morning or early afternoon
- 22 today, and they'll acknowledge and introduce themselves
- 23 accordingly.
- 24 THE CHAIR: Thank you. And I overheard
- 25 that there's going to be one person on teleconference
- later, one of the interveners.

- 1 If there are any interveners not mentioned who
- 2 would like to speak during the hearing, please identify
- 3 yourself.
- 4 And let's move on, Number 5, introduction of
- 5 elders and their role in the hearing. It is our
- 6 tradition to give respect to our elders; therefore, at
- 7 any time during the proceeding, an elder may speak to
- 8 the Board about the application that is before us.
- 9 Are there any members of the general public who
- 10 would like to identify themselves and provide a
- 11 presentation to the Board during the public hearing?
- 12 No? None.
- 13 Are there any representatives from agencies,
- 14 associations, et cetera, who have not submitted
- 15 intervention but would like to speak? None
- 16 Before proceeding with the hearing, I would like
- 17 to request that if you haven't already done so, all
- 18 parties and attendees please register and sign in with
- 19 Ida Porter, Nunavut Water Board Licensing
- 20 Administrator, at the side table located at the
- 21 entrance.
- 22 And Number 7, identification of any motion and
- 23 objection. Before we begin with our presentation of
- 24 the application, are there any motions or objections in
- 25 relation to this renewal and amendment application that
- 26 is before the Board?

- 1 Seeing no objections or motions from the floor, we
- 2 will now proceed with Item 8 of the agenda, the
- 3 presentation by the Applicant.
- We'll have a 5-minute break to get things ready
- 5 and wrap up after. Thank you.
- 6 (ADJOURNMENT)
- 7 THE CHAIR: Hello again. I guess we'll go
- 8 ahead on Number 8, "Presentation by Applicant", City of
- 9 Iqaluit.
- 10 Presentation by the Applicant, City of Iqaluit
- 11 MR. HAMP: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank
- 12 you, Board.
- 13 My name is Matthew Hamp, Director of Public Works
- 14 and --
- 15 THE CHAIR: Hold on.
- 16 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 17 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 19 It is my understanding that Mr. Hamp will be
- 20 proceeding with this -- with the presentation for the
- 21 City, and I would like to have the witnesses sworn in,
- 22 so if I can have the witnesses state and spell their
- 23 name for the record, please.
- 24 MR. HAMP: My name is Matthew Hamp,
- 25 spelled M-A-T-T-H-E-W, H-A-M-P.
- 26 MR. CLOW: My name is Paul Clow, P-A-U-L,

- $1 \quad C-L-O-W$.
- 2 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you.
- 3 MATTHEW HAMP, PAUL CLOW, Affirmed
- 4 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Hamp.
- 5 It's my understanding that you have the presentation
- 6 materials that you will be presenting today, which
- 7 include a hard copy PowerPoint presentation that is in
- 8 English and Inuktitut, and also too, you will be making
- 9 reference to a table that has -- that has been provided
- in hard copy at the table and is entitled "Table 1",
- 11 and it is available -- "Table 1 Changes to Schedule C
- 12 and Monitoring Program", and we have copies of that in
- 13 English, in French, and in Inuktitut. And I propose to
- 14 file these as the first exhibits in this public
- 15 hearing.
- 16 Do you have any additional materials that need to
- 17 be filed as exhibits at this time?
- 18 MR. HAMP: No, there are no further
- 19 exhibits. I just want to clarify that the presentation
- 20 is also translated in French in the hard copy.
- 21 MS. MEADOWS: My apologies. Teresa
- 22 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 23 Sorry, I don't have my glasses on, didn't see the
- 24 French translated copies as well.
- 25 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would be marking these as
- 26 the next four exhibits in this public hearing. You may

1 proceed. 2 EXHIBIT 1 - Hard copy PowerPoint presentation 3 by the Applicant, City of Igaluit, for the Nunavut Water Board Public Hearing May 4-5, 5 2016 (Inuktitut, English, and French) 6 EXHIBIT 2 - Hard Copy titled "Table 1 -7 Changes to Schedule C and Monitoring Program" 8 (Inuktitut) 9 EXHIBIT 3 - Hard Copy titled "Table 1 -10 Changes to Schedule C and Monitoring Program" (French) 11 12 EXHIBIT 4 - Hard Copy titled "Table 1 -13 Changes to Schedule C and Monitoring Program" (English) 14 15 THE CHAIR: Thanks, you can go ahead now. MR. HAMP: Thank you, Mr. Chair. 16 give a brief, hopefully brief anyway, presentation of 17 18 the City of Iqaluit's water licence application. think we've gone through most of the details of the 19 history, so I'll just speak to what the application is 20 21 now. So what is the City of Igaluit applying for? 22 a water licence renewal, and the purpose of the renewal 23 24 is to allow the use of inland water and the deposition of waste into inland water. 25 26 For use of water, raw water would be obtained from

- 1 Lake Geraldine. That's the community's source of
- 2 freshwater, and we're proposing a maximum annual
- 3 withdrawal of 1.1 million cubic metres, and that water
- 4 is treated at the City's water treatment plant and
- 5 distributed throughout the city through pipes and truck
- 6 services. Treatment and distribution though is not
- 7 regulated by the Water Board; it falls under the
- 8 Government of Nunavut Department of Health, just as a
- 9 clarification for everybody.
- 10 So if you look at the map here, probably a little
- 11 tough to see for those in the back, but Lake Geraldine
- 12 is identified on the map just north of the city and the
- 13 water treatment plant sort of central to the map, and
- 14 there's some other landmarks there to give people an
- 15 idea of the location. So City Hall is also nearby the
- 16 water treatment plant -- so Lake Geraldine is being
- 17 pointed out on the map right now, and the water
- 18 treatment plant with the marker is on now. So the
- 19 other landmarks shown are the Arctic Winter Games
- 20 arena, which is on the way to Apex, and the City Hall
- 21 in the centre of the city.
- 22 For deposition of waste to water, the City has a
- 23 few facilities that involve this. One is the treatment
- 24 of wastewater from our piped distribution system and
- 25 trucked system that's at the wastewater treatment
- 26 plant, which is located at the West 40. That treated

- 1 wastewater is discharged into Kojesse Inlet, and we're
- 2 hoping to have this covered with the licence. However,
- 3 there has been some discussion of how that's to be
- 4 regulated, but as the application stands, this is what
- 5 we're presenting to the Water Board.
- 6 So the wastewater treatment plant, if you look on
- 7 the map here, is located towards the West 40 lands,
- 8 which are to the west of the city, past the airport,
- 9 and then the discharge is into the inlet directly from
- 10 the plant.
- 11 The other facility that involves deposition of
- 12 waste to water is at the West 40 landfill. The City of
- 13 Iqaluit collects and contains and treats discharges of
- 14 landfill runoff from that landfill, and that runoff is
- 15 again discharged into Kojesse Inlet.
- 16 So just as a sort of brief overview of how that
- 17 works, essentially water -- or rainwater, snow that
- 18 collects on the landfill is impounded in some
- 19 containment structures, so a small pond, where it is
- treated and discharged on an annual basis.
- Just to give an idea where that landfill is,
- 22 again, it's in the West 40 area of Igaluit, which is
- 23 east and south of the community towards the causeway.
- So to summarize, our requested scope on behalf of
- 25 the City of Iqaluit is a proposed maximum annual
- 26 withdrawal of freshwater from Lake Geraldine of 1.1

- 1 million cubic metres; the upgrade, operation, and
- 2 eventual decommissioning of the wastewater treatment
- 3 plant, and the backup sewage lagoon; the operation and
- 4 eventual decommissioning of the West 40 landfill
- 5 surface runoff collection system; and several changes
- 6 to the monitoring program, which I'll pass over to Paul
- 7 to go through in detail what those changes are or what
- 8 we are requesting.
- 9 So Paul -- I apologize there, it's a little bit
- 10 later in the presentation, so this is to summarize what
- 11 we are proposing.
- 12 And then a ten-year licence.
- So getting into the details of the requested scope
- 14 for the proposed maximum annual withdrawal of 1.1
- 15 million cubic metres of freshwater from Lake Geraldine,
- 16 this is not a change from the previous water licence.
- 17 The City intends to request an increase to the maximum
- 18 annual withdrawal from Lake Geraldine when an amendment
- 19 is submitted for the supplementary water source, which
- we'll be working on in 2016.
- 21 For the upgrade operation and eventual
- 22 decommissioning of the wastewater treatment plant and
- 23 backup sewage lagoon, this request has not changed from
- 24 the previous licence. However, the City is in the
- 25 midst of plans to upgrade the wastewater treatment
- 26 plant before December 31st, 2018, and that has to do

- 1 with a directive from Environment Canada.
- 2 The City meets with Environment Canada and
- 3 Indigenous and Northern Affairs on a quarterly basis to
- 4 discuss the progress of this project, so it is reviewed
- 5 by two other agencies -- or there's oversight by two
- 6 other agencies.
- 7 Also included in the requested scope, as
- 8 mentioned, is the operation and eventual
- 9 decommissioning of the surface water runoff collection
- 10 system for the West 40 landfill. Again, this doesn't
- 11 change from the original water licence. It's still the
- 12 same surface water runoff collection system. The City
- is working on developing a new solid waste management
- 14 site and will submit an amendment to the licence at a
- 15 later date, so, eventually, this site will be closed
- 16 and very soon hopefully, and when a new site conceptual
- 17 design is completed, we'll submit an amendment to the
- 18 licence.
- 19 So for the changes to the monitoring program, now
- 20 I will pass it to Paul to detail what those changes
- 21 are.
- 22 MR. CLOW: So I tried to get the table
- 23 out to everybody sitting here today, and if you have
- 24 not received the table I'm about to go through, it is
- 25 sitting on the table at the entrance.
- 26 So the City is requesting numerous changes to the

- 1 monitoring program based on Schedule C of the expired
- 2 licence. Within the table, you can see the stations
- 3 that are provided, and that is -- those stations come
- 4 from the expired licence, and I'm just going to follow
- 5 along for each station.
- 6 So for Station IQA-01, which is the raw water from
- 7 Lake Geraldine, there has been a change to this, I
- 8 apologize. However, the City would like to change what
- 9 is provided in this table and is -- and would like to
- 10 submit semiannually, twice per year, the sampling
- 11 monitoring or the sampling results from Lake Geraldine
- 12 based on the parameters that are existing in the
- 13 previous licence. So it would not change anything to
- 14 do with the parameters; however, it would change the
- 15 timing and the number of submissions that would be made
- 16 to the Nunavut Water Board.
- 17 IQA-02, which is the effluent from the sewage
- 18 lagoon, the City is requesting a removal of parameters
- 19 from Schedule C of Licence 3AM-IQA0611. These
- 20 parameters are the chlorinated alkanes and the LC50
- 21 bioassay. We are not requesting any additions, and
- 22 we -- the testing frequency would be intermittently,
- 23 basically during our decants.
- Station IQA-03, the influent to the sewage lagoon,
- 25 the City is requesting the removal of the requirement
- 26 from this licence, the testing requirement from this

- 1 licence.
- 2 IQA-04, effluent from the wastewater treatment
- 3 plant, the City is asking for a removal of parameter --
- 4 or of the chlorinated alkanes and the LC50 bioassay.
- 5 We are requesting an addition is to use the procedure
- 6 for pH stabilization during the testing of acutely
- 7 lethal wastewater effluent to Rainbow Trout;
- 8 EPS1/RM/50, after the wastewater treatment plant has
- 9 been commissioned for a secondary treatment; and if the
- 10 single concentration bioassay test fails and un-ionized
- 11 ammonia test -- and un-ionized ammonia is less than or
- 12 equal to 1.25.
- 13 The required testing frequency prior to the 2018
- 14 upgrade in commissioning would be quarterly, and the
- 15 testing frequency after the wastewater treatment plant
- 16 commissioning would be monthly for all parameters
- 17 except for the acute lethality test; that would be
- 18 completed annually, and, like I said, all other
- 19 parameters would be completed monthly.
- 20 IQA-05, the influent to the wastewater treatment
- 21 plant, again the City is requesting a removal of the
- 22 chlorinated alkanes and the LC50 bioassay. We are not
- 23 requesting any additions. Testing frequency would be
- 24 completed semiannually, twice per year, prior to the
- 25 commissioning of the secondary phase of the wastewater
- 26 treatment plant, and once that commissioning is

- 1 completed, we would ask for the removal of this testing
- 2 from the water licence.
- 3 IQA-06, the City is -- which is the sludge from --
- 4 that is generated from the wastewater treatment plant.
- 5 The City is not requesting any removals or additions.
- 6 However, we are requesting the frequency of testing
- 7 before and after the upgrade to the wastewater
- 8 treatment plant to be completed quarterly.
- 9 IQA-07, surface water entering the West 40
- 10 landfill, we are requesting that this be removed from
- 11 the licence completely. The West 40 landfill has a
- 12 perimeter berm structure, and the only water entering
- 13 the landfill is through precipitation.
- 14 IQA-08, which is the final discharge point from
- 15 the West 40 landfill, we are not requesting any
- 16 removals or additions to the parameters, and the
- 17 testing frequency would be intermittently during our
- 18 decants from our retention pond.
- 19 IQA-09, we are requesting -- or, sorry, the
- 20 contaminated soils accepted at the West 40 landfill, we
- 21 are requesting the removal of this testing from the
- 22 licence. The City does not accept any contaminated
- 23 materials at the landfill. There is an alternate
- 24 facility in Iqaluit that accepts contaminated
- 25 materials.
- 26 There is one addition that -- to this

- 1 scheduling -- or to this schedule, which would be
- 2 the -- which would be the testing of runoff on the
- 3 outside of the perimeter berm from the West 40
- 4 landfill. This was provided in commitment letter --
- 5 excuse me here for a second -- this was provided in our
- 6 commitment letter February 5th, 2016, the
- 7 identification of offsite sampling port and locations
- 8 downgrading of the West 40 landfill.
- 9 In that letter, the City provided two sampling
- 10 points. One is basically upstream from the south
- 11 portion of the landfill, and one is right at the end of
- 12 the south portion of the landfill. We are requesting
- 13 that this be added to the licence, and this would be
- 14 sampled within -- had the same parameters as the final
- 15 discharge point from the West 40 landfill and will be
- 16 tested annually.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 MR. HAMP: Thank you, Paul.
- 19 So finally, as part of the requested scope, the
- 20 City of Iqaluit is requesting a licence term of ten
- 21 years, and the principal reason for this is that, with
- 22 the limited resources available to the City, it becomes
- 23 quite an administrative burden to have a shorter term.
- 24 We find we're into applying for a new licence almost as
- 25 soon as the last one's expired, so -- and we feel that
- 26 that could be a benefit as well to all the other

- 1 intervening parties. So any changes during that term
- 2 can be filed through the amendment process.
- 3 So just a point of clarification for what is
- 4 outside of the scope, and this has come up a few times
- 5 during this process, in 2014, the City's landfill
- 6 caught fire, and there was a water management process
- 7 to follow in putting out the fire. To that end,
- 8 Indigenous and Northern Affairs allowed the City to
- 9 construct some infrastructure in order to manage that
- 10 runoff from the fire as part of an emergency measures
- 11 allowance.
- 12 So moving forward in the treatment and discharge
- 13 of that water contained from the fire, which is
- 14 currently contained in the infrastructure associated
- 15 and built for that purpose, it's still covered under
- 16 that allowance, that emergency measures allowance, by
- 17 Indigenous and Northern Affairs. So there is existing
- 18 oversight, and the City's requesting that that not be
- 19 part of the licence.
- There is an intent to apply for an amendment in
- 21 order to keep the infrastructure, but there's time
- 22 that's needed to develop a plan about how we would use
- 23 that infrastructure. So we work through treating and
- 24 discharging under the oversight of Indigenous and
- 25 Northern Affairs and Environment Canada and work out a
- 26 plan for how to use that infrastructure in the future

- 1 as part of normal landfill operations, which would be
- 2 applied for under an amendment.
- 3 So in summary, the City of Igaluit is requesting
- 4 the Nunavut Water Board approve a ten-year licence that
- 5 incorporates the submissions received by the City of
- 6 Igaluit to date, with any future infrastructure planned
- 7 to be covered under amendments to that licence.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 THE CHAIR: Thank you. I think we'll do
- 10 the question after lunch and come back at 1:15 and
- 11 adjourn the meeting now.
- 12 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 13 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact -- or
- 14 Nunavut Water Board. Oh, what day is this? How can
- 15 you tell I was just in hearings for the Nunavut Impact
- 16 Review Board?
- 17 Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's my understanding that
- 18 the technical expert that will be supporting the City
- 19 of Igaluit in their response to technical questions has
- 20 also been delayed in terms of arriving, and we are also
- 21 awaiting the Fisheries and Oceans Canada representative
- 22 as well, so it may be an opportune time to break for
- 23 lunch and come back at 1:15, and hopefully, those
- 24 parties will be able to join us. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 25 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Teresa. See you at
- 26 1:15, I guess. Thank you.

