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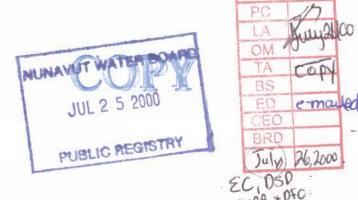
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July 6, 2000.

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Follow-up on resident's concerns

Early last month, I was contacted by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) in regards to concerns voiced by a resident of Iqaluit. However, as snow condition at the time prevented an adequate assessment of the associated sites, I have only recently been able to fully follow-up on the matter. Please accept this letter as notification of the following considerations relating to modifications/alterations to the flow of town watercourses, and provide this office with sufficient information so that I may formulate an adequate response in a timely manner.

- Modification of a water body: Lakeshore construction appears to infringe on the bank of the small pond/lake across from Aqsarniit School (see figure 1). Concerns were raised in relation to a drop in the water level, to contingency planning for spills of construction and/or residential waste into the water body, and to the partial infilling of the lake/pond.
- Alteration of the flow of water: The drainage of the above lake/pond has been diverted from its apparent natural flow, heading towards Catherine Lake (the old secondary municipal water source), to a culvert under the Apex road and Tundra Valley beyond. In addition, a drainage ditch (figure 2) now diverts the flow from the new subdivision towards Catherine Lake (figure 3).

As previously stated, this office would most welcome an appropriate status report concerning the topics raised by the present correspondence. Indeed, both the modification/alteration of the flow of watercourses and the construction of structures intended to divert water lie within the terms and conditions of the town's Water Licence.

On the same token, this office hereby reminds the Licensee that the 1999 Annual Report requirements of monthly and yearly quantities of fresh water obtained and waste discharged, as well as numerous other time-sensitive Water Licence terms and conditions, to this date remain outstanding.

Please feel free to contact me at (867) 975-4298 or lavalleep@inac.gc.ca if any questions/comments arise.

Sincerely,

Philippe Lavallée

Water Resources Officer INAC, Nunavut District

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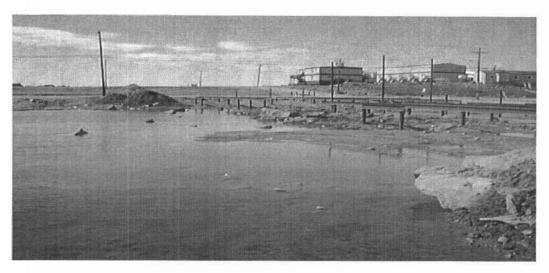


figure 1. Lakeshore construction; July 5, 2000.



figure 2. Drainage ditch; July 5, 2000.

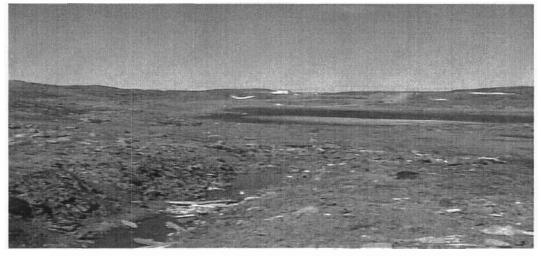


figure 3. Drainage to Catherine Lake; July 5, 2000.