



Ron Mongeau , SAO
Mayor and Hamlet Council, Pangnirtung

Re: Direction for emergency dumping of sewage into the Duvall River by the Hamlet of Pangnirtung for 48 hours to prevent potential health hazard

This action is deemed necessary as the sewage trucks can no longer deliver sewage from homes and businesses to the sewage treatment plant, due to the failure of one bridge and damage to the other bridge which provides the access from the major portion of the Hamlet to the sewage treatment plant on the other side of the Duvall River.

There are no areas in the geography around Pangnirtung that would provide for a wetland or land farm to put sewage onto, and there is no lagoon or other storage location in the Hamlet.

The discharge of sewage into the river is the only viable alternative to simply allowing sewage holding tanks to accumulate and overflow in homes and businesses, which would constitute a health hazard for residents of the Hamlet.

This measure is a temporary preventative measure and will be reviewed at the end of the 48 hours. Should an engineer determine that the new bridge can be used by sewage trucks the discharging of sewage into the river must end immediately.

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