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	PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED UNTIL 1:15 PM
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•	THE CHAIR: Good afternoon, welcome. From
	this morning, we'll start off where we left, and we're
	going to swear in your consultant, City of Iqaluit.
	And, Teresa.
]	MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
]	Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
	If I can have the witness state and spell his nam
	for the record, please.
]	MR. LYCON: My name is David Lycon, and
	last name is spelled L-Y-C-O-N
]	DAVID LYCON, Sworn
]	MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
	It's also my understanding, Mr. Chair, that we
]	nave, joining us by teleconference today, Ken Landa,
,	who is legal counsel with the Department of Justice an
	legal counsel for the Federal representatives that are
]	nere today. So perhaps I can get confirmation that
]	Mr. Landa is on the phone line.
]	MR. LANDA: It's Ken Landa here.
ı	THE CHAIR: I guess we'll move on, and
,	we'll proceed to questions to the Applicant by the
	interveners, members of public, and the Nunavut Water
1	Board staff, and Nunavut Water Board Panel Members.

- 1 Are there any question from Environment and
- 2 Climate Change Canada?
- 3 Questioning of Applicant, City of Iqaluit
- 4 MS. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's
- 5 Anne Wilson with Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- 6 I just have one point of clarification, and I
- 7 thought that INAC was going first, so I wasn't as ready
- 8 on it. It's with respect to the changes of the
- 9 monitoring program, so if you want to get that table in
- 10 front of you, and it's IQA-08.
- 11 The terms of the expiring licence state that any
- 12 time you're going to do a discharge from the landfill,
- 13 you will put in a report, you'll see what the best
- 14 treatment options are, you'll propose effluent quality
- 15 criteria and compliance monitoring.
- 16 I was just wondering if there are broad lists of
- 17 parameters that are already defined for that, and what
- 18 the -- have you had to use that yet, and how would you
- 19 determine the quality of the discharge?
- 20 MR. SPARHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 21 The parameters that we have followed through the
- 22 term of the expired licence were followed by the 2008
- 23 water monitoring program that was submitted to the
- 24 Water Board, I believe, in 2008, June 2008. Those are
- 25 the parameters that we followed, and I believe those
- 26 have also been discussed in the water quality

- 1 management report that was completed by QE that was
- 2 provided during the technical meeting, and we will be
- 3 continuing -- and so those would be the parameters.
- 4 However, we will be continuing the treatment
- 5 process and the -- completing the treatment process and
- 6 the -- following the discharge criteria that will be
- 7 developed as part of the landfill treatment process for
- 8 the emergency fire, because we'll be using the same
- 9 equipment throughout that for the next phase of
- 10 treatment or the next years of treatment.
- 11 MR. HAMP: I'd just like to sort of
- 12 follow up with that. So essentially what we have now
- 13 is infrastructure in place to deal with the water --
- 14 runoff water from the emergency measures, and that's
- 15 going to handle all of the water coming off the site
- 16 this year.
- Moving forward, we intend to issue an amendment
- 18 application to include that infrastructure as part of
- 19 the licence. The challenge at this point is that we
- 20 don't have that long-term plan in place yet to do that,
- 21 but during this, the course of this year, as we follow
- 22 the emergency measures to conclusion, we'll be able to
- 23 develop that long-term plan, that annual treatment and
- 24 discharge, and be able to submit the amendment
- 25 application on that basis.
- So I guess I just wanted to sort of clarify that

- 1 aspect of the application.
- 2 MS. WILSON: Thank you for that. And,
- 3 Mr. Chairman, I'd like just a couple more questions, if
- 4 I may.
- 5 So to confirm then, Clause E-17, which had been a
- 6 reference point for that particular discharge, would
- 7 need to be amended and updated for different effluent
- 8 quality for the emergency measures discharges and then
- 9 a subsequent update going forward when you use that
- 10 routinely for any further discharges; do I have that
- 11 correct?
- 12 MR. HAMP: What we're suggesting is that
- 13 the emergency measures, the emergency discharge, is
- 14 covered as part of an existing understanding with
- 15 Indigenous and Northern Affairs, and that it not be
- 16 included in the licence at this time because we're in
- 17 discussion with Environment and Climate Change Canada
- 18 and Indigenous and Northern Affairs on that emergency
- 19 measures.
- 20 So we feel that there's already an oversight in
- 21 place for that one discharge that we intend to do this
- 22 summer, and that, moving forward, certainly, we would
- 23 expect to have something in an amendment suggesting
- 24 discharge criteria that were appropriate for an annual
- 25 discharge from the landfill.
- Just one thing to add to my previous statement is

- 1 that one of the things that we had discussed during our
- 2 technical meetings was investigating the possibility of
- 3 rerouting landfill water through the proposed new
- 4 wastewater treatment plant, to treat it through that
- 5 process. So the City has currently awarded a design
- 6 contract to design that wastewater treatment plant in
- 7 order to meet our December 8, 2018 deadline with
- 8 respect to completing the wastewater treatment plant
- 9 project.
- 10 And part of that process will be investigating
- 11 whether it's feasible to reroute water from -- that's
- 12 impounded from the landfill through the wastewater
- 13 treatment plant. So it gives us another option for
- 14 ensuring that we're complying with discharge criteria.
- 15 And that would be submitted as part of an amendment
- 16 application as well, if that's the route that we choose
- 17 to go.
- 18 THE CHAIR: Before we go again, can you
- 19 state your name that I forgot to mention in the
- 20 beginning, just to get the record?
- 21 MS. WILSON: Thank you, Anne Wilson, and I
- 22 do know better.
- Thank you, that was helpful. I have a couple of
- 24 general questions, just because this is a little bit of
- 25 a different situation, with the wastewater treatment
- 26 plant being -- having the oversight, as you put it,

- 1 under the inspector's direction to come into compliance
- 2 with the Fisheries Act, what would the City's
- 3 expectation or understanding be of the role of the
- 4 water licence in providing any review of the design
- 5 documents or circulating information to the public for
- 6 that?
- 7 MR. HAMP: I would expect that the role
- 8 might be an advisory role or perhaps review, but not in
- 9 the sense of completing the design being contingent
- 10 upon a review of -- from any other regulatory agency.
- 11 We feel that, given the fact that the -- there's a
- 12 number of professional engineers that will be involved,
- 13 that their professional liability will be on the line
- 14 for designing a properly functioning treatment plant,
- 15 that an extra layer of review is not necessary for
- 16 that.
- 17 And anyway, that's the expectation I guess from
- 18 the City is that we share any documents that any of the
- 19 agencies would like to see, but we wouldn't necessarily
- 20 expect that we would wait for a stamp of approval from
- 21 the agency.
- 22 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any more question?
- 23 Go ahead.
- 24 MS. WILSON: Thank you. Anne Wilson.
- 25 You just led right into my next question there.
- 26 Would the City be willing to make a commitment to post

- 1 the quarterly update reports to the Nunavut Water Board
- 2 public registry? And this is just in the interest of
- 3 having information available to all the other parties
- 4 to this licence.
- 5 MR. HAMP: Absolutely. I don't think
- 6 that should be a problem for the City, as long as, of
- 7 course, Environment and Climate Change Canada is okay
- 8 with it as well and Indigenous and Northern Affairs,
- 9 because we're all part of the same meeting. So from
- 10 the City's part, there's no issue with that.
- 11 MS. WILSON: Anne Wilson, thank you. That
- 12 was all.
- 13 THE CHAIR: Thank you. I guess I'll move
- 14 on to INAC. We'll move on to next intervener's
- 15 question, and we like to welcome Indigenous and
- 16 Northern Affairs representative. Please say your name.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 MR. HACK: Hello, My name is Justin Hack
- 19 with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.
- 20 So regarding the emergency measures related to the
- 21 discharge from the two ponds that were constructed
- 22 related to the fire that had happened in 2014, as a
- 23 point of clarification, we -- the Department has given
- 24 the City of Iqaluit the right to use water associated
- 25 with emergency measures, but the discharge of waste
- 26 from those facilities is not allowed under the Act.

- 1 There's no measures that an inspector can provide to
- 2 the City of Iqaluit for the discharge of a waste into
- 3 inland waters. If the waste is to be discharged into
- 4 marine waters, it falls outside of the jurisdiction of
- 5 the Nunavut Water and Surface Rights Tribunal Act, and
- 6 I just wanted to make that note as a point of
- 7 clarification.
- 8 MR. HAMP: If I could just follow up to
- 9 that comment. The current plan with respect to the
- 10 emergency discharge is to treat the water and then,
- 11 subject to approval, by Environment and Climate Change
- 12 Canada, based on the criteria that we've discussed with
- them, we would discharge directly to a marine
- 14 environment.
- 15 THE CHAIR: Any more questions regarding
- 16 the Applicant? And, first of all, could I -- can you
- 17 say your name to answer, thank you.
- 18 MS. FORTE: This is Sarah Forte with INAC,
- 19 we have no further questions.
- 20 THE CHAIR: Thank you, INAC, and we'll
- 21 move on to members of the public. Any questions,
- 22 comments to Applicant? I guess not.
- 23 And we're going to -- I think Makabe stated he had
- 24 questions -- or, our Board staff, sorry, will raise the
- 25 question. Can you say your name please? Thank you.
- 26 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes,

- 1 we have a number of questions for the City of Iqaluit.
- 2 Sean Joseph, NWB.
- 3 So the first question, we noticed during the
- 4 City's presentation that little or no mention were made
- 5 of the changes or the amendment to the licence terms
- 6 and conditions as shown in the mock-up document that
- 7 the City submitted following a prehearing conference.
- 8 Could the City elaborate somewhat on those amendments
- 9 and changes that it provided in the mock-up?
- 10 MR. CLOW: Paul Clow with the City of
- 11 Iqaluit.
- Just to clarify, did you want me to go through,
- 13 point by point, of all the changes to the model of the
- 14 expired water licence?
- 15 MR. JOSEPH: Sean Joseph, NWB.
- 16 Yes, it would be helpful if we can get the -- a
- 17 copy of it on the screen and go through it line item by
- 18 line item and, in doing so, provide the rationale as
- 19 well, because the Board needs to get a clear indication
- 20 as to what the City is requesting here.
- 21 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp for
- 22 the -- can you --
- 23 THE CHAIR: I think Teresa wants to add a
- 24 comment.
- 25 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 26 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.

- 1 Perhaps we can take a couple minutes to get it up
- 2 on the screen, so that we can project it so that
- 3 everyone here can see what we're talking about. So if
- 4 you'll bear with us just for a couple of minutes,
- 5 Mr. Chair, we'll get it up on the screen so everyone
- 6 can see what we're talking about.
- 7 THE CHAIR: Okay, a short 2 minutes.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 (ADJOURNMENT)
- 10 THE CHAIR: Go ahead. Indicate your name,
- 11 please.
- 12 MR. CLOW: Paul Clow with the City of
- 13 Iqaluit.
- To start, we'll go through, obviously, line by
- 15 line, following this -- the Word document here. So the
- 16 first point is Water Use Number 2, raising Lake
- 17 Geraldine dam by 2 metres to meet overwinter storage
- 18 capacity. That was completed in 2016; therefore, it's
- 19 done. It doesn't really need to be in this licence.
- 20 Again too with Water Use Point 3, extension of the
- 21 two berms adjacent to Lake Geraldine dam and
- 22 reconstruction of a new berm, this was also completed
- 23 with that same project in 2006. This was also
- 24 completed with that project in 2006, so, therefore,
- 25 does not need to be covered under this current licence.
- Solid waste management, Point 4, landfill

- 1 expansion into the northern adjacent site and the
- 2 West 40 site landfill, again, that was completed under
- 3 the last licence and, therefore, does not need to be
- 4 part of this current licence.
- 5 Improved -- or Number 7, improved drainage works
- 6 at the West 40 landfill, again, that was completed
- 7 during the last term of the licence and, therefore,
- 8 does not need to be included in this -- the new
- 9 licence.
- 10 Number 8 under "Solid Waste Management",
- 11 management and operation of current and future waste
- 12 facilities; future waste facilities will be dealt with
- 13 through an amendment and will be included at that time.
- 14 It is the City's opinion that the operation of the
- 15 actual landfill is inside of the licence constraints,
- 16 and the actual -- the management of the runoff and the
- 17 water is what is -- should be regulated within the
- 18 water licence. So we could amend that to the
- 19 management and operation of the water management
- 20 structures for the West 40 landfill.
- 21 Wastewater management, Number 10, the removing of
- 22 upgrading. The reason behind that would be the --
- 23 again, it is the City's opinion that the water licence
- is only there to regulate the end-of-pipe discharge,
- 25 and how the City gets to the end-of-pipe discharge is
- 26 our responsibility to meet the criteria set out within

- 1 the licence, and therefore, the actual upgrading of the
- 2 plant we do not believe should be included in the water
- 3 licence.
- 4 And again, would be the same comment for Number 11
- 5 under "Wastewater Management Construction", again, we
- 6 do feel that it's just the end-of-pipe discharge, and
- 7 the construction of the actual plant is not -- should
- 8 not be included in the water licence.
- 9 The construction -- or Number 12, our
- 10 construction, operation, and maintenance and monitoring
- 11 of a sludge management facility; this facility is
- 12 inside the landfill perimeter berm structure, and the
- operation of the sludge management facility, we
- 14 believe, is outside the water licence. The City does
- 15 contain any runoff within the landfill, and as I stated
- 16 earlier, we would be -- we could amend Point 8 to also
- include that, that would be the management of the
- 18 runoff retaining structures for the West 40 landfill.
- 19 And Number 14 under "Wastewater Management", the
- 20 City did not really understand the Point 4, the
- 21 contingency measures and wastewater and landfill
- 22 management; therefore, we thought it was just a point
- 23 that didn't really need to be there.
- Part B under "General Conditions", number 3(a) and
- 25 (b), this was completed under the last term, and this
- 26 report has been submitted to the Nunavut Water Board,

- 1 and, therefore, we believe it does not need to be
- 2 included in the current water licence.
- Number 5, we just need to ensure that those
- 4 numbers are the updated numbers for Indigenous and
- 5 Northern Affairs, and obviously, there's a section
- 6 there, but we should update the actual name of
- 7 Indigenous and Northern Affairs as well.
- Number 6, the removal of one signed paper copy of
- 9 all reports. Just based on logistical constraints, we
- 10 feel that an electronic submission should suffice for
- 11 any submissions to the Nunavut Water Board, and the
- 12 City is -- the City will basically retract the next
- 13 removal and will leave that in the current water
- 14 licence.
- Part D, Number 4, the licensee shall ensure that
- 16 the rate of water withdrawal is such that fish do not
- 17 become impinged on the screen. The City does not pump
- 18 from Lake Geraldine to the water treatment plant. It
- 19 is a gravity-fed pipe, therefore, controlling the
- 20 actual rate of discharge. It's just based on gravity,
- 21 and the City does not have the control for pumping to
- 22 the water treatment plant.
- Number 5 under part (d), the licensee shall
- 24 undertake a dam safety inspection of the Lake Geraldine
- 25 reservoir between July and September biannually
- 26 starting in 2008; the final report should be submitted

- 1 to the Board. We believe that this report should just
- 2 be submitted with the water licence annual report. And
- 3 the City actually completes these annually based on the
- 4 dam safety guidelines. We are required to complete the
- 5 DSI annually for the -- under the dam safety
- 6 quidelines.
- 7 Number -- or part (d), Number 3, the City just
- 8 believes that this section needs to be updated based on
- 9 the requirements set forth through the technical
- 10 meeting and the public hearing discussions.
- 11 And Number 4, the City is requesting that the
- 12 testing requirements that were presented in Schedule C
- 13 and changes to Schedule C and monitoring program and
- 14 letter dated February 5th changed the LC50 test to the
- 15 acute lethality test.
- 16 Number 6, the current O&M manual is still relevant
- 17 for the wastewater treatment plant, and the City will
- 18 provide a new operation and maintenance manual for the
- 19 upgraded wastewater treatment plant upon commissioning
- 20 of that plant.
- Number 7, the City has submitted the final
- 22 assessment of the sludge management project to the
- 23 Board during the last -- during the term of the expired
- 24 licence, and therefore, we believe that this should be
- 25 removed.
- Number 8, the City -- again, just to follow the

- 1 same timeline for the DSI for the Lake Geraldine dam,
- 2 the City is requesting that the DSI for the lagoon be
- 3 submitted with the annual report. However, the City is
- 4 maintaining the DSI is to be completed on a biannual
- 5 basis, every two years, to follow along with the dam
- 6 safety quidelines that we're required to follow as
- 7 well.
- 8 Number 9 -- or, sorry, Number 10, under "Solid
- 9 Waste", the licensee shall submit to the Board a review
- 10 of a long-term solid waste management plan. This was
- 11 submitted in 2014, and therefore, we believe that this
- 12 should be removed from the current licence.
- 13 Again, too, Number 11, the licensee shall
- 14 implement an approved solid waste management facility
- 15 operation and maintenance manual. Again, that was
- 16 submitted in 2014, and we believe that this needs to be
- 17 removed from the -- from this licence.
- Number 17, the City, at least nine days prior to
- 19 any proposed release, discharge, or transfer of
- 20 leaching from the West 40 landfill, the licensee shall
- 21 submit to the Board for approval a report prepared by
- 22 an engineer that will include a minimum of discussion
- 23 of available treatment options, proposed discharge
- 24 criteria in relation to the proposed discharge
- 25 locations, and discharge volumes and a monitoring
- 26 program.

