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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

File No: NWB3PEL

September 5, 1997

Hamlet of Pelly Bay
P.O. Box 205
Pelly Bay, NT X0E 1K0
Attention: Ms. Marla Limousin
Senior Administrative Officer

RE: Application for Municipal Water Licence

Dear Ms. Limousin:

The Nunavut Water Board has reviewed your application and has determined that it was incomplete. The NWB cannot proceed with the regulatory process until all necessary information has been submitted.

The Hamlet should be made aware that of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, Part 7, Item 13.7.1 states that:

“ With the exception of domestic or emergency use of waters as set out in Section 5 of the *Northern Inland Waters Act* RSC 1985, c. N-25, no person may use water or dispose of waste into water without the approval of the NWB.”

This means that anyone using water or depositing waste without the approval of the Board is doing so in contravention of the law. The licensing process is not just a mere formality. Indeed, its purpose is to ensure that any activity, in this case municipal activities such as drinking water supply and treatment, sewage and solid waste disposal are done according to technical and environmental standards. The objectives in providing utility services should include: improving the quality of life, that is, improving standards of health, comfort, convenience, and aesthetics; protecting the environment; and facilitating socio-economic development of the community. Our priority for the coming year is to encourage hamlets to apply for a licence.

Specific Concerns with the application:

Application form:

- #3 -refer to NWT data sheet for Latitude and Longitude;
-maps are available from MACA or TGIT Geomatics Ltd. (403-873-8448);
- #4 -the municipality requires a water licence not only for water supply, but also for sewage and solid waste disposal;
- #7 -estimate of the annual water consumption of the community is required;
- #8 -the Hamlet operates solid waste facility. What types of waste are disposed of at the dump? Does the community have a hazardous waste disposal area, animal carcasses pit, scrap metal disposal area, etc.? Does the municipality burn garbage?
- #12 -Have any studies been done on the water supply facilities (ie: water quality)?
MACA can be of assistance and provide you with a list of any studies undertaken on the water supply and waste disposal facilities.
- #13 -the revised supplementary questionnaire should be submitted with your application. I would like to clarify the statement made by Indian and Northern Affairs Water Resources Officer, Mr. Paul Smith: the supplementary questionnaire is still a requirement when filing an application with the Board.

The obligation to obtain a water licence and to comply with legislation rests with the Hamlet, and as a regulatory agency, the Board does not provide consulting services to an applicant. However assistance may be available from MACA and other Territorial/ Federal departments. The NWB would request that the Hamlet re-file the application with the required application form, the supplementary questionnaire, and a \$30.00 cheque made to the "Receiver General for Canada." Should you require additional information, do not hesitate to contact me at 403-360-6338.

Sincerely,


Dionne Filiatrault
Technical Advisor

Enclosure (2): Revised Application Form
Supplementary Questionnaire

Cc. Kojo Kumi, Municipal and Community Affairs