

File No.: 3AM-IQA1626

January 25, 2021

To: Iqaluit Distribution List

Re: Closure of the Public Hearing Record in Respect of the Written Public Hearing Associated with the Nunavut Water Board's Processing of An Amendment Application for Water Licence 3AM-IQA1626 filed by the City of Iqaluit to Construct and Operate a New Solid Waste Management Facilities

Dear Parties.

This correspondence provides advice and direction regarding next steps in the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) processing of the Application for Amendment to the Type "A" Water Licence 3AM-IQA1626, received by the Board from the City of Iqaluit (City or Applicant) on April 9, 2020 (the Application). The Application seeks authorization to construct and operate a new Solid Waste Management Facilities for the City's municipal Undertaking, as classified under the *Nunavut Water Regulations*¹. The Board's direction reflects the Board's receipt of final written submissions from the Applicant on January 19, 2021, and from the interveners, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) on January 11, 2021, outlining:

- all technical issues discussed during their review of the Application;
- identifying technical issues that have been resolved amongst the parties during the Board's review of the Application; and
- providing information regarding terms and conditions that could be included if the NWB recommends that a Type "A" Water Licence be granted as requested in the Application.

On January 21, 2021, by email correspondence, the Applicant confirmed that they have no additional information to submit in response to the final written submissions of the Interveners. On this basis, the Board has decided that all information required for the NWB to consider the

¹ Nunavut Water Regulations, SOR/2013-69, Schedule 1.

Application has now been filed and the Board will consider the Application submitted by the City of Iqaluit and technical written submissions filed to date by CIRNA and ECCC.

The Board has placed this information on its public registry and these materials are now included as an addition to the Record for the NWB's file in respect of the City of Iqaluit Application. Access to this information is made available through the NWB's ftp site using the following link:

ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/3%20MUNICIPAL/3A/3AM%20-%20Municipality/3AM-IQA1626/2%20ADMIN/4%20HEARINGS/2%20HEARING/

The Board wishes to advise all interested parties that the Hearing Record for the NWB's Public Hearing, conducted in writing, to consider the City of Iqaluit's Type "A" Water Licence Amendment Application for 3AM-IQA1626 is now <u>CLOSED</u>. Accordingly, no additional evidence in respect of the Application may be filed with the Board and the Hearing Record will consist solely of the documentation filed on or in advance of January 21, 2021.

Now that the Hearing Record has closed, the Application has been remitted to the Panel who will, in due course (typically within 30-45 days), issue a Decision Report to the Minister of Northern Affairs. In the Decision Report, the NWB will provide a recommendation to the Minister regarding whether or not to grant a Type "A" Water Licence Amendment as requested by the Applicant. If the Board's decision is to recommend that the Amendment to the Type "A" Water Licence be issued, the Board will also attach a copy of the Water Licence Amendment to the Decision Report for the review of the Minister.

Now that the Panel is engaged in deliberations, the Board will not provide any further comment regarding the Application until the Board publicly issues the Panel's decision. In closing, the Board extends its thanks to the Applicant, CIRNA and ECCC for their participation during the NWB's consideration of this Application, including providing the Board with technical review comments, and identifying concerns and issues during the teleconference Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference.

Sincerely,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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