- 1 The City believes that this can be achieved
- 2 through one monitoring program that the City will
- 3 follow for all treatment of the waste -- or of the
- 4 landfill runoff, and therefore, a separate submission
- 5 each time for the landfill runoff would be cumbersome,
- 6 and, therefore, we are requesting that this be removed.
- 7 Part (f) under "Water Supply", Number 8, this
- 8 was -- the final design and drawings completed by an
- 9 engineer to be submitted to the Water Board within 30
- 10 days for the Lake or -- Lake Geraldine raw water
- 11 storage phase 2, this was the construction of the raise
- 12 of the dam, and, therefore, it was completed in 2006,
- 13 and, therefore, we believe that this should be removed
- 14 from the water licence.
- 15 Again, the Number 9, the dam safety review, raw
- 16 water storage phase 2 upgrade. This was in relation to
- 17 the increase in the dam height, and, therefore -- which
- 18 was completed in 2006, and, therefore, we believe that
- 19 this item -- or this clause should be removed from the
- 20 water licence.
- Under "Solid Waste", Number 10, the drainage
- 22 improvement management design drawings have been
- 23 submitted under the term of the expired water licence,
- 24 and, therefore, we believe that this should be removed
- 25 from the water licence.
- The designs for the northern expansion for the

- 1 West 40 landfill were submitted during the last licence
- 2 period, and, therefore, we believe that this should be
- 3 removed from the current licence.
- 4 And the sludge management facility was also
- 5 submitted during the term of the last licence, and,
- 6 therefore, we believe that this should be removed from
- 7 the current water licence.
- 8 Under "Wastewater", Number 13, the final design
- 9 for the rehabilitation of the west berm of the sewage
- 10 lagoon, again, this was completed and submitted during
- 11 the last term, and, therefore, we believe that this
- 12 should be removed from the water licence.
- And Number 14, final design for phase 1 of the
- 14 wastewater treatment plant. This was submitted and
- 15 should be removed from -- or submitted during the last
- 16 revision and should be removed from this new water
- 17 licence.
- Part (g), Number 1, there's just a few -- we would
- 19 like to just have a few small revisions just to ensure
- 20 that it covers the raw water reservoir and not our
- 21 treated water storage tanks, as those are regulated
- 22 through the Government of Nunavut Public Health.
- 23 Part (h), Number 1, this is just to include a new
- 24 date for the updated spill contingency plan.
- 25 And Number 2, we would like to remove the sewage
- 26 list station contingency plan and just add it to the

- 1 entire spill contingency plan; that will cover all City
- 2 facilities.
- So part (i), Number 4, the licensee shall submit
- 4 to the Board the approval of the monitoring program for
- 5 water supply, wastewater treatment plant, and West 40
- 6 landfill site. The City is asking -- or different
- 7 dates for each facility. The City is just asking to
- 8 remove this and insert the monitoring -- or the
- 9 Schedule C of the monitoring program, the chart that
- 10 was presented earlier, and just refer to that one for
- 11 the monitoring program.
- Number 7, the City has submitted the quality
- 13 assurance quality control plan, so, therefore, we are
- 14 asking -- or we submit it as part of the last term of
- 15 the licence, and, therefore, we are asking for it to be
- 16 removed from this licence.
- 17 Number 14, the licensee shall increase sampling
- 18 frequency if results of such sampling indicate effluent
- 19 quality requirements provided in Part (c) have exceeded
- or as requested by the Board or directed by any
- 21 inspector. We're just asking to remove this prior to
- the upgrade of the -- or the commissioning of the
- 23 secondary treatment phase for the wastewater treatment
- 24 plant. Upon completion -- or upon substantial
- 25 completion or commissioning of that plant, we would
- 26 definitely include that clause. And there, I guess,

- 1 just make it conditional on the completion of the
- 2 second phase of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Part (j), Item 1, the submission of a conceptual
- 4 abandonment and restoration plan for the West 40
- 5 landfill; that conceptual plan has been submitted in
- 6 2014, I believe, along with the other waste management
- 7 submissions, and, therefore, we believe that should be
- 8 removed from the licence.
- 9 The City is just -- Number 3, under Part (j), the
- 10 City is asking for a change to this clause, and the
- 11 licensee shall submit to the Board for approval one
- 12 year before the West 40 landfill will be fully
- 13 decommissioned.
- 14 The City is in the process of following the
- 15 decommissioning plan, which is going to be completed in
- 16 numerous steps, removing metals, certain hazardous
- 17 wastes, and all that stuff, and therefore, by saying
- 18 it's fully decommissioned, would be at the stage where
- 19 we actually cap the landfill and go through that
- 20 process and fully decommission it; so, therefore, we
- 21 would say that the -- the one year before the West 40
- 22 landfill would be fully decommissioned.
- Number 8, Part (j), we're asking for -- the
- 24 licensee to submit to the Board for approval six months
- 25 following notification of final closure of final
- 26 abandonment and restoration plan completed by an

- 1 engineer. We're asking to remove that; we feel that is
- 2 already covered by Clause 3 under Point (j), where we
- 3 would submit the one year prior to the final -- one
- 4 year prior, we would submit to the Board for approval a
- 5 final abandonment and restoration plan one year before
- 6 we fully decommission the West 40 landfill.
- 7 And I believe I have covered all the points under
- 8 the Licence 3AM-IQA0611. Thank you.
- 9 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Sean, any more
- 10 Board questions?
- 11 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 12 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- I just wanted to clarify for all the participants
- 14 here and the City of Igaluit, in particular, that the
- 15 Board's jurisdiction is slightly different than sort
- 16 of -- or our view is slightly different than was stated
- in the overview that you provided in terms of your
- 18 comments on the draft licence.
- 19 So for the clarity of all the people here, the
- 20 Board does not licence individual water uses and waste
- 21 deposits but, rather, an undertaking and the water uses
- 22 and waste deposits associated with that undertaking.
- 23 In this particular case, the undertaking that is
- 24 being licenced is defined as a municipal undertaking
- 25 under the Nunavut Waters regulations, and that
- 26 definition states that: (as read)

- 1 A municipal undertaking is a waste disposal
- or water system for a municipality.
- 3 So the view of the Water Board in terms of its
- 4 jurisdiction comes from that legislation and the
- 5 definition of the undertaking. So we may take a
- 6 slightly different view than you do in terms of the
- 7 jurisdiction of the Board and what exactly is being
- 8 licenced under this licence. So I just wanted to put
- 9 that on the record for the clarity of all the parties
- 10 that are here.
- 11 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I will be quiet now and
- 12 allow the technical staff to do their work. Thank you.
- 13 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Teresa.
- 14 Sean, more questions, comments?
- 15 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm
- 16 Sean Joseph, NWB.
- We have two follow-up questions with regards to
- 18 the presentation that the City of Iqaluit just
- 19 provided. The first one has to do with Part (h), Items
- 20 1 and 2.
- 21 So the City indicated that its preferred approach
- 22 when it comes to deal with these two conditions would
- 23 be to amalgamate the spill contingency plans. What
- 24 we'd like to know from the City is what sort of
- 25 timeline would the City be able to provide with such an
- 26 amalgamated spill contingency plan.

- 1 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 2 Igaluit.
- 3 Based on a letter submitted to the Water Board
- 4 February 5th, 2016, as a result of the technical
- 5 meetings in the prehearing conference in January, the
- 6 City has committed to providing that updated plan
- 7 within 180 days of issuance of the licence.
- 8 THE CHAIR: Go ahead, Sean.
- 9 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Sean
- 10 Joseph, NWB.
- 11 The next question that we have for you has to do
- 12 with Part (f), Item 9, the dam safety review.
- 13 Basically the City indicated that it wants this
- 14 condition to be removed from the water licence.
- 15 However, in the annual report, the latest annual report
- 16 provided by the City, it indicated that the City would
- 17 be continuing to do dam safety reviews; is that
- 18 correct?
- 19 MR. CLOW: Paul Clow with the City of
- 20 Iqaluit.
- 21 The dam safety guidelines require the City to
- 22 complete a dam safety inspection annually and a dam
- 23 safety review, which is a much more in-depth process,
- 24 every five years. So, therefore, we, whether it be
- 25 included in the -- we don't want to remove Point A of
- 26 Section (f).

- 1 That -- it was under the understanding of the City
- 2 that that was completed as part of the raise of the dam
- 3 in 2006 to complete that. So whether we go back to the
- 4 section that included the dam safety inspection, that
- 5 we provide a dam safety inspection annually with the
- 6 annual water inspection report and every five years, we
- 7 would not complete -- or every fifth year, we would not
- 8 complete a dam safety inspection. However, we would
- 9 complete a dam safety review, which is a much more
- 10 in-depth review and which would also be submitted with
- 11 the annual report, as we would with the DMC inspection.
- 12 THE CHAIR: Thank you, City of Igaluit.
- 13 We will move on to a few more questions.
- 14 MR. HOHNSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. David
- 15 Hohnstein, Nunavut Water Board.
- 16 I just want to go back to I think it was Part 4
- 17 (d) -- Part (b) for the -- it was a comment to remove
- 18 the water withdrawal? Part 4(d), Item 4 -- it was with
- 19 regards to the comment that you made regarding the
- 20 pumping and it's a gravity feed system.
- Okay, and thanks.
- I was just curious, maybe it's my own curiosity or
- 23 understanding, just what controls are there for the
- 24 water if it's a gravity-feed system rather than a
- 25 pumping system?
- 26 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of

- 1 Iqaluit.
- 2 The control is a simple valve, so it's essentially
- 3 a gravity flow from the reservoir to the plant, the
- 4 water treatment plant, and we have control whether it
- 5 flows or not flows. So it's sort of an on/off
- 6 situation, as opposed to how fast it comes in, so we're
- 7 just relying a hundred percent on gravity flow to enter
- 8 the plant.
- 9 And just to clarify, it's a 16-inch pipe diameter
- 10 that leads from the reservoir to the plant with valve
- 11 control.
- 12 MR. HOHNSTEIN: Thanks very much. David
- 13 Hohnstein, Nunavut Water Board.
- 14 Thanks very much for that. I was just curious. I
- 15 wasn't sure if it was, you know, similar to a bathtub,
- 16 where you can pull the plug and everything would drain
- 17 out, and you know what controls there are, you know, as
- 18 far as safety and contingencies should valves fail, are
- 19 they mechanical, are they electronic, you know, that
- 20 sort of thing. Just curious on that end.
- 21 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 22 Igaluit.
- 23 So there's an electronic control valve on the
- inside of the plant, so that's the primary control.
- 25 Then there's a manual control valve at the dam, and
- there's also a bypass that's, I believe, half the

- 1 diameter, it's an 8-inch bypass that -- in case there's
- 2 problems with the main gravity, we can still bypass
- 3 through and maintain water in the 8-inch line.
- 4 MR. HOHNSTEIN: Thanks very much. Thanks,
- 5 Mr. Chair. That's all my questions.
- 6 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any more
- 7 questions? Sean, go ahead.
- 8 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 9 The next question we have for the City of Igaluit
- 10 has to do with the monitoring stations. The City
- 11 presented a table, Table 1, outlining changes to
- 12 Schedule C and the monitoring program, and we noted,
- 13 from that table, that two particular sets of monitoring
- 14 stations were absent, which is IQA-01(#) and IQA-08(#).
- 15 Could the City comment on the absence of these
- 16 stations?
- 17 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 18 Iqaluit.
- 19 With regards to Station IQA-01(#), so the City's
- 20 viewpoint on this is that it's a superfluous point, and
- 21 it's actually potentially just a holdover from a
- 22 previous licence perhaps or an error that was added to
- 23 the previous licence, because these -- the other
- 24 discharge points -- sorry, the other sampling points
- 25 seem to cover what was intended by that.
- And in terms of IQA-08(#), I'll just let Paul

- 1 explain it based on a conversation with Indigenous and
- 2 Northern Affairs.
- 3 MR. CLOW: Paul Clow with the City of
- 4 Iqaluit.
- 5 So IQA-08(#), it was determined that we would
- 6 basically use that sampling station and provided just a
- 7 regular number.
- 8 For the sampling point locations outside the
- 9 landfill that was discussed in the February 5th, 2016
- 10 letter to the Nunavut Water Board for the
- 11 identification of offsite sampling point locations,
- down-gradient of the West 40 landfill, these two
- 13 locations were discussed with Indigenous and Northern
- 14 Affairs, and I believe that we came to an agreement of
- 15 the two locations for these, and will be further --
- 16 based on the letter, will be further identified once
- 17 the snow melts, and we're able to access those
- 18 locations and provide a GPS location to the Board to
- 19 add to the licence at that time.
- 20 MR. JOSEPH: Sean Joseph, NWB. Thank you
- 21 City of Igaluit.
- 22 Moving on to the other item, we noted that the
- 23 City did not mention in its presentation the suggested
- 24 timelines for the updated and new management plans in
- 25 response to a document that the Nunavut Water Board
- 26 circulated following the prehearing conference. We

- 1 would like, just for the record, for the City to
- 2 elaborate on these timelines. I know that the City did
- 3 mention, in particular, the timeline that it provided
- 4 in that document for the spill contingency plan
- 5 amalgamation; however, we'd like for the City to do so
- 6 for the remaining plans.
- 7 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 8 Iqaluit.
- 9 In a letter to the Board dated February 5th, 2016,
- 10 that resulted from the technical meeting, public
- 11 meeting, and prehearing conference held in January,
- 12 there's a schedule of submissions for updated
- 13 management plans, and I think it's easiest if I just
- 14 walk through this, the commitments made.
- So starting with the wastewater treatment plant
- 16 operation and maintenance manual, the City committed to
- 17 provide this manual once the upgraded plant is
- 18 commissioned. The upgrades are scheduled to be
- 19 completed by December 21st, 2018, but that's going to
- 20 be heavily dependent on sealift schedules and if there
- 21 are any changes that happen during the project that
- 22 delay completion. So we're suggesting that it be tied
- 23 to the commissioning of the plant with no specific date
- other than maybe to follow up on December 31st, 2018,
- 25 with respect to the progress.
- The next report is the City of Iqaluit solid waste

- 1 management plan. The schedule was to be determined
- 2 according to this commitment, and that it would -- we'd
- 3 come up with an approach or a timeline based on results
- 4 of this public hearing. So whether that would be, you
- 5 know, a timeline associated with -- or a condition
- 6 associated with providing a plan within a certain time
- 7 frame after issuance of the licence, that's something
- 8 that we would suggest, or some other approach that's
- 9 amenable to the Water Board.
- 10 Similar to the solid waste management plan, the
- 11 other plan was the sewage sludge management composting
- 12 pilot project report. Just wanted to make a note that
- 13 that report and the City's most up-to-date version of
- 14 the solid waste management plan were submitted under
- 15 the previous -- or I think in 2014, if I'm correct, and
- 16 that, their being fairly new, if there was anything
- 17 that came out of this public hearing as to changes that
- 18 would be required in both sludge management or the
- 19 solid waste management plan that we could attach
- 20 conditions to those.
- 21 So the next manual or plan is the sewage lagoon
- 22 operation and maintenance manual. The City committed
- 23 to providing the sewage lagoon operations and maintain
- 24 manual within 180 days of the issuance of the licence.
- The next one is the West 40 drainage management
- 26 review. Again, this was to be determined based on the

- 1 outcome of the public hearing. If there was any new
- 2 information that changed our approach to drainage
- 3 management, we could make changes to that document. It
- 4 is, again, fairly new; I believe it was submitted in
- 5 2014.
- 6 The next one is the Igaluit spill contingency
- 7 plan. The City of Iqaluit has committed to providing
- 8 an updated spill contingency plan within 180 days of
- 9 issuance of the licence.
- The next one is the sewage lift station spill
- 11 contingency plan. As noted previously in this hearing,
- 12 the City would like to see that amalgamated with the
- 13 overall spill contingency plan, and the commitment is
- 14 to provide that updated plan within 180 days of the
- 15 issuance of the licence.
- 16 The next one is the water licence monitoring
- 17 program of June 2008, and again, the City of Iqaluit
- 18 will provide an updated monitoring plan, if required,
- 19 180 days from the issuance of the licence.
- The next one is the quality assurance/quality
- 21 control plan of March 2013. The City is suggesting to
- 22 provide an updated QA/QC plan, that is quality
- 23 assurance and quality control plan, if required, 180
- 24 days from the issuance of the licence.
- The next plan is the solid waste management plan,
- the West 40 landfill decommissioning technical

- 1 memorandum. The information is still valid for the
- 2 decommissioning; however, the City of Iqaluit will
- 3 provide a final decommissioning plan for review by the
- 4 Board one year prior to final decommissioning, as noted
- 5 previously in the hearing.
- 6 Similarly, the final abandonment and restoration
- 7 plan for the West 40 landfill would be essentially the
- 8 same document, and the commitment is the same, one year
- 9 prior to the final decommissioning.
- 10 And I believe that's it for commitments with
- 11 respect to plants.
- 12 THE CHAIR: Thank you, City of Iqaluit.
- 13 Sean?
- 14 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, City of Iqaluit,
- 15 this information is very helpful.
- 16 I'm going to move on to the next question. It has
- 17 to do with the existing Type "B" licences that the City
- 18 currently holds. The City holds two Type "B" licences;
- 19 one expired in 2011, and the other one is due to expire
- 20 this month.
- 21 So can the City elaborate on the fate of these two
- 22 licences so that we have an idea as to future plans for
- 23 the undertakings under these licences?
- Mr. Chair, if I may, I would just like to provide
- 25 the numbers of the two licences so that the City is
- aware.

