Hamlet of Resolute Bay Utilidor Renewal Application for Water Licence 3AM-RUT----

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Roles and responsibilities

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's (CIRNAC) responsibilities, mandate, and obligations stem from with the following:

- Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act
- Nunavut Agreement
- Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Act
- Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and the associated regulations
- Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
- Territorial Lands Act and the associated regulations
- Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act





Contributions to Application Review

CIRNAC made the following submissions to the Nunavut Water Board:

- Completeness assessment with information requests: March 26, 2020
- Technical review with recommendations: June 12, 2020



Technical Review Water supply

Quantity of water requested should:

- meet community's needs
- respect Char Lake's replenishment capacity

Recommendation:

1) demonstrate how 150 000 m³/year will be adequate







Technical Review Infrastructure – I

Char Lake pump house is being upgraded and information is missing

Recommendations:

- 2.1) provide Environmental Management Plan
- 2.2) provide Decommissioning and Remediation Plan for old structure
- 2.3) consider designs to ensure pipe insulation integrity





Technical Review Infrastructure – II

Wastewater treatment plant construction is being planned and information is missing

Recommendations:

- 3.1) measure flows at pump house and macerator building
- 3.2) discuss sewage volumes to be diverted from airport lagoon
- 3.3) submit information on wastewater treatment plant design
- 3.4) renewed licence could include requirement to submit plans



Technical Review Infrastructure - III

Macerator and blue buildings and sewage lagoon will need to be reclaimed

Recommendation:

5) renewed licence could include requirement to submit plans

Leaks in utilidor laterals need to be addressed

Recommendation:

6) describe how public will be informed on how to get them fixed





Technical Review Manuals and plans – I

Operation and maintenance manuals help ensure safety of workers and proper operation, and are currently missing

Recommendations:

- 4.1) provide manual for water treatment plant
- 4.2) provide manual for utilidor system
- 4.3) provide manual for sewage treatment addressing safety concerns in macerator building





Technical Review Manuals and plans – II

Quality Assurance/ Quality Control Plan has inadequacies

Recommendations:

- 8.1) update plan to address deficiencies
- 8.2) discuss addition of toxicity tests

Spill Contingency Plan has inadequacies

Recommendation:

9) update plan to address deficiencies



Technical Review Monitoring

Current licence requires monthly sampling of effluent at RUT-2. Sufficient data exist to define variability and spot outliers

Recommendation:

7) renewed licence could reduce sampling frequency at **RUT-2** until water treatment

plant is built







Comment Resolution Status

Recommendation	Resolved	Follow-up required	Unresolved
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Conclusion

The applicant has answered several of CIRNAC's information requests but our technical comments remain outstanding.

CIRNAC will continue to participate in the water licence application review process with the aim of protecting Nunavut's inland water resources while promoting responsible development.



