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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: 3AM-IQA1626
Short Term Renewal

April 21, 2026

Honourable Rebecca Chartrand
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Subject: Type A Water Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626 – City of Iqaluit Project; Short Term Renewal

Dear Honourable Minister Chartrand,

Please find enclosed, for your review and approval, the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) Decision regarding a Short Term Renewal Application (STR Application) filed by the City of Iqaluit (City or Applicant) under s. 9(1)(b) of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*,¹ SOR/2013-69 (*Regulations*) seeking the short term renewal (up to 180 days) of type A Water Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626 (the Existing Water Licence) which is set to expire on June 16, 2026. The purpose of the STR Application is to ensure that if the NWB's and the Minister's consideration of City's application for the long-term (20 year requested by City) renewal of the Existing Water Licence (full Renewal Application) is not completed by June 16, 2026, the Short-Term Renewal Water Licence (STR Water Licence) will bridge the gap between the expiry of the Existing Water Licence and completion of the NWB's and Minister's consideration and decision-making in relation to the full Renewal Application (and if recommended by the NWB and approved by the Minister, the issuance of a long-term renewed licence).

As set out in more detail in the attached Decision, the Existing Water Licence was issued to the City by the NWB on June 17, 2016, and was subsequently approved by the Minister on July 19, 2016. The Applicant filed an application for the full renewal of the Existing Water Licence on December 31, 2025. Since the NWB is bound by the timelines set in the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (*NWNSRTA* or *Act*) for the processing of a type A application,

¹ This section of the *Regulations* authorizes the NWB to process an application for the short-term (up to 180 days) extension of the term of a Type A Water Licence without a Public Hearing.

the issuance of the full renewal licence may not be possible before the expiry of the Existing Water Licence. Therefore, the NWB advised the City to submit an STR Application to bridge any potential gap between the expiry of the Existing Water Licence and the issuance and approval of the long-term renewed licence.

On March 13, 2026 the Board received the STR Application from the City requesting a short-term renewal of the Existing Water Licence on the following basis:

- No changes to the Existing Water Licence (administrative or otherwise) are being requested by the City of Iqaluit;
- The term of the STR Water Licence would not exceed 180 days from the date on which the Existing Water Licence expires (June 16, 2026), and the STR Water Licence would expire on the earlier of December 13, 2026 OR the Minister's completion of decision-making for the full Renewal Application (and if approved by the Minister, the issuance of a long-term renewed licence);
- No plans, studies, reports, or designs would be submitted in support of the STR Application as this information has already been provided, or will be provided during the Board's processing of the full Renewal Application; and
- The NWB's consideration of the full renewal application would continue in as timely and efficient manner as possible.

The NWB published notice of the STR Application on March 16, 2026 and commenced a thirty (30) day technical review period, which closed on April 15, 2026. No comments, other than confirmation that parties did not have comments, were received in relation to the STR Application by the deadline. On April 17, 2026, by **Motion No: 2026-01-P6-03**, the duly appointed three-member Panel of the Board (Panel P6) responsible for dealing with the City of Iqaluit type A Water Licence, including the STR Application, authorized the issuance of the STR Water Licence upon receipt of Nunavut Planning Commission confirmation of conformity, which only amends the Expiry Date of the Existing Water Licence, adding a further term of up to a maximum of 180 days from June 16, 2026 (December 13, 2026).

In accordance with s. 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 10, the issuance of the STR Licence requires your approval and as such, the NWB submits the attached Decision and Licence for your consideration.

Should you have any questions and/or require clarification on the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing.

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie
Chair, Nunavut Water Board

LT/kk/rqd

Attach: Short Term Renewal Licence and Reasons for Decision
cc: Iqaluit Distribution List

SHORT TERM RENEWAL LICENCE

Licensee:	CITY OF IQALUIT
Licence No:	3AM-IQA1626 / Type A
Licence Issued:	June 17, 2016
Minister Approval of Licence:	July 16, 2026
Emergency Amendment No. 1 Issuance:	August 14, 2018
Minister Approval of Amendment No. 1	August 16, 2018
Emergency Amendment No. 2 Issuance:	July 22, 2019
Emergency Amendment No. 3 Issuance:	August 02, 2019
Minister Approval of Amendment No. 3	August 09, 2019
Amendment No. 4 Issuance:	September 04, 2019
Minister Approval of Amendment No. 4	November 29, 2019
Amendment No. 5 Issuance:	March 15, 2021
Minister Approval of Amendment No. 5	April 22, 2021
Emergency Amendment No. 6 Issuance:	October 15, 2021
Minister Approval of Amendment No. 6	October 15, 2021
Emergency Amendment No. 7 Issuance:	August 22, 2022
Minister Approval of Amendment No. 7	August 26, 2022
STR Licence Expiry	The STR Licence expires on the earlier of December 13, 2026 OR the Minister's completion of decision-making for the full Renewal Application (and if approved by the Minister, the issuance of a long-term renewed licence)

Pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada* and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, with respect to an application for the short-term renewal licence received from the City of Iqaluit (City or Applicant or Licensee) on March 13, 2026 for the City of Iqaluit Project and the Reasons for Decision issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) on that application, the NWB hereby issues this Short Term Renewal to Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626 as follows:



NUNAVUT WATER BOARD WATER LICENCE RENEWAL (SHORT TERM)

Pursuant to the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*, the Nunavut Water Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to

CITY OF IQALUIT

(Licensee)

1085 MIVVIK STREET, P.O. BOX 460, IQALUIT, NU X0A 0H0

(Mailing Address)

hereinafter called the Licensee, the right to alter, divert or otherwise use water or dispose of waste for a period subject to restrictions and conditions contained within this Licence amendment:

Licence Number/Type: **3AM-IQA1626 TYPE A**

Water Management Area: **FROBISHER BAY WATERSHED (53)**

Location: **CITY OF IQALUIT, QIKIQTANI REGION, NUNAVUT**

Classification: **MUNICIPAL UNDERTAKING**

Purpose: **USE OF WATERS AND DEPOSIT OF WASTE**

Quantity of Water use not
To Exceed:

2,000,000 CUBIC METERS ANNUALLY FROM LAKE GERALDINE RESERVOIR, 500,000 CUBIC METERS ANNUALLY FROM NIAQUNGUK RIVER (APEX RIVER) FOR TRANSFER TO LAKE GERALDINE RESERVOIR, AND 2,500 CUBIC METRES ANNUALLY FROM IMIQTARVIVINIQ (DEAD DOG LAKE).

Licence Issuance: **JUNE 17, 2016**

Expiry of Licence: **The earlier of December 13, 2026 or the Minister's completion of decision-making for the full Renewal Application (and if approved by the Minister, issuance of a renewed Licence)**

This Short-Term Renewal Licence issued and recorded at Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, includes and is subject to the annexed conditions.

All remaining terms and conditions of Licence No: 3AM-IQA1626 type A dated June 17, 2016, including Licence Amendment No. 4 dated September 04, 2019 and Amendment No. 5 dated March 15, 2021, shall continue to apply.

This Short-Term Renewal Licence is issued and recorded at Gjoa Haven, Nunavut on April 21, 2026.

**Lootie Toomasie,
Nunavut Water Board, Chair**

**APPROVED
BY:**

**The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs**

DATE LICENCE APPROVED: _____