- 1 And, for the record, Sean Joseph, NWB.
- So the first licence is Water Licence ABWTAD0811,
- 3 and the second one is ABWIDG1516.
- 4 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 5 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 6 Igaluit.
- 7 So you'll have to bear with me a little bit, we
- 8 don't have those licences in front of us, so we just
- 9 have to go on what we can recall of them.
- 10 So the expired 2011 licence, we believe that's
- 11 related to the trail area deposit, and the expired --
- or the one due to expire this year, 2016, is -- we
- 13 believe that that's the one related to construction of
- 14 the road to the new gravel source.
- 15 So early in 2015, the City realized they were in
- 16 some financial difficulties and put the project to
- 17 construct that road on hold, and that had a knock-on
- 18 effect that operations at the trail area deposit would
- 19 have to be on hold as well.
- 20 So for this year, I can't foresee needing to
- 21 extend it or apply for a new licence for those
- 22 activities until the financial situation improves. So
- 23 I hope that sufficiently answers your question on that.
- 24 We would not be operating either the road or the trail
- 25 area deposit under the licence.
- And if at any time in the future, the City sought

- 1 to continue those projects, we understand that we would
- 2 have to apply for an amendment either to the existing
- 3 Type "A" licence or apply for a new renewal of these
- 4 licences.
- 5 MR. JOSEPH: Mr. Chair, Sean Joseph,
- 6 Nunavut Water Board.
- 7 Does it mean that the City of Iqaluit then would
- 8 be cancelling the licence for the northwest trail
- 9 deposit?
- 10 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 11 Iqaluit.
- 12 If there's an option to postpone it, then we would
- 13 want to pursue that first, but if the best option is to
- 14 cancel it, then that's what we'll have to do.
- I would suggest that if we can -- yeah, if we can
- 16 postpone these licences or seek some sort of -- what
- 17 would you call it -- deferral of activity, then that's
- 18 the option we'd prefer, rather than having to go
- 19 through an entire review process for them, because at
- 20 the time that we -- the City would actually reactivate
- 21 these projects, I can't foresee that there would be
- 22 many changes or any changes really to what was proposed
- 23 under these licences.
- So that would be the preferred approach. I look
- 25 to the Water Board for maybe some advice on that.
- 26 MR. JOSEPH: Moving on to the next

- 1 question, the City mentioned in its presentation that a
- 2 number of items that it extracted from the scope of
- 3 activities that was initially considered by the Board
- 4 have been removed. We know that the City has
- 5 intentions of including those under a potential
- 6 amendment if a licence were to be issued to the City.
- 7 We also know that, at this point, the City would not be
- 8 entirely privy to the scope of an amendment, a
- 9 potential amendment, to any licence that is issued to
- 10 the City, but, for the record, can the City explain to
- 11 us the items that it's planning to include under that
- 12 amendment, given that some of these items have an
- 13 element of interplay with the current scope of the
- 14 water licence?
- 15 MR. HAMP: So just to summarize, the
- 16 items that are -- or the potential projects that we
- 17 would be seeking amendments in the near future would be
- 18 for inclusion of the infrastructure related to the
- 19 current emergency measures into the annual operation of
- 20 the City's landfill runoff management, and new
- 21 landfill, potentially a new quarry site, and the
- 22 supplemental water supply. The City would be seeking
- 23 amendments likely within 18 months for those projects
- 24 from issuance of the licence.
- The one project that I would say has the strongest
- 26 interplay in what's -- what we're proposing is likely

- 1 the inclusion of the emergency measures infrastructure
- 2 into the annual operations of the landfill, and that's
- 3 because what we would like to see is to have that
- 4 project finished this year for the emergency measures
- 5 to be completed, and what we've committed to is the end
- 6 of October 2016 to have that all completed. So we
- 7 would have an amendment in probably for that much
- 8 sooner than any of the others.
- 9 In terms of new landfill and supplemental --
- 10 sorry, in terms of other projects that are likely to be
- 11 sooner rather than later, that would be the new
- 12 landfill and the supplemental water supply. And I
- 13 guess for, maybe obvious reasons, they don't have quite
- 14 as much interplay other than that the supplemental
- 15 water supply would change the total amount of water
- 16 that we're requesting to draw, and the new landfill, of
- 17 course, has implications on how we manage runoff on the
- 18 new site.
- 19 And the new quarry, at this point, is more long
- 20 term.
- 21 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, City of Igaluit.
- 22 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Sean Joseph, NWB.
- 23 We have a final question for the City of Iqaluit,
- 24 and it has to do with the water management area in
- 25 which -- the undertakings associated with the City's
- 26 activities.

- 1 I know the City may not have an answer to this
- 2 right now, but in the context of the new waters
- 3 regulations, we would like for the City to confirm the
- 4 water management area in which all of its undertakings
- 5 are being conducted.
- 6 There is a map at the end of the regulations, at
- 7 the last page of the regulations which sort of
- 8 identifies the water management areas, so if the City
- 9 can confirm that for us. It does not have to be right
- 10 now, but during these proceedings, it would be good.
- 11 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 12 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp from the
- 13 City of Igaluit.
- 14 We'll need a little bit of time to just clarify I
- 15 guess what you're requesting and see what we can bring
- 16 back to the table during this public hearing.
- 17 THE CHAIR: Thank you. I guess the Board
- is done for questioning, and I'm going to move on.
- 19 First, I'll invite the Department of Fisheries and
- 20 Oceans, and identify yourself if you have questions for
- 21 application. DFO?
- 22 MR. JANUSZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My name
- 23 is Richard Janusz. I'm with Fisheries and Oceans
- 24 Canada, and I have no questions of the City at this
- 25 time.
- 26 THE CHAIR: Department of Fisheries, thank

- 1 you.
- 2 And I guess just move on to -- Nunavut Water
- 3 Board, question or comment? Makabe?
- 4 MR. NARTOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Makabe,
- 5 Board Member of the Water Board. The Lake Geraldine,
- 6 just wanted to find out the size of water flow of the
- 7 Lake Geraldine.
- 8 And I have a supplementary question.
- 9 THE CHAIR: Go ahead.
- 10 MR. CLOW: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Paul
- 11 Clow with the City of Iqaluit.
- I do not have the number right in front of me, but
- off my memory, I do believe that the Lake Geraldine has
- 14 a volume of 1.8 million cubic metres of storage.
- 15 THE CHAIR: Thank you for the question.
- 16 MR. NARTOK: This is Makabe Nartok.
- 17 The pipe that you use for the water system from
- 18 the water reservoir perhaps gets dirty or mucky
- 19 sometimes. How often is it cleaned or replaced,
- 20 especially thinking of the filters and so on? Do you
- 21 do it annually or how often? Thank you.
- 22 MR. CLOW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Paul
- 23 Clow with the City of Igaluit.
- I do not know that the pipe -- the discharge or
- 25 the gravity-fed pipe from the dam to the water
- 26 treatment plant ever gets cleaned. However, within the

- 1 water treatment plant, during our treatment process,
- 2 there's four filters within the plant, and every five
- 3 days, those filters go through a back-wash, which
- 4 remove any sediment or anything that's picked up within
- 5 the water on the way to the -- on the way to the plant
- 6 there, so -- and then that gets back-washed and then
- 7 basically goes to our wastewater treatment plant from
- 8 the back-wash.
- 9 MR. NARTOK: Thank you, City of Igaluit.
- 10 Thank you for that response.
- 11 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Makabe and the City
- 12 of Iqaluit. Any further questions from the Board? I
- 13 don't think so. I'll go back, one more question from
- 14 the staff? Thank you.
- 15 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Sean
- 16 Joseph, NWB.
- 17 We said it was the final question, but this is the
- 18 final one. We know that the City indicated that its
- 19 water treatment system and its potable water -- let me
- 20 rephrase this -- its potable water treatment system and
- 21 its wastewater treatment system consists of both truck
- 22 and utilidor complement. The application did not
- 23 include a lot of details with respect to the utilidor
- 24 complement. Could the City just touch on this for us?
- 25 Thank you.
- 26 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of

- 1 Iqaluit.
- 2 I'll just give a brief summary of the entire
- 3 system and how it works. All potable water for the
- 4 City is drawn from Lake Geraldine immediately to the
- 5 water treatment plant. It undergoes chlorination and
- 6 UV disinfection prior to being pumped to the two
- 7 storage tanks inside the plant.
- 8 From the tanks, it is -- it flows by gravity down
- 9 towards the city, and there's a number of booster
- 10 stations around the city that increase pressure to
- 11 allow it to go into the neighbourhoods and maintain
- 12 water pressure.
- 13 Along the network, there is a truck-filling
- 14 station for the -- to truck services component of the
- 15 system. So trucks would pull up to that station
- 16 periodically and fill up.
- 17 In terms of wastewater, for the pipe system, each
- 18 home on the utilidor and each business and building on
- 19 the utilidor has a service pipe that empties into a
- 20 sewer main, and that's all gravity flow, except for two
- 21 lift stations that boost the flow at two locations in
- 22 Igaluit so that it can make it all the way down to the
- 23 wastewater treatment plant.
- 24 At the wastewater treatment plant, currently the
- 25 sewage is -- undergoes primary treatment only, so
- 26 that's essentially removal of solids. Of course, as I

- 1 mentioned in this meeting, the City is undertaking a
- 2 project to provide secondary treatment at that
- 3 wastewater treatment plant.
- 4 From the trucks services side of things, sewage
- 5 trucks go to each unit and periodically pump out sewage
- 6 tanks. Those trucks then discharge at a location
- 7 several hundred metres from the wastewater treatment
- 8 plant, so it's near the plant, it's a discharge
- 9 location near the plant, and that flows directly into
- 10 the wastewater treatment plant.
- 11 There is a backup sewage lagoon next to the
- 12 wastewater treatment plant. In the event that
- 13 maintenance has to be undertaken on the primary
- 14 filters, sewage is diverted to the lagoon and held
- 15 there until it can be discharged.
- 16 I believe that's the system in a nutshell, but if
- 17 there's any other questions, I'd be happy to answer
- 18 them.
- 19 MR. JOSEPH: Sean Joseph, NWB. Thank you,
- 20 City of Iqaluit.
- Just one follow-up question to that. What
- 22 fraction of your residents would you say is serviced by
- 23 the utilidor system?
- 24 MR. HAMP: The fraction of residents and
- 25 water flow is slightly different, so I'll stick to the
- 26 hard numbers that we have. So in terms of water

- 1 delivered, approximately 89 percent of the flow goes to
- 2 utilidor with the balance going to truck services.
- 3 MR. JOSEPH: Sean Joseph, NWB. Thank you
- 4 City of Igaluit, and that would be all.
- 5 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Sean and the City
- 6 of Igaluit.
- 7 Before we proceed to next column, maybe 10- to
- 8 15-minute break. Thank you.
- 9 (ADJOURNMENT)
- 10 THE CHAIR: Welcome back again. Before we
- 11 move on, one of our Board wants to raise a question.
- 12 Lootie?
- 13 MR. TOOMASIE: Thank you. I have a quick
- 14 questions to the Applicants. During your presentation,
- 15 you mentioned that the closure of the waste site in
- 16 that -- during that talk about the closure waste site,
- 17 you mentioned about very soon. How -- can you describe
- 18 or clarify how very soon you will deal with the closure
- 19 of the waste site?
- 20 MR. HAMP: Matthew Hamp, City of Iqaluit.
- 21 We estimate that we have approximately two years
- 22 of volume left to allow us to store waste on that site,
- 23 so we would undertake final decommissioning in likely
- 24 the third year.
- 25 So if we take 2016 as the base year, that puts us
- in the end of 2018 where we would start to close the

- 1 site. So it would likely take some time, perhaps, you
- 2 know, two construction seasons to actually fully close
- 3 the site, but we would have that plan submitted, as we
- 4 committed to, a year prior to decommissioning the site.
- 5 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you, Lootie.
- 6 I'd like to refer a response [sic] from the
- 7 Applicant to the Board Staff. I'm going to give this
- 8 to Teresa for ...
- 9 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 10 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 11 It's my understanding that there was a deferred
- 12 response to a question from Sean Joseph from the
- 13 Nunavut Water Board, and that the City of Igaluit is
- 14 now in a position to answer that question. Thank you,
- 15 Mr. Chair.
- 16 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Teresa. You can go
- 17 ahead.
- 18 MR. HOHNSTEIN: Thanks, Mr. Chair. It's David
- 19 Hohnstein, Nunavut Water Board.
- 20 Yeah, I believe the question that Sean had posed
- 21 earlier was just confirmation as to which watershed or
- 22 watersheds the Iqaluit undertakings were taking place
- 23 in. We brought up a map from the water regulations,
- 24 and we've discussed it during the break, and I think
- 25 it's understood that the undertaking was completely
- 26 within the Number 53 watershed, which is the Frobisher

- 1 Bay watershed under the regulations. So if we could
- 2 just get confirmation from the City of Iqaluit on that.
- 3 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 4 Iqaluit.
- 5 Confirmed, all of the undertaking takes place
- 6 within Area 53.
- 7 MR. HOHNSTEIN: Thanks very much, Mr. Chair.
- 8 David Hohnstein, Nunavut Water Board.
- 9 We can proceed now with the presentation from the
- 10 DFO.
- 11 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Presentation by
- 12 Department of Fisheries and Oceans. I'm just going
- 13 with the flow. Go ahead.
- 14 Presentation by Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- 15 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 16 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 17 If I can have the witness state and spell his name
- 18 for the record, please.
- 19 MR. JANUSZ: Richard Janusz, R-I-C-H-A-R-D,
- J-A-N-U-S-Z.
- 21 RICHARD JANUSZ, Affirmed
- 22 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you. It's my
- 23 understanding that you have prepared a hard copy of the
- 24 PowerPoint presentation that you are about to give, and
- 25 that it is your intention for this to be entered as the
- 26 next exhibit in this public hearing; is that correct?

