

RE: IQALUIT-#1256124-v1-Carney_Creek_inspection_2019

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Wed, Jul 17, 2019 at 8:50 AM

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Good Morning Matthew,

Thank you for the response, I also understand you spoke with Justin, who gave you some information related to Carney Creek and some of the concerns at the North 40 site.

In the draft report, my intention was not to address those concerns of the North 40, except for the withdrawal of water from that area. I understand the complexity and history of this area, and I agree that we should sit down with the different stakeholders to develop an approach to address it in the near future.

In my report, I was specifically addressing the concerns I had with the area of Carney Creek and the withdrawal of water from the North 40. Some of the questions I would like addressed:

- How long has the withdrawal of water been occurring?
- Has sampling been done prior to the usage of water for dust suppression?
- Who authorized this?

As for your concern with the Licence, I will do my best to explain. The city is granted a Licence to use water for municipal purposes, but the source of water is specified. If you would like to withdraw from any other source (i.e. Apex River or North 40), you will require an amendment by the NWB.

As for Carney Creek, I think it's best if we conduct a site visit together so I can show you my concerns with waste affecting water. I think the work that is required to rectify this situation is fully within your capabilities and responsibilities as the municipality.

Can we meet Mor	nday, July 22, 2019	to visit the areas	of concern
Regards,			

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Hi Jonathan,

I agree that there may be a risk to using the water from Carney Creek as a result of the potential for contamination from the Federal dump site. As such, I propose that the City undertake a characterization of the creek water and a limited risk assessment of the use of the water on roadways for dust suppression to help inform

our actions in response to this event.

I do have concerns regarding other aspects of the inspection report though. The large dump in the North 40 lands is a legacy waste site that is a holdover from past Federal land uses. The implication of the inspection report is that the City is being ordered to clean up a Federal waste site. This is a complex issue that requires many partners in addressing. The City could certainly project-manage a clean-up in this area, but addressing the issue ultimately comes down to responsibility and to funding. Maybe we can arrange a meeting between CIRNAC, the GN, and the City to develop a strategy to move forward on this. Let me know what you think about this approach.

Regarding the use of water for dust suppression, it is the City's opinion that as the Nunavut Waters Regulations defines a Municipal Undertaking as "A waste disposal or water system for a municipality", that water use for dust suppression does not fall under the water licence as a regulated water use. While this type of water use may be regulated under *other* legislation, we feel it is not something that falls under the City's water licence.

I would welcome any opportunity to discuss any of the above with you further.

Best Regards,

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Hello,

Attached is a report of an inspection of Carney Creek and the unauthorized usage of potentially contaminated water from the North Forty dump site.

This is your chance to review it and provide comments prior to me submitting it to the NWB, if you would like to have a meeting regarding the concerns identified in this report we can meet anytime this week.

Regards,

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