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Lootie Toomasie
Chair
Nunavut Water Board
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Dear Mr. Toomasie:

Thank you for the Nunavut Water Board's correspondence of August 22, 2022, received by the Department on August 23, 2022, conveying the Board's Reasons for Decision and the issued amendment (Amendment No. 7) to the City of Iqaluit's existing type A water licence 3AM-IQA1626 for my consideration.

I understand that, on August 18, 2022, the acting Minister of Community and Government Services for the Government of Nunavut, under her section 11 *Emergency Measures Act* authority, declared a state of emergency, citing low water levels in the City reservoir that place the health of Iqaluit residents at risk.

As requested, considering the time sensitive nature of the situation, I have expedited my review, pursuant to subsection 56(2) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, and am pleased to inform you that I consent to the Nunavut Water Board's processing of the City of Iqaluit's Amendment No. 7 Application on an emergency basis, and that I approve the issuance of Amendment No. 7, as recommended by the Nunavut Water Board. The signed original is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Hon. Daniel Vandal, P.C., M.P.

Encl.

c.c.: Ms. Stephanie Autut