- 1 MR. JANUSZ: Yes.
- 2 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 3 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 4 And so this will be marked as Exhibit Number 5 in
- 5 the public hearing, and please proceed.
- 6 EXHIBIT 5 Department of Fisheries and
- 7 Oceans Canada hard copy PowerPoint
- 8 presentation titled "Iqaluit Water Licence
- 9 Renewal, Presentation to the Nunavut Water
- Board, Public Hearing, Iqaluit, NU, May 4-5,
- 11 2016"
- 12 MR. JANUSZ: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair,
- 13 Members and staff of the Board, and community members
- 14 that may be present.
- 15 My name is Richard Janusz. I'm a Senior Fisheries
- 16 Protection Biologist with the Fisheries Protection
- 17 Program of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- 18 I'd like to thank the Nunavut Water Board for
- 19 providing us with the opportunity to be here today to
- 20 present our comments and recommendations on the Iqaluit
- 21 water licence renewal, and we hope our comments will be
- 22 helpful to the Board in terms of providing expert
- 23 advice on the potential impacts to fish and fish
- 24 habitat.
- 25 In terms of our presentation today -- my
- 26 apologies, I think I need some coaching. It's okay, I

- 1 think we're on the right slide. Once again, my
- 2 apologies.
- For our presentation today, I'd first like to give
- 4 you an overview of our mandate, legislation, and
- 5 policies; an overview of our comments, keeping in mind
- 6 that we are only going to refer to the key points, as
- 7 we have detailed comments in a more extensive report
- 8 which we have provided to the Board. I'd like to then
- 9 give you our recommendations.
- 10 And lastly, I would like to respond to questions
- 11 and other comments that may come from our presentation.
- 12 The mandate of the Fisheries Protection Program of
- 13 Fisheries and Oceans Canada on behalf of the Government
- 14 of Canada is to maintain the sustainability and ongoing
- 15 productivity of commercial, recreational, and
- 16 aboriginal fisheries.
- We are responsible for ensuring that projects
- 18 proposed in or near water are undertaken in compliance
- 19 with the applicable provisions of the Fisheries Act and
- 20 the Species at Risk Act as they apply to aquatic
- 21 species at risk. We provide guidance to proponents on
- 22 how to avoid or mitigate impacts to fish and fish
- 23 habitat, and, as required, we provide reviews of
- 24 development proposals to determine the potential
- 25 impacts on fish, marine mammals, and their habitat, and
- 26 measures to avoid, mitigate, and, if necessary, offset

- 1 impacts.
- Our regulatory role -- once again my apologies --
- 3 our regulatory role is defined by the Fisheries Act,
- 4 Section 35, which states that: (as read)
- 5 No person shall carry on any work,
- 6 undertaking, or activity that results in
- 7 serious harm to fish that are part of a
- 8 commercial, recreational or aboriginal
- 9 fishery, or to fish that support such a
- 10 fishery. "Serious harm" being the death of
- 11 fish, permanent alteration of habitat, or
- 12 destruction of habitat.
- 13 Section 35 also allows for the issuance of a Fisheries
- 14 Act authorization for a project to proceed when serious
- 15 harm cannot be avoided.
- 16 Sections 20 and 21 relate to the requirement for
- 17 provision of sufficient water and unimpeded fish
- 18 passage.
- 19 For the Species at Risk Act, there are three
- 20 sections which prohibit the killing, harming,
- 21 harassing, capturing, or taking of listed species, as a
- 22 well as the destruction of their residence or critical
- 23 habitat, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada is the
- 24 responsible Ministry for listed aquatic species.
- 25 The Fisheries Protection Program is also the main
- 26 program at Fisheries and Oceans Canada, which is

- 1 involved in environmental assessment processes like
- 2 those defined under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.
- 3 We are guided by two policies: The Fisheries
- 4 Protection Policy provides guidance on the application
- 5 of the fisheries protection provisions of the Fisheries
- 6 Act; and the Fisheries Productivity Investment Policy
- 7 provides guidance on undertaking effective measures to
- 8 offset serious harm to fish.
- 9 Moving on to our comments. Our comments today
- 10 focus on the water withdrawal in Lake Geraldine. We
- 11 found that the water withdrawal, which has now been
- 12 occurring for several decades, is likely a negative
- 13 alteration to the fish habitat characteristics of both
- 14 Lake Geraldine and its outflowing stream. The
- 15 alteration affects a large enough area to normally
- 16 trigger departmental concern. However, uncertainty
- 17 about the ability of the Lake Geraldine watershed to
- 18 support much in the way of fish population leads us to
- 19 believe that this negative alteration may not cause
- 20 what we refer to as a significant localized effect.
- 21 This appears to be supported by local stakeholders and
- 22 fisheries managers, who suggest that the watershed is
- 23 not and has never been of local direct or indirect
- 24 Fisheries concern.
- 25 Moving on to our recommendations. We would like
- 26 the Nunavut Water Board to note our agreement with the

- 1 issuance of a water licence renewal to the City of
- 2 Iqaluit with a ten-year term, a maximum annual water
- 3 volume withdrawal from Lake Geraldine of 1,100,000
- 4 cubic metres; that Iqaluit continue with its plan to
- 5 provide a compliant fish screen as a precautionary
- 6 measure on its Lake Geraldine water intake; that
- 7 Iqaluit ensures it carefully evaluates potential
- 8 effects on fish and fish habitat across watersheds,
- 9 including Lake Geraldine, when considering future plans
- 10 for supplementary water supply; that Iqaluit retain
- 11 qualified environmental professionals, including
- 12 biologists, when considering projects in or near water.
- 13 We would also like to note, and this is fairly
- 14 standard reminders to proponents, we also note that it
- 15 remains Iqaluit's responsibility to ensure it avoids
- 16 causing serious harm to fish in compliance with the
- 17 Fisheries Act and that it meets the requirements under
- 18 the Species at Risk Act as it may apply to its
- 19 projects.
- 20 If plans change or if the description of the
- 21 proposal is incomplete or changes in the future,
- 22 Iqaluit should consult DFO's FTP's website, which is
- 23 shown here, or consult with a qualified environmental
- 24 consultant to determine if further review is required
- 25 by DFO.
- Lastly, we'd like to note that it is also

- 1 Iqaluit's duty to notify DFO if it has caused or is
- 2 about to cause serious harm to fish that are part of or
- 3 support a commercial, recreational, or aboriginal
- 4 fishery, and such notification should be directed to
- 5 the website shown on this slide.
- Once again, we'd like to thank the Board, the City
- 7 of Iqaluit, and the community for allowing us the
- 8 opportunity to present our comments and recommendations
- 9 regarding the water licence.
- 10 We're pleased to answer any questions or respond
- 11 to comments at this time.
- 12 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Richard. Questions
- 13 to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada from
- 14 the Applicant, City of Iqaluit?
- 15 Questioning of Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
- 16 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 17 Iqaluit. I apologize, I missed the last comment.
- 18 THE CHAIR: My comment or -- you can
- 19 proceed now for questions to Department of Fisheries.
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 MR. HAMP: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is
- 22 Matthew Hamp, City of Igaluit.
- 23 Just have one question regarding one of the
- 24 recommendations, that Iqaluit ensure it carefully
- 25 evaluates potential effects on fish and fish habitat
- 26 across watersheds, including Lake Geraldine, when

- 1 considering future plans for supplementary water
- 2 supply.
- 3 So my question to that is if the City undertakes,
- 4 potentially, a fish study of the Apex River watershed,
- 5 would it be the expectation of DFO that that study
- 6 include Lake Geraldine?
- 7 MR. JANUSZ: Richard Janusz, DFO, Fisheries
- 8 and Oceans Canada.
- 9 I think that is -- that would not be out of the
- 10 question. I think when you're looking at the Apex
- 11 River, the overall status of any of the waters involved
- 12 is of interest.
- 13 I know that, you know, part of our response has
- 14 been based on the uncertainty, so nobody really knows
- 15 if there are fish in Lake Geraldine or not. It seems
- 16 as if -- from what we do know from what local people
- 17 appear to know is that it doesn't seem like there is
- 18 much in the way of fish there at the present time, and
- 19 the same I believe includes the outflowing stream.
- 20 MR. HAMP: Okay, this is Matthew Hamp,
- 21 City of Iqaluit.
- Just to clarify, I understand from your response
- 23 that it would be, let's say, beneficial if the City
- 24 were conducting any sort of study of the Apex River
- 25 watershed to include Lake Geraldine as part of any sort
- of area study?

- 1 MR. JANUSZ: Richard Janusz, Fisheries and
- 2 Oceans Canada.
- I think it would be advisable. It would provide a
- 4 level of certainty to the present status of Lake
- 5 Geraldine, which I believe has been asked about on a
- 6 number of occasions, and it has always been an area
- 7 that we don't know enough about.
- 8 MR. HAMP: All right. Thank you.
- 9 THE CHAIR: Thank you, City of Iqaluit.
- 10 Any more question, comments to DFO? No. Thank
- 11 you.
- 12 And I'll move to our next intervener, I believe,
- 13 questions from the Department of Environment and
- 14 Climate Change Canada?
- 15 MR. SUMMERFIELD: Thank you. Bradley
- 16 Summerfield with Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- We have no questions for DFO.
- 18 THE CHAIR: Questions to Department of
- 19 Fisheries and Oceans Canada from Indigenous and
- 20 Northern Affairs?
- 21 MS. FORTE: Hi, it's Sarah Forte with
- 22 Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs.
- We have no questions.
- 24 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Members of the
- 25 public, any question to Department of Fisheries and
- 26 Oceans? No question.

- 1 Any questions to the Department of Fisheries and
- Oceans from Nunavut Water Board staff? Go ahead.
- 3 MR. JOSEPH: Sean Joseph, NWB. Thank you,
- 4 Mr. Chair.
- We have just one question for DFO, and the
- 6 question has to do with the fish screens. We know that
- 7 the City of Iqaluit has made a commitment to have these
- 8 screens included by summer 2016. Does DFO have any
- 9 particular time frame in which it would like to see the
- 10 screens be implemented, because this is a requirement
- 11 that got transferred from the expired licence, and it
- 12 seemed to be a requirement. So is there a timeline by
- which the DFO would like to see this implemented?
- 14 MR. JANUSZ: Richard Janusz, Fisheries and
- 15 Oceans Canada.
- 16 We do not have a timeline where we would like to
- 17 see it implemented. Our thinking on the screen is that
- 18 Iqaluit may want to be considering what type of a
- 19 screen and when it is best implemented, so we think
- 20 there's some leeway there in terms of when it can be
- 21 provided.
- 22 Part of the confirming, if you like, of when and
- 23 how that screen should be applied could be deferred to
- 24 when there is some monitoring of direct fish pop --
- 25 fish presence in Lake Geraldine.
- 26 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any more questions

- 1 from staff Nunavut Water Board?
- 2 Questions to the Department of Fisheries and
- 3 Oceans from Nunavut Water Board Members?
- 4 MR. NARTOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Makabe
- 5 Nartok, Member of the Water Board.
- 6 My question is that the watershed around -- the
- 7 watershed around Geraldine, do you know if there are
- 8 any fish populations in those watersheds?
- 9 MR. JANUSZ: Regarding watershed, the Lake
- 10 Geraldine watershed or other watersheds?
- 11 MR. NARTOK: The direct surrounding water
- 12 in that watershed, just wondering whether there are any
- 13 known fish populations around Lake Geraldine.
- 14 MR. JANUSZ: In the Lake Geraldine
- 15 watershed, I don't think there is a lot of information
- 16 about what fish may be anywhere in that watershed. It
- 17 appears to be unknown at this time.
- 18 Regarding adjacent watersheds, I believe there are
- 19 important fish populations known in the Sylvia Grinnell
- 20 watershed. We don't quite know what the situation is
- 21 in the Apex River watershed, which may be the focus of
- 22 supplemental water supply.
- 23 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Richard, Makabe.
- 24 Is that it?
- 25 For a question to the Department of Fisheries,
- 26 we're pretty much done on my list, unless you want to

- 1 add, supplement or ...
- 2 MR. JANUSZ: Once again, thanks to the
- 3 Board for allowing us this opportunity.
- 4 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Next presentation
- 5 is from Environment and Climate Change Canada. Teresa?
- 6 Presentation by Environment and Climate Change Canada
- 7 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 8 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 9 So if I can get the witnesses to state and spell
- 10 their name for the record, please.
- 11 MS. WILSON: Anne Wilson, A-N-N-E,
- 12 W-I-L-S-0-N.
- 13 MR. SUMMERFIELD: Bradley Summerfield,
- 14 B-R-A-D-L-E-Y, S-U-M-M-E-R-F-I-E-L-D.
- 15 MR. DIDHAM: And Curtis Didham,
- 16 C-U-R-T-I-S, D-I-D-H-A-M.
- 17 ANNE WILSON, Sworn
- 18 BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD, CURTIS DIDHAM, Affirmed
- 19 MS. MEADOWS: Ms. Wilson, it's my
- 20 understanding that I have two hard copy presentations,
- 21 one version is in English and Inuktitut and the second
- 22 version is in English and French, and I will be marking
- 23 those two as the next exhibits in this public hearing;
- 24 is that correct?
- 25 MR. SUMMERFIELD: Yeah, that's correct.
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15 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Teresa.
16 MR. SUMMERFIELD: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair
Good afternoon. As stated before, my name is
18 Bradley Summerfield with Environment and Climate Cha
19 Canada, and Anne Wilson, Water Quality Expert, and
20 Richard Didham, who is the Enforcement Officer with
21 this afternoon.
22 So very quickly, just going to go over Environ
23 and Climate Change Canada's mandate, which is to
24 preserve and enhance the quality of the natural
25 environment, conserve Canada's renewable resources,

- 1 forecast daily weather conditions and warnings, enforce
- 2 rules relating to boundary waters, and to coordinate
- 3 environmental policies and programs for the Federal
- 4 Government across the country.
- 5 So some relevant acts and regulations that fall
- 6 under Environment Canada's mandate are the Department
- 7 of the Environment Act, which establishes the
- 8 Department; the Canadian Environmental Protection Act;
- 9 the pollution prevention provisions under the Fisheries
- 10 Act; the Migratory Birds Convention Act, and the
- 11 Species at Risk Act.
- 12 Environment and Climate Change Canada has been a
- 13 full participant throughout the Igaluit water licence
- 14 renewal process. Environment and Climate Change
- 15 Canada's role is to provide scientific expertise within
- 16 our mandate to the Nunavut Water Board for their
- 17 consideration when issuing the licence, and this
- 18 includes water, sediment, and effluent quality.
- 19 Environment and Climate Change Canada has had many
- 20 and continues to have ongoing discussions with the City
- 21 of Iqaluit as well as other interveners, such as the
- 22 Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- 23 externally, to this process as well.
- So now I'm going to pass it over to Anne Wilson,
- 25 who is going to present a brief summary of the
- 26 recommendations -- an updated version of the

- 1 recommendations that are made in Environment and
- 2 Climate Change Canada's formal submission to the Board.
- 3 MS. WILSON: Thank you. I'm Anne Wilson,
- 4 and I work on water quality aspects with Environment
- 5 and Climate Change Canada.
- 6 So the overview of our recommendations includes
- 7 talking a bit about the wastewater secondary treatment,
- 8 about effluent quality criteria for municipal
- 9 wastewater, looking at the management of the sediments
- 10 from the various landfill water management ponds, and a
- 11 bit about some of the renewal licence terms and
- 12 conditions.
- 13 As mentioned by Brad, the City has been working
- 14 with Environment and Climate Change Canada and with
- 15 INAC and should be commissioning a new wastewater
- 16 treatment facility by the end of 2018. Environment and
- 17 Climate Change Canada acknowledges that the Nunavut
- 18 Water Board's interest or role in regulating this plant
- 19 will be primarily with the operation and maintenance
- 20 plans with the monitoring of wastewater quality being
- 21 done in respect of system optimization and spill
- 22 contingency planning.
- 23 The City continues to move forward with their
- 24 plans for a new wastewater treatment plant. I
- 25 understand that they recently awarded the design
- 26 contract for the new treatment facility. Environment

- 1 and Climate Change Canada recommends that the design
- 2 specs for this facility ensure that wastewater
- 3 discharge is compliant with the Fisheries Act.
- 4 And further to my question earlier of the City,
- 5 Environment and Climate Change Canada would like to see
- 6 Condition F-14 in the expiring licence retained. This
- 7 is a condition that deals with submission of the
- 8 facility design for review, not for approval, and this
- 9 will facilitate access to this information for the
- 10 various stakeholders.
- 11 And we would also thank the City for committing to
- 12 posting quarterly progress update notes from their
- 13 meetings with Environment and Climate Change Canada and
- 14 INAC as appropriate.
- With respect to compliance with the Fisheries Act,
- 16 in other parts of Canada, there are regulations under
- 17 the Fisheries Act which outline what the effluent
- 18 quality needs to be. These don't apply north of 60.
- 19 However, we do recommend that the effluent quality
- 20 criteria or objectives in this case, if criteria are
- 21 not being set by the Board, be targeted to ensure that
- 22 the effluent is nondeleterious, and to that end, the
- 23 monitoring cover the parameters associated with these
- 24 regulations, the wastewater system effluent
- 25 regulations.
- To say a bit more about the effluent quality

