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Subject: GN Resolute Bay Water License

For a new file.....GN's application for the Utilidor in Resolute Bay. We can call this file 3BM-RUT.

Thanks,

Joe

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Dear Joe,

I am writing you to clarify some of the conflicting impressions surrounding the ownership of the water system in Resolute Bay, and in particular, how it relates to the water license application.

Resolute Bay has had an utilidor water/sewage system since the mid-1970s. This system consists of an underground insulated piped system to distribute potable water to each of the houses within the main community, and a piped sewage system. Throughout the hamlet, vaults provide access in time of repair or thawing.

Water is taken up at an intake pump house at Char Lake and pumped to Signal Hill water treatment plant, from which it is pump fed to the houses below.

Presently, the utilidor is undergoing major repair and expansion. It should be noted that, since they are a considerable distance away, the potable water and wastewater systems at the airport are separate, and are under the aegis of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Any homes and other buildings near the airport receive Truck water and Sewage services.

As you know, under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, it is envisioned that each community will have ownership (and thus take responsibility for maintaining) all their infrastructure and public works. Clearly, water systems fall under this category. However, due to the recent nature of disrepair of the utilidor, the government of Nunavut has not yet transferred ownership to the hamlet. Thus, CGS is maintaining the water and sewage system for the community. At present, this is being handled through the O&M division at Cambridge Bay, although at some time in the near future this will be transferred to the Baffin Region.

As soon as the GN and the hamlet of Resolute Bay are comfortable with the situation with the utilidor, and all upgrades are completed, the ownership will be transferred, bringing this issue in line with the intent of the Land Claims Agreement, where, in essence, it is the responsibility of the communities to provide water and other public works services.

Therefore, the GN will proceed to apply for water License. Soon after the renovations are completed, the License will be transferred to the Hamlet.

Should you require any more information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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