- 1 criteria, there have been discussions on the
- 2 jurisdiction of the Nunavut Water Board with respect to
- 3 setting end-of-pipe criteria in the renewal licence.
- 4 Because the effluent is discharged effectively to the
- 5 marine environment, it is Environment and Climate
- 6 Change Canada's expectation that the licence would not
- 7 necessarily include effluent quality criteria.
- 8 The next recommendation is that -- I'm going to
- 9 modify it a bit from what's on the slide based on
- 10 discussions that have occurred since these slides were
- 11 submitted. Our recommendation is that the criteria
- 12 outlined in the wastewater system effluent regulations
- 13 be used as performance objectives for effluent in the
- 14 upgraded treatment plant.
- Next I'll go on to talk about the landfill holding
- 16 ponds. So for clarity, there are two sets of ponds at
- 17 the landfill. There're the ones which hold the runoff
- 18 from the fire, and that pond is outside the scope of
- 19 this licence, as noted earlier. The other ones are the
- 20 landfill holding ponds that hold the collected runoff
- 21 from the wastewater site.
- 22 The City has indicated that they will be treating
- 23 and releasing the, under an emergency order, the
- 24 contaminated runoff from the fire. Environment and
- 25 Climate Change Canada has been involved with
- 26 discussions between INAC, Indigenous and Northern

- 1 Affairs Canada, and the City as far as appropriate
- 2 discharge criteria and ensuring that this is
- 3 nondeleterious. So this is proceeding satisfactorily
- 4 outside of the licence process.
- 5 However, we did raise concerns with the disposal
- 6 of the treatment residuals and with the contaminated
- 7 sediments at the bottom of this particular holding
- 8 pond. The City has committed to appropriate disposal
- 9 under the treatment contract. And my understanding is
- 10 that, subsequently, the emergency measures pond may
- 11 form part of the ongoing operating water management
- 12 system for the City.
- So for that one and for the landfill holding
- 14 ponds, as the landfill moves towards closure, it will
- 15 be very important to characterize the sediments at the
- 16 bottom of those ponds for chemistry and for volume in
- 17 order to plan for closure. There will need to be
- 18 appropriate treatment and disposal planned for.
- 19 The next slide looks at our recommendations on the
- 20 water licence terms and conditions. Part J, conditions
- 21 applying to abandonment and restoration; this is more
- 22 or less a housekeeping item, but the terminology used
- 23 currently in the NWT and just to be more consistent
- 24 with some of their guidelines and other guidelines
- 25 would be "closure" and "reclamation". And I did note
- 26 that "reclamation" is defined in the licence

- 1 definitions but not "restoration". The City has also
- 2 proposed changes to their monitoring schedule, and
- 3 Environment and Climate Change Canada supports adoption
- 4 of the agreed-upon changes as outlined in their table.
- It was helpful to go through the proposed changes
- 6 to the licence and the list of commitments earlier that
- 7 the City had provided. The waste disposal and waste
- 8 management plans will need to be updated in the renewal
- 9 licence, and we would like to see details regarding
- 10 future landfill use, time frames for closure,
- 11 operational practices such as the existing burn box,
- 12 which I understand is short term and will be closed,
- 13 and plans to look at incinerator use. We are also
- 14 curious about then the ongoing management of wood and
- 15 cardboard waste if the burn box is decommissioned. So
- 16 things like that, details like that we would hope to
- 17 see in the next annual submission in which the plan
- 18 would be updated.
- 19 The next slide deals with the licence term.
- 20 Environment and Climate Change Canada has no objection
- 21 to a licence term of ten years as now suggested by the
- 22 City of Iqaluit.
- 23 And the last slide, is that your picture?
- 24 MR. SUMMERFIELD: It is.
- 25 MS. WILSON: I'd like to give credit for
- 26 all these pictures to Brad Summerfield and to say thank

- 1 you for the opportunity to make this presentation. And
- 2 any questions, we'd be happy to try and address.
- 3 THE CHAIR: Thank you. And for
- 4 Environment and Climate Change Canada, any questions
- 5 from the Applicant, City of Igaluit?
- 6 Questioning of Environment and Climate Change Canada
- 7 MR. HAMP: Yes. This is Matthew Hamp,
- 8 City of Iqaluit.
- 9 Just a clarification on -- I don't see the slide
- 10 number here, but it's the one that says effluent
- 11 quality criteria for municipal wastewater, and it's in
- 12 reference to the wastewater systems effluent
- 13 regulations. There you go.
- 14 So if regulations come into effect during the
- 15 course of designing the new wastewater treatment
- 16 facility, will the City be bound to meet the new
- 17 criteria or the existing criteria? I guess I'd just
- 18 like some clarification as to how that would work.
- 19 MS. WILSON: Anne Wilson, Environment and
- 20 Climate Change Canada.
- 21 The wastewater systems effluent regulations
- 22 targets that we would hope for the City to aim for with
- 23 their new treatment system would be the ones that are
- 24 currently in place in the southern jurisdictions.
- 25 When the regulations are going to apply to the
- 26 north, they would be no more stringent than that.

- 1 However, the expectation is that those regulations will
- 2 take some time to develop further north, that seems to
- 3 be moving very slowly, and then to, you know, phase
- 4 them in over time.
- 5 So I -- meeting these numbers in your system
- 6 should not pose a problem when the regulations are
- 7 implemented.
- 8 MR. HAMP: Thank you. I have another
- 9 question. This is Matthew Hamp, City of Igaluit.
- 10 In terms of characterizing the sediment in the
- 11 water management ponds associated with the emergency
- 12 runoff treatment, I would suspect that the time frame
- 13 that the City would be able to do that would be
- 14 immediately after discharge this year. So would it be
- 15 acceptable to provide that information within 60 to 90
- 16 days of undertaking that, the actual sampling
- 17 characterization? Just trying to get at a -- kind of a
- 18 timeline when you're expecting to see it, given the
- 19 fact that we've committed to -- the City's committed to
- 20 discharging and completing that project by October of
- 21 2016.
- 22 MS. WILSON: Anne Wilson, Environment and
- 23 Climate Change Canada.
- It would be acceptable to do the characterization
- 25 of the sediments subsequent to the discharge, and then
- 26 the question would be what time frame would the City

- 1 need to develop disposal options in case they needed
- 2 treatment. And I'm sure there would be discussions at
- 3 that time of what parameters to test for, toxicity --
- 4 or sediment toxicity testing could be done and then --
- 5 for you to develop a final plan for full removal or
- 6 closure of them as appropriate.
- 7 MR. HAMP: A follow-up question. This is
- 8 Matthew Hamp, City of Iqaluit.
- 9 So would this be something that Environment and
- 10 Climate Change Canada would be looking to be included
- in the existing licence or as a commitment outside of
- 12 discussions here?
- 13 MS. WILSON: Anne Wilson, Environment and
- 14 Climate Change Canada.
- I don't know that it would actually fall under the
- 16 emergency measures order. It would be -- it could
- 17 appropriately find a home in the licence if the Nunavut
- 18 Water Board wished to. It is interconnected with
- 19 future closure of that site, and so it would be logical
- 20 to have it here.
- 21 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 22 Igaluit.
- In terms of Environment and Climate Change
- 24 Canada's comments on Part E of the expired licence,
- 25 that's waste disposal and waste management plans, "to
- 26 include details regarding future landfill use and

- 1 closure as well as use of the burn box and incinerator
- 2 use". At this time, in terms of incinerator use, the
- 3 City doesn't really have a lot of information on that.
- We -- the City started the process to evaluate
- 5 options for incineration when the previous council was
- 6 in effect, and we are continuing that project. So the
- 7 City wouldn't have much to provide until we carry
- 8 through that project.
- 9 And in terms of the use of the burn box or details
- 10 regarding its use, temporary use, and the plan for it,
- 11 I'd like to suggest that the City could submit that
- 12 within a set time frame after issuance of the licence,
- 13 and I'm wondering what is an acceptable time frame to
- 14 receive that information by Environment and Climate
- 15 Change Canada.
- 16 MS. WILSON: Anne Wilson, Environment and
- 17 Climate Change Canada.
- Thank you, I should just clarify that those were
- 19 examples of what we would hope to see in the next
- 20 update of your waste management plan. And so if I
- 21 understood correctly, there was a suggestion earlier to
- 22 have that as part of your annual reporting when you
- 23 update it, and so those are not to be done on an
- 24 ahead-of-the-time basis, and, indeed, the incinerator,
- 25 it would be expected that would be sometime further
- 26 down the road in the licence term for that information.

1 Thanks. MR. HAMP: 2 Matthew Hamp, City of Igaluit. 3 Thanks for the clarification. This is Matthew Hamp, City of Igaluit. 5 One last point of clarification or question to 6 clarify. Environment and Climate Change Canada had 7 asked for I guess it's paragraph 14 of Part E of the 8 expired licence -- sorry, Part F of the expired licence 9 to be left in. There are -- how do I put this? paragraph here doesn't apply a hundred percent, and 10 I'll just explain that the paragraph reads: (as read) 11 12 The licensee shall submit to the Board for 13 review within ten days of the effective date of the licence, the final design for Phase 1 14 15 of the wastewater treatment plant stamped by an engineer and qualified in accordance with 16 Part F, Item 3, and as-built drawings. 17 18 Would it be acceptable to change that clause to indicate that the final design would be for Phase 2, as 19 opposed to Phase 1, of the wastewater treatment plant, 20 21 and that it would be submitted at the time of tendering of construction for the plant, so we would know we'd 22 23 have completed drawings at that point, so we'd be sure 24 that that -- we could provide that to you, like a hundred percent complete drawings? 25 26 MS. WILSON: Anne Wilson, Environment and

- 1 Climate Change Canada.
- 2 That would be acceptable. It was the intent of
- 3 that clause that I was trying to get at, but thank you.
- 4 MR. HAMP: Thank you.
- 5 THE CHAIR: Thank you, City of Igaluit. I
- 6 quess you're done?
- 7 MR. HAMP: Yeah.
- 8 THE CHAIR: Thank you. I'll move on to
- 9 any questions to Environment and Climate Change Canada
- 10 from Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- 11 MR. JANUSZ: Richard Janusz, Department of
- 12 Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- 13 We have no questions for Environment Canada at
- 14 this time.
- 15 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Questions to
- 16 Environment and Climate Change Canada, Indigenous and
- 17 Northern Affairs Canada?
- 18 MR. BURGESS: This is Scott Burgess with
- 19 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.
- We have no questions.
- 21 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Questions to
- 22 Environment and Climate Change Canada, members of the
- 23 public? No questions.
- 24 Questions to Environment and Climate Change Canada
- 25 Nunavut Water Board staff?
- 26 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Sean

- 1 Joseph, NWB.
- I believe one or two questions for Environment and
- 3 Climate Change Canada.
- 4 The first question has to do with Table 1, changes
- 5 to the Schedule C and monitoring program, which the
- 6 City of Igaluit provided. I believe Environment and
- 7 Climate Change Canada indicated that it's -- in
- 8 principle, that it agreed with the recommendations
- 9 provided by the City of Igaluit. So what we are just
- 10 seeking here is confirmation whether all of the items
- 11 that the City put forward in those recommendations,
- 12 whether it's acceptable to Environment Canada, taking
- 13 into consideration the feedback that Environment Canada
- 14 already provided to this table. Thank you.
- 15 MS. WILSON: Anne Wilson, Environment and
- 16 Climate Change Canada.
- 17 And that is correct, we had feedback into the
- 18 draft of this table and are happy with this version of
- 19 it. Thank you.
- 20 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, Environment Canada.
- 21 And our second question, Mr. Chair -- Sean Joseph,
- 22 NWB -- has to do with the performance objectives that
- 23 Environment Canada is recommending for the effluent
- 24 quality criteria from municipal wastewater.
- 25 In terms of using those as objectives, does
- 26 Environment Canada anticipate having limits set to

- 1 those or just targets set to those values, or are those
- 2 criteria -- or not criteria -- but parameters instead
- 3 rather than criteria? Thank you.
- 4 MS. WILSON: Thank you. It's Anne Wilson,
- 5 Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- 6 These would be treatment objectives or targets,
- 7 not regulated criteria, and that would be simply
- 8 because of the jurisdictional questions, and the
- 9 discussions among the Federal departments about
- 10 applicability of the Fisheries Act and of the Arctic
- 11 Waters Pollution Prevention Act as being able to manage
- 12 the effluent quality.
- 13 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, Environment Canada.
- 14 Sean Joseph, NWB, and that would be all, Mr. Chair.
- 15 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Sean. Any
- 16 questions from the Board, Nunavut Water Board? No
- 17 questions.
- Then I guess that's it for you guys. Thank you
- 19 for your presentation.
- 20 And our last presentation from Indigenous and
- 21 Northern Affairs Canada.
- Before we start, Teresa, can you ...
- 23 Presentation by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- 24 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 25 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- If I can get the witnesses to state and spell

- 1 their name for the record, please.
- 2 MR. BURGESS: Scott Burgess, S-C-O-T-T,
- $3 \quad B-U-R-G-E-S-S$.
- 4 MS. FORTE: Sarah Forte, S-A-R-A-H,
- 5 F-O-R-T-E, accent aigu.
- 6 MR. HACK: Hello. Justin Hack,
- 7 J-U-S-T-I-N, H-A-C-K.
- 8 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you.
- 9 SCOTT BURGESS, SARAH FORTE, JUSTIN HACK, Affirmed
- 10 MS. MEADOWS: Teresa Meadows, legal counsel
- 11 for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 12 It's my understanding, Mr. Burgess, that there are
- 13 two hard copy exhibits that we have in advance of your
- 14 presentation, one being the hard copy of the PowerPoint
- 15 presentation in English and Inuktitut, and the second
- 16 being an executive summary document that contains the
- 17 executive summary of the final submission to the
- 18 Nunavut Water Board regarding the City of Iqaluit Type
- 19 "A" Water Licence renewal application for municipal
- 20 undertakings, dated March 30, 2016; is that correct?
- 21 MR. BURGESS: Scott Burgess, Indigenous and
- 22 Northern Affairs Canada.
- 23 That is correct.
- 24 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Burgess. And
- 25 so I will be marking those as the next two exhibits in
- 26 this public hearing. You may proceed.

1 EXHIBIT 8 - Hard copy PowerPoint presentation titled "Indigenous and Northern Affairs 2 3 Canada, City of Igaluit Renewal Application for Water Licence #3AM-IQA0611, Nunavut Water 4 5 Board Public Hearing, Iqaluit, Nunavut, May 6 4-5, 2016" (English) EXHIBIT 9 - Indigenous and Northern Affairs 8 Canada final submission to the Nunavut Water 9 Board regarding Type "A" Water Licence renewal application for municipal 10 undertakings, March 30, 2016, Executive 11 12 Summary (English, Inuktitut, and French) MR. BURGESS: Thank you. Good afternoon, 13 Mr. Chairman and other members of the Nunavut Water 14 15 Board. My name is Scott Burgess. I am the Manager of Water Resources for Indigenous and Northern Affairs in 16 Nunavut. 17 18 We would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board for this opportunity to make a presentation, an 19 intervention regarding the City of Igaluit's 20 21 application to renew its Type "A" Water Licence. I'm joined today by Sarah Forte on my right, the 22 Water Management Coordinator, and Justin Hack, Manager 23 24 of Field Operations and the Water Resources Officer working on this file, both with the Department's 25 Nunavut regional office. We are also joined by Ken 26

- 1 Landa on the phone from the Department of Justice.
- 2 On behalf of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
- 3 Canada, we would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board
- 4 for facilitating this licence application review
- 5 process and the Applicant for responding to our
- 6 questions and concerns.
- 7 Hold on just a second, please. Okay, thank you,
- 8 Mr. Chair.
- 9 Throughout this presentation, we will refer to
- 10 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada as INAC or the
- 11 Department, and the acronym INAC may be used on the
- 12 slides.
- We will provide a brief overview of the
- 14 Department's responsibilities with respect to the
- 15 licence renewal application. We will also list
- 16 contributions that have been made by the Department
- 17 with respect to the process so far and state the
- 18 Department's position on the renewal application.
- 19 The Department has been an active participant in
- 20 this and all previous water licence processes for the
- 21 City of Iqaluit and will continue to be involved
- 22 throughout the life of the licence.
- 23 Many technical comments were raised by the
- 24 Department in the course of this renewal process. To
- 25 simplify this presentation, only outstanding technical
- 26 issues were included. The first two are essentially

- 1 administrative issues, and they were raised during the
- 2 technical meeting, and one of them has already been
- 3 resolved through discussion with the Applicant since
- 4 this presentation was submitted. The last two are
- 5 concerns that have arisen since the technical meeting
- 6 because of material submitted to the Nunavut Water
- 7 Board in reply to requests brought forward at that
- 8 technical meeting in January.
- 9 INAC's staff have participated in numerous
- 10 discussions with the City of Iqaluit as well as other
- 11 interveners and have been able to reach agreements on
- 12 numerous issues to date.
- 13 Lastly, at the end of our presentation, we will
- 14 conclude with a general recommendation for this licence
- 15 process.
- 16 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada has a broad
- 17 mandate for the co-management of inland water
- 18 resources, the management of Crown land in Nunavut, and
- 19 the protection of Arctic waters under the following
- 20 applicable legislation: The Department of Indian and
- 21 Northern Development Act, the Nunavut Land Claims
- 22 Agreement Act, the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface
- 23 Rights Tribunal Act and Regulations, the Territorial
- 24 Lands Act and Regulations, and the Arctic Waters
- 25 Pollution Prevention Act and Regulations.
- The Department administers and enforces regulatory

- 1 authorizations that pertain to Nunavut's Crown land,
- 2 inland water resources, and Arctic waters. The
- 3 Department participates in water licence processes
- 4 administered by the Nunavut Water Board along with
- 5 other interested parties, providing technical advice
- 6 and expertise for the Board's consideration.
- 7 I will now pass the microphone on to Sarah Forte
- 8 to present an overview of the technical matters which
- 9 were outlined in much greater detail in our final
- 10 written submission of March 30th, 2016.
- 11 MS. FORTE: Sarah Forte with INAC.
- 12 The Applicant initiated a water licence renewal
- 13 process in 2012. Since then, the Department has
- 14 submitted four written interventions to the Nunavut
- 15 Water Board on this file, as well as participating in
- 16 the technical meeting and prehearing conference, which
- 17 was held in Iqaluit on January 13th and 14th of this
- 18 year.
- 19 At the beginning of the renewal application
- 20 process, the Department reviewed the scope of the
- 21 information included in the application and recommended
- 22 further information requests in memos provided on
- 23 November 12th, 2013, and March 28th, 2015. The
- 24 Department conducted a technical review of the renewal
- 25 application last summer, and on July 10th, 2015,
- 26 comments and recommendations were provided for the

- 1 Board's consideration in a written memorandum.
- Before this hearing, the Department made a final
- 3 written submission on outstanding issues on March 30th,
- 4 2016, and these are what we will present here.
- 5 The reviews and submissions described in the
- 6 previous slide as well as many discussions have led
- 7 Indigenous and Northern Affairs to form the position
- 8 stated on this slide. The Department's concern is that
- 9 the Applicant needs to update their spill contingency
- 10 plan before it can support issuance of a renewed
- 11 licence and that our comments be considered for the
- 12 renewed licence:
- 13 We now move on to outstanding issues from our
- 14 final review, and as Scott presented in the outline,
- 15 there are four issues we wish to bring forward, and
- 16 each is on a separate slide.
- 17 The licensee requested several changes to the
- 18 monitoring requirements associated with the expired
- 19 water licence, as Paul went over in detail during the
- 20 City's presentation today.
- The Department supports these changes with two
- 22 exceptions presented on these slides, and since
- 23 submitting this presentation, we've met with the
- 24 Applicant and come to agreement on both of these
- 25 issues, which as Paul mentioned when discussing the
- 26 Chart Number 1, Table Number 1.

- 1 So the first is monitoring of Lake Geraldine raw
- 2 water at Station IQA-01. The expired licence requires
- 3 monthly sampling during open-water season for routine
- 4 and potable water parameters. The Applicant's initial
- 5 position was for this requirement to be removed, and
- 6 the Department recommended that this sampling
- 7 requirement be kept because it will provide information
- 8 on the quality of the water source and whether
- 9 protection measures in place are adequate.
- 10 The Department notes that the Applicant provided
- 11 data on raw water quality in its latest annual report
- 12 for 2015 submitted this spring and appreciates this
- 13 sharing of information.
- 14 The Applicant currently samples raw water from
- 15 Lake Geraldine for their operations. A monitoring
- 16 requirement, which we understood to be mutually
- 17 agreeable, would be for the Applicant to report the
- 18 results of raw water quality sampling done for
- 19 operational reasons with a minimum of two samples a
- 20 year.
- 21 The parameters reported in 2015 were those in
- 22 routine and potable water test groups defined in the
- 23 expired licence with the exception of acidity,
- 24 oxidation reduction potential, and temperature.
- The Department recommends that the frequency
- 26 requirement for monitoring Station IQA-01, Lake

- 1 Geraldine raw water, be modified to something more
- 2 flexible. It might read one sample for operation
- 3 requirements with a minimum of two samples a year.
- 4 The second point under monitoring requirements is
- 5 about West 40 landfill monitoring stations. Sean
- 6 brought this up with a question, and the following
- 7 states our support for what Paul responded to earlier
- 8 today.
- 9 The expired licence includes Monitoring Station
- 10 IQA-08 and IQA-08(#). IQA-08 is defined as a final
- 11 discharge point of the West 40 landfill, and IQA-08(#)
- 12 is not explicitly defined. The location is to be
- 13 provided in accordance with Part E, Item 17; Part F,
- 14 Item 10; and Part I, Item 4 for the entire West 40
- 15 landfill site.
- 16 In part, these items refer to the water licence
- 17 monitoring program submitted to June 2008. In the
- 18 chart of proposed changes to Schedule C, as mentioned
- 19 by Sean, as Station IQA-08(#) is omitted. The
- 20 Department is of the opinion that this station should
- 21 be kept in the renewed licence.
- 22 Two monitoring station locations at West 40
- 23 landfill were agreed upon and are described in a letter
- 24 the Applicant submitted on February 5th, 2016. The
- 25 Department recommends that these two stations be
- included as IQA-08(#) or its equivalent, because they

- 1 will allow us to monitor the effectiveness of the
- 2 drainage management measures for keeping landfill
- 3 runoff and leaching contained within the landfill.
- 4 The next outstanding issue is the disposal of pond
- 5 sludge, which was touched upon by Anne in the
- 6 presentation just previous to ours. During the
- 7 technical meeting, we discussed the possibility for
- 8 toxic sludge to be found at the bottom of the ponds
- 9 used to contain West 40 landfill runoff and contact
- 10 water from the 2014 firefighting efforts. In a letter
- 11 dated January 29th, 2016, the Applicant states: (as
- 12 read)
- 13 A plan for the disposal of sediment contained
- at the bottom of each pond will be developed
- when the City is preparing for final
- 16 abandonment and restoration of the West 40
- 17 landfill.
- 18 There are presently four ponds at the landfill: The
- 19 detention and retention ponds, which are included in
- 20 the expired licence; and the drafting and bioreactor
- 21 ponds, which were built in 2014 during emergency
- 22 measures for firefighting. While the schedule proposed
- 23 would work for ponds used for the operations of the
- 24 landfill such as the detention, retention, and
- 25 bioreactor ponds, it is problematic for the sediment at
- 26 the bottom of the drafting pond, which is slated to be

- 1 decommissioned in 2016.
- 2 The Department recommends the Applicant be
- 3 required to submit a plan for review for the disposal
- 4 of sediments from the ponds it intends to decommission
- 5 before doing so, and that this include the drafting
- 6 pond.
- 7 The third outstanding issue is their timing of
- 8 plan updates. During the technical meeting and
- 9 prehearing conference, the Nunavut Water Board
- 10 requested that the Applicant update various management
- 11 plans and manuals. In a letter submitted on February
- 12 5th, 2016, and again during this hearing, the Applicant
- 13 proposed a schedule for updates of a list of 15 plans
- 14 and manuals identified by the Water Board.
- The Department is of the opinion that the proposed
- 16 timelines are unrealistically long in the majority of
- 17 cases. We propose tighter timelines for most of the
- 18 plans as described in our final written submission of
- 19 March 30th, 2016. Though we are ready to accept future
- 20 due dates for most plans, INAC considers that the spill
- 21 contingency plan, which includes the sewage lift
- 22 station spill contingency plan as an appendix, must be
- 23 updated before a renewed licence can be issued.
- The latest spill contingency plan available on the
- 25 Nunavut Water Board FTP site was updated in November
- 26 2004. It's not clear if the contact numbers are still

- 1 valid, if the resources for responding to spills are
- 2 still available as described, if these resources are in
- 3 the same location, and if the same chemicals are still
- 4 in use, and their MSDS sheets are unchanged or
- 5 outdated. An updated spill contingency plan will help
- 6 ensure measures are taken to protect the environment,
- 7 as well as workers and residents of the city.
- 8 Since submitting this presentation, we have spoken
- 9 with the Applicant about our expectation for the manual
- 10 and plan updates. We clarified that we do not expect
- 11 them to be rewritten but rather revised to ensure
- 12 information is up to date, modified to include any
- 13 changes to contact information, equipment, or
- 14 procedures, and submitted with a newly dated title
- 15 page.
- 16 We also discussed the fact that we are looking at
- 17 those portions of the manual and plans that are related
- 18 to the water licence. For example, in the landfill
- 19 operation and maintenance manual, the Department is not
- 20 concerned with how many passes a loader must make over
- 21 newly deposited garbage but, rather, that the drainage
- 22 plan is referenced in the manual so that operators are
- 23 aware of its existence, how it works, and its
- 24 importance. Though the updating exercise is not
- 25 trivial, we do not believe it needs to be overly
- lengthy.

- 1 The last outstanding issue is proposed
- 2 modifications to the licence, and these have been
- 3 already discussed in detail. At the Nunavut Water
- 4 Board's request on February 19th, 2016, the Applicant
- 5 provided a copy of the expired water licence with
- 6 changes and modifications they believed should be
- 7 implemented. 38 modifications and removals were
- 8 suggested, and the Applicant went through the list of
- 9 modifications item by item this morning, and we
- 10 appreciate the explanations provided. We respectfully
- 11 disagree with many of them.
- 12 Initially, the Department disagreed with 15 of the
- 13 38 proposed changes for reasons presented in our final
- 14 written submission. Several of these changes are
- 15 removal of items we believe are always relevant and
- should be kept, and for other changes, we have
- 17 suggested modifications to the wording proposed by the
- 18 Applicant. We know that the Applicant retracted one of
- 19 the modifications requested, which was included in our
- 20 list with which we had concerns, and this is
- 21 specifically Part B, Item 6, regarding to translated
- 22 executive summaries.
- 23 Another item which was discussed by the Applicant
- 24 and by Environment Canada as well is Part F, Item 14,
- 25 which relates to the submission of a final design plan
- 26 for the wastewater treatment plant. The Applicant was

- 1 concerned that including a fixed submission date would
- 2 not give them sufficient flexibility, and we agreed it
- 3 would be reasonable for the licence to reference the
- 4 schedule developed with inspectors from Environment and
- 5 Climate Change Canada and the Department, since this
- 6 schedule can be updated to reflect evolving situations.
- 7 We are also of the opinion that the design plans should
- 8 be submitted for information purposes and not for
- 9 approval.
- 10 It has been communicated to us that the
- 11 modifications requested by the Applicant to Part B,
- 12 Items 3 and 4, may be problematic. These items set
- 13 effluent quality criteria for the wastewater treatment
- 14 plant. We would like to clarify the Department's
- opinion with the following three points: Former water
- 16 licences included criteria relating to the discharge of
- 17 the wastewater treatment plant effluent; however, the
- 18 discharge point will be approximately 20 metres above
- 19 the high-water mark of marine water. Based on our
- 20 expertise, the Federal interveners are of the view the
- 21 wastewater discharge at this location will flow into
- 22 the marine environment, and there is no real likelihood
- 23 that it would enter and impact inland waters. For that
- 24 reason, it is our view that this removes the basis for
- 25 having such criteria in this water licence.
- However, because this discharge of wastewater

- 1 would enter and impact marine waters, this is a matter
- 2 to be addressed under the Fisheries Act and to be
- 3 authorized under the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention
- 4 Act. Federal departments will be collaborating with
- 5 the City to work towards compliance with the Fisheries
- 6 Act and getting proper authorizations under the Arctic
- 7 Waters Pollution Prevention Act. The Arctic Waters
- 8 Pollution Prevention Act will require a Federal
- 9 authorization by Indigenous Affairs as well as a
- 10 Territorial authorization under the Public Health Act.
- 11 We recognize that the Board may wish to provide
- 12 advice to the Government respecting marine waters under
- 13 Section 41 of the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface
- 14 Rights Tribunal Act. Should the Board decide to
- 15 provide such advice, we will, of course, take it into
- 16 account when making decisions regarding Federal
- 17 regulations or authorizations of the discharge of the
- 18 City's wastewater treatment plant effluent.
- 19 I will now turn the microphone back to Scott for
- 20 our conclusion.
- 21 MR. BURGESS: Thank you, Sarah. Scott
- 22 Burgess with INAC.
- The Department would like to conclude by stating
- 24 that the Applicant has greatly improved its water
- 25 licence renewal application since its initial
- 26 submission in 2012. We appreciate the efforts of the

- 1 Applicant.
- 2 Since the technical meeting and prehearing
- 3 conference in January, they have provided many
- 4 outstanding documents as requested. Of the four final
- 5 issues discussed in this presentation, the first two
- 6 are administrative issues, and one has been already
- 7 resolved through discussions with the Applicant, and
- 8 some of the issues with the remaining three have also
- 9 been dealt with to some degree.
- 10 The Applicant is proposing a ten-year licence
- 11 term, with which the Department does not have an issue.
- 12 We agree; we support a ten-year licence term. However,
- 13 this is with the understanding that the Applicant will
- 14 be submitting amendments to address three concerns as
- 15 discussed previously today: The inclusion of the
- 16 bioreactor pond at the West 40 landfill in the licence;
- 17 water supplementation for Lake Geraldine reservoir to
- 18 meet growing water needs of the city; and plans for the
- 19 alternative landfill to address the upcoming
- 20 end-of-life West 40 landfill. And these three were
- 21 mentioned as potential amendments by the City of
- 22 Igaluit earlier today.
- 23 In the end, INAC recommends that the renewal
- 24 application be accepted with the consideration of the
- 25 Department's comments and after the Applicant has
- 26 submitted an updated spill contingency plan.

- 1 Thank you, Mr. Chairman and the Board, and that
- 2 concludes INAC's presentation.
- 3 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Scott, Sarah, and
- 4 Justin.
- 5 Questions to INAC by the Applicant, City of
- 6 Igaluit?
- 7 Questioning of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- 8 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 9 Igaluit.
- 10 One of the issues that -- outstanding issues that
- 11 Indigenous and Northern Affairs mentioned was the
- 12 updates to the spill contingency plan, and I was hoping
- 13 you would bring that up actually, give me an
- 14 opportunity to ask about it, but you've more or less
- 15 explained at our meeting previously. I just wanted to
- 16 sort of get it on record here.
- 17 So just to confirm the updates that sort of you're
- 18 envisioning are those to do with updating contact lists
- 19 and if there's been any procedural changes between the
- 20 2004 plan and to date and not necessarily wholesale,
- 21 complete rewrite of the plan; is this correct?
- 22 MS. FORTE: Yes, I would add checking the
- 23 MSDS sheets, if they are updated. And the -- just a
- 24 sec here -- sewage lift station spill contingency plan
- 25 was to be an appendix of the spill contingency plan,
- 26 and it isn't presently. So that appendix would have to

- 1 be created.
- 2 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 3 Iqaluit.
- 4 So in terms of timelines for providing an update
- 5 to the spill contingency plan in consideration of what
- 6 you've asked to be included and the City's
- 7 understanding of what "update" means, would it be
- 8 acceptable to set a timeline or to just simply say the
- 9 issuance of the licence is contingent upon receiving
- 10 that spill contingency plan, or would you prefer to
- 11 have a timeline attached to it, an actual date or
- 12 number of days?
- 13 MR. BURGESS: Scott Burgess with INAC.
- 14 Given the time frame of the Nunavut Water Board
- 15 processes, what would you consider to be a reasonable
- 16 timeline to submit a plan to us?
- 17 MR. HAMP: Thank you, this is Matthew
- 18 Hamp, City of Iqaluit.
- 19 We would consider 30 calendar days from today or,
- 20 I guess, the end of this public hearing, so tomorrow,
- 21 to be a reasonable time frame to provide that
- 22 information to you, and that's just taking into
- 23 consideration our capacity to take on that, recognizing
- it's not a huge amount of work; it's just something we
- 25 have to account for.
- 26 MR. BURGESS: Scott Burgess with INAC.

- 1 We're fine with that; that works for us.
- 2 MR. HAMP: Just had one more question
- 3 with regards to tighter timelines than those proposed
- 4 by the Applicant for most other plan updates.
- 5 As mentioned, our capacity to take on these types
- 6 of changes is fairly limited, but understanding that
- 7 the updates aren't wholesale rewrites of plans, I'd
- 8 like to suggest another timeline for each one that
- 9 we've recommended, 180 days perhaps, 60 days from
- 10 issuance of the licence to have that group of plans
- 11 updated as identified in the letter to the Board of
- 12 February 5th, 2016, Table 1, "Schedule For Submission
- of Updated Plans".
- 14 Just an added clarification here -- this is
- 15 Matthew of the City of Iqaluit -- of course, that would
- 16 not include Number 8, since we're speaking of providing
- 17 that before the licence.
- And for 5(b), sewage lagoon operation and
- 19 maintenance manual, we'd like to suggest that we keep
- 20 that at 180 days just because we have to draft that
- 21 from scratch more or less, whereas the other plans are
- 22 updates.
- 23 MS. FORTE: Sarah Forte with INAC.
- What do you propose to do for all those plans
- 25 where you wrote "To be determined"?
- 26 Hi, Sarah Forte here with INAC.

- 1 Perhaps it would be easier to go through them one
- 2 by one.
- 3 MR. HAMP: It's Matthew Hamp from the
- 4 City of Iqaluit.
- We're just going through each one, one by one, and
- 6 then we'll --
- 7 MS. FORTE: Okay.
- 8 MR. HAMP: -- do that through the mic.
- 9 THE CHAIR: Before questions, comments,
- 10 maybe we can have a 5-minute break, is that possible
- 11 while you are at it maybe?
- 12 MR. HAMP: We can probably continue now
- 13 if that's okay.
- 14 THE CHAIR: Okay.
- 15 MR. HAMP: This is Matthew Hamp, City of
- 16 Igaluit.
- 17 So I'll just go through one by one. So on Table
- 18 1, "Schedule For Submission of Updated Management
- 19 Plans", on Number 1, "Lake Geraldine water balance
- 20 assessment", we felt that this was not applicable to
- 21 this licence. Number 2, "Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 22 Operation and Maintenance Manual", this would be
- 23 provided with the upgrades to the facility. I'll go
- 24 through those ones quickly.
- Number 3, "Iqaluit's Sewage Sludge Management
- 26 Composting Pilot Project Report", we looked at this as

- 1 being a fairly quick update, so we're suggesting 60
- 2 days from issuance of the licence.
- The "City of Igaluit Solid Waste Management Plan",
- 4 again, we're not anticipating too many major updates to
- 5 that, so in line with our discussion, so it's, again,
- 6 60 days upon issuance of the licence.
- 7 Similarly, the "Iqaluit Landfill Operations and
- 8 Maintenance Manual", 60 days from issuance of the
- 9 licence.
- The "Sewage Lagoon Operation and Maintenance
- 11 Manual", we could likely reduce that to 120 days, if
- 12 that's amenable to Indigenous and Northern Affairs and
- 13 the Board. The operation and maintenance manual to
- 14 include open burning or incineration. There's an
- 15 information-gathering stage that needs to be completed
- 16 for the incineration portion. It's not -- the City
- 17 hasn't committed to operating that way. They may,
- 18 based on the results of our feasibility options
- 19 analysis, or they may not, so it's not something that
- 20 the City has committed to. Once that's sorted out, we
- 21 could come up with some sort of timeline to provide the
- 22 update, if it's chosen, but it's really just at an
- 23 information-gathering stage right now.
- In terms of the use of the burn box, I would
- 25 suggest 60 days to include some kind of plan, include
- 26 that into the operations and maintenance manual from

- 1 issuance of the licence.
- Number 6, "West 40 Drainage Management Review",
- 3 again, we're not anticipating that would have too many
- 4 major changes, so again, 60 days from issuance of the
- 5 licence. And, of course, we've spoken of the City of
- 6 Igaluit's spill contingency plan, and we will provide
- 7 that prior to issuance of the licence in 30 days of the
- 8 end of this hearing.
- 9 Similarly, Number 8, that falls as an appendix to
- 10 the spill contingency plan, which would be provided at
- 11 the same time as the plan, 30 days from the end of this
- 12 hearing.
- 13 City of Iqaluit Water Licence Monitoring program,
- 14 again, we don't anticipate too many major changes in
- 15 the short term, so we'll provide that within 60 days.
- 16 In the longer term, depending on whether this major
- 17 change is to the criteria, that we may have to issue
- 18 another update at some point in the future, so just be
- 19 aware of that.
- 20 City of Iqaluit Quality Assurance/Quality Control
- 21 plan, again, not anticipating major changes, so 60 days
- 22 would be acceptable upon issuance of the licence.
- 23 And I believe we've covered the landfill
- 24 decommissioning, which is 11 and 12 really, that would
- 25 be issued one year prior to final decommissioning of
- 26 the West 40 landfill site.

- 1 And then the last one on the list, the Water
- 2 Treatment Plan Operation and Maintenance manual, we
- 3 felt that this was not applicable to the scope of the
- 4 licence, so we asked for that to be -- or we just noted
- 5 that it was not applicable. I think that's it.
- 6 MS. FORTE: Sarah Forte here with INAC.
- We'd like to say that we agree with those new
- 8 schedules you've proposed with one exception, and that
- 9 would be Plans 11 and 12. We would like to see a date
- 10 associated with those just to make sure that it does
- 11 get in, and we're open to discuss that date, but we
- 12 would propose perhaps December 2017, because you'd said
- 13 it was to be decommissioned in 2018.
- 14 MR. HAMP: Matthew Hamp, City of Iqaluit.
- 15 If it's amenable to Indigenous and Northern
- 16 Affairs, we'd like some time to review our plans just
- 17 to make sure we don't commit to a date that's not
- 18 achievable, but in principle, it sounds reasonable.
- 19 THE CHAIR: City of Iqaluit, any more
- 20 questions to Indigenous and Northern Affairs?
- 21 Thank you, City of Iqaluit. Seem to be almost
- done.
- 23 Questions to Indigenous and Northern Affairs
- 24 Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans?
- 25 MR. JANUSZ: Richard Janusz, Fisheries and
- 26 Oceans Canada.

- 1 No questions at this time.
- 2 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 3 Questions to Indigenous and Northern Affairs
- 4 Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada?
- 5 MR. SUMMERFIELD: Bradley Summerfield with
- 6 Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- 7 We have no questions.
- 8 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Members of the
- 9 public, questions to INAC?
- 10 Questions to Indigenous and Northern Affairs
- 11 Canada, Nunavut Water Board staff?
- 12 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 13 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- I do have a question to Indigenous and Northern
- 15 Affairs Canada, and perhaps, Mr. Burgess, I know that
- 16 you can probably respond initially, but seeing as your
- 17 legal counsel has been patiently waiting on the line, I
- 18 would also like to have him weigh in on this one as
- 19 well.
- 20 You referenced in your presentation that there is
- 21 a process for regulating the marine discharge under the
- 22 Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act and the Arctic
- 23 Waters Pollution Regulations, and so I'm hoping that
- 24 you're able to explain for the Board just a little bit,
- 25 give an outline sort of how that might work.
- And like I said, certainly we can hear from the

- 1 people here, and then if Mr. Landa wants to weigh in on
- 2 that as well, we would very much appreciate it. So
- 3 thank you.
- 4 MR. HACK: Hi, it's Justin Hack with
- 5 INAC, and I'll respond to that question.
- 6 So similarly to the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut
- 7 Surface Rights Tribunal Act, there is a prohibition in
- 8 the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act that states
- 9 that no waste is to be deposited into Arctic waters
- 10 without an authorization. Depending on the type of
- 11 waste that is to be discharged into an Arctic water --
- 12 and in that Act, "Arctic water" is defined as, simply
- 13 put, marine waters, Arctic marine waters -- if it's
- 14 domestic waste, if the body that issues the
- 15 authorization is the Government of Nunavut through
- 16 their Public Health Ordinance Act, and if it's an
- 17 industrial waste and, depending on the source of the
- 18 industrial waste, that waste would be authorized to be
- 19 discharged into an Arctic water by either the
- 20 Territorial Lands Act, the Federal Real Property Act.
- 21 I don't know the exact Act, but we're not responsible
- 22 for enforcing that Act, and also the oil and gas --
- 23 what's it called?
- 24 MS. FORTE: I don't know.
- 25 MR. HACK: Another Act that we don't
- 26 enforce, but it's the Oil and Gas Act, and I can

- 1 reference it later, but the one that is relevant to
- 2 INAC would be the Territorial Lands Act, and they could
- 3 get an authorization to discharge an industrial waste
- 4 to Arctic waters through that Act.
- 5 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 6 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 7 Perhaps, Mr. Landa, if you're still on the line,
- 8 we can maybe reference you to backfill some of the gaps
- 9 that maybe were in that explanation.
- 10 Thank you Mr. Chair.
- 11 MR. LANDA: It's Ken Landa, and I can
- 12 probably add a little bit to Justin's answer, but I
- think he did a good job with the overview.
- 14 He started with the prohibition. The prohibition
- 15 requires a permission to avoid there being a
- 16 contravention. There are two categories of waste, and
- 17 so I'm going to start making some reference now to the
- 18 statutes and the regulations themselves.
- 19 The prohibition on the deposit of waste is in the
- 20 Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act itself, and
- 21 you'll find the prohibition in Section 4. Under the
- 22 authority of that same Act, there is a regulation
- 23 passed called the Arctic Water Pollution Prevention
- 24 Regulation.
- That regulation, you'll see in Sections 5 and 6,
- 26 treats domestic waste and industrial waste differently.

- 1 Those are defined. The definitions are pretty clear.
- 2 And I've had trouble hearing parts of the hearing, so I
- 3 don't know what the evidence is, and I'll tell you what
- 4 I have is an assumption is that the effluent stream
- 5 combines both domestic and industrial waste based on my
- 6 understanding of the definitions. I want to be clear,
- 7 I haven't heard the evidence on that; it's simply an
- 8 assumption on my part.
- 9 The deposit of domestic waste can be authorized
- 10 into the marine environment, directly or indirectly,
- 11 can be authorized, as Justin said, under the Public
- 12 Health Act or a regulation thereunder, and you'll see
- 13 that in Section 5 of the Arctic Waters Pollution
- 14 Prevention Regulation.
- The specifics of the process used by the GN and
- 16 the specifics of the Public Health Act is not something
- 17 I've looked into individually directly. For industrial
- 18 waste, you'll see that's dealt with under Section 6.
- 19 And there are -- there is a reference there to three
- 20 different Acts that could potentially apply in
- 21 different circumstances. The only one relevant,
- 22 because of the geography we're dealing with, Igaluit,
- 23 as well as the source of the waste, the only relevant
- 24 statute is the Territorial Lands Act.
- 25 Under that Act, the Minister of Indigenous Affairs
- 26 has the authority to enter into agreements, and it's

- 1 under that authority that I would expect the City of
- 2 Iqaluit would be applying for an agreement to be
- 3 entered into between Igaluit and the Minister of
- 4 Indigenous Affairs representing her Majesty in Right of
- 5 Canada, and that agreement would allow and set
- 6 parameters, constraints on the deposit of waste in a
- 7 place where it would predictably run into marine
- 8 waters.
- 9 I'll stop there to make sure that I'm answering
- 10 the question that you have asked and to see if you have
- 11 any follow-up.
- 12 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 13 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 14 Thank you, Mr. Landa, that was the basis of my
- 15 question.
- 16 I guess the follow-up to that is actually to the
- 17 City of Iqaluit in terms of their understanding of the
- 18 regulatory process. My understanding is is that this
- 19 is a fairly new -- as much as the legislation has been
- 20 in place for quite some time, this is a fairly new
- 21 approach to the regulation of this marine discharge.
- 22 And so my question to the City of Iqaluit as
- 23 follow-up is whether or not they are aware of the
- 24 process and the likely regulation of the marine
- 25 discharge that's being proposed right now by Indigenous
- 26 and Northern Affairs Canada.

- 1 MR. HAMP: Matthew Hamp, representing the
- 2 City of Iqaluit.
- We've been in many discussions with Indigenous and
- 4 Northern Affairs Canada as well as Environment and
- 5 Climate Change Canada on this issue, and we feel we
- 6 have a good understanding of how it would be regulated.
- 7 I would like to just clarify something or maybe
- 8 it's a question to be clarified. As I understand it,
- 9 an industrial waste is wastewater from an industrial
- 10 process. If that's the understanding in this room,
- 11 what that is, the City of Igaluit does not collect
- 12 industrial wastewater. There aren't industrial
- 13 processes occurring right now in Iqaluit. That's not
- 14 to say it wouldn't happen in the future. There's no,
- 15 you know, manufacturing industries or that sort of
- 16 thing. So just -- that's just a point of clarification
- 17 there.
- But in terms of understanding the process, we have
- 19 been learning it through the course of this licence
- 20 application process and through the course of the
- 21 quarterly meetings with both Indigenous and Northern
- 22 Affairs and Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- 23 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 24 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- Thank you, Mr. Landa, that's the end of my
- 26 questions. I believe Sean has some additional

- 1 technical questions. Thank you.
- 2 MR. LANDA: Mr. Chair, again, may I have
- 3 your permission just to follow up on that?
- 4 THE CHAIR: Can you repeat, Mr. Landa?
- 5 MR. LANDA: I'm asking your permission if
- 6 I could please follow up on what was just said about
- 7 industrial waste.
- 8 THE CHAIR: Yeah, go ahead.
- 9 MR. LANDA: Thank you. So again, being
- 10 careful to just say that I have made some assumptions
- 11 and don't know the actual evidence, I thought it would
- 12 be helpful if I explained the basis of my assumption
- 13 that there is industrial waste in the effluent stream.
- 14 Industrial effluent, you can refer to definitions
- 15 in Section 3 of the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention
- 16 Regulation, industrial waste is, as we just mentioned,
- 17 defined as waste, any waste produced by or arising from
- 18 an industrial operation, but the regulation goes on to
- 19 provide a definition of industrial operation that's
- 20 quite broad. It says: (as read)
- 21 Industrial operation means any undertaking
- 22 carried on for commercial purposes that
- includes any process of industry,
- 24 manufacture, trade, or business, or explored
- for developing or exploiting any natural
- resource.

- 1 But I don't think it's necessary for the Board to spend
- 2 a lot of time on this, because, of course, we are
- 3 talking about the marine environment here, and I think
- 4 the jurisdictional issues have been well canvassed.
- 5 It's simply an assumption of mine that there are
- 6 businesses processing materials, whether it's in food
- 7 services, et cetera, that do feed into the waste
- 8 system. If that assumption is wrong, of course, we'll
- 9 have to reconsider that, but there is a basis for the
- 10 assumption that I felt it was important to state, and I
- 11 think that's probably as far as this topic needs to go.
- 12 THE CHAIR: Teresa?
- 13 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Teresa
- 14 Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Water Board.
- 15 Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you for that
- 16 clarification, Mr. Landa. I have nothing further.
- 17 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any more
- 18 questions, comments from staff?
- 19 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's
- 20 Sean Joseph at NWB.
- I would like for INAC to explain a little bit
- 22 about the most recent inspection that was done for the
- 23 City of Igaluit. In that inspection, a number of items
- 24 were identified, and a number of recommendations made,
- 25 in particular, recommendations with regard to potential
- 26 leak of the transmission main from the Lake Geraldine

- 1 to the water treatment plant. There were issues
- 2 related to the ash generated from the burn box or burn
- 3 barn that the City used to compost its waste.
- 4 So in terms of the commitments or the
- 5 recommendations made by INAC, would INAC be able to
- 6 confirm with us whether or not it would be providing
- 7 copies of these submissions that it's requesting from
- 8 the City in those recommendations?
- 9 MR. HACK: Hi, it's Justin Hack from
- 10 INAC.
- I will forward on the plans that I have requested
- 12 and the updates related to the areas of concern related
- 13 to my inspection that occurred on April 11th.
- 14 MR. JOSEPH: Thank you, INAC. Sean Joseph
- 15 at NWB.
- 16 I have just a comment to make with respect to the
- 17 commitments that INAC sought from the City of Iqaluit
- 18 with regards to the spill contingency plan being
- 19 provided 30 days from the date of the public hearing.
- One of the things we may want to keep in mind is
- 21 that, within that time frame, the Board would be
- 22 considering its decision on whether or not to issue a
- 23 licence for the undertaking or for the application, and
- 24 so that would mean that we would be receiving a plan
- 25 within that time frame when it is being considered and,
- therefore, not be able to capture in any potential

- 1 licence that the Board may issue if the decision is
- 2 late to arrive.
- 3 So I'm just wanting to bear in mind in terms of
- 4 firming up of the timelines for submission for some of
- 5 these management plans.
- 6 Thank you, Mr. Chair. That would be all.
- 7 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any more questions
- 8 from staff? Thank you.
- 9 Questions to INAC from the Board, Nunavut Water
- 10 Board Members?
- 11 MR. TOOMASIE: I don't have one.
- 12 THE CHAIR: I will just move on. And we
- 13 will be reconvening for the community session tonight.
- 14 Back here at the hall at 7 PM. See you all later
- 15 tonight.
- 16
- 17 PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED UNTIL 7:00 PM
- 18 _____
- 19 Community Session
- 20 THE CHAIR: Looks like we're going to
- 21 adjourn tonight and come back at 9 tomorrow morning.
- 22 No public hearing tonight, I guess. The community
- 23 didn't show up.
- 24 Should we have a closing remark or -- closing
- 25 statement at 9. Then we're done for now.
- 26 Goodbye.

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