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NWB Water License: #3BM-KIM1929

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Sent via email: gmarinic@gov.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Service’s “Application for the Water Licence Amendment of the Municipality of Kimmirut #3BM-KIM1929” project proposal

Dear Gord Marinic:

On November 29, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS)’s “Application for the Water Licence Amendment of the Municipality of Kimmirut #3BM-KIM1929” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **22WA059** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On February 1, 2023, the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB’s public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted on February 1, 2023 by the Proponent, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on February 10, 2023, requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project

proposal. On February 16, 2023, the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125743.

Project:	Application for the Water Licence Amendment of the Municipality of Kimmirut #3BM-KIM1929				
Region:	South Baffin				
Location:	Kimmirut, Nunavut				
Closest Community:	Kimmirut	Distance (approximate)	1 kilometres (km)	Direction	East
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to construct a new wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and upgrade the necessary infrastructure associated with the facility.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2043.				

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Construct a new wastewater treatment facility (WWTF),
 - Quarry material to be extracted from an existing operating quarry;
- Use the facility as a sewage lagoon for a lifespan of 20 years; and
- Construction of a new road that links the community road to the lagoon.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125743 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *Revised NIRB Online Application*
- *Project Description*
- *Power Supply Brochure*
- *Site Plan*

- *Maps*
- *Proponent's Letter to the Government of Nunavut*
- *NIRB Suspension Letter*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by GN-CGS project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **March 17, 2023**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes¹ for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, the Proponent must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process at any time. Should the Proponent wish to discontinue the coordinated process, the Proponent may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125743.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983 – 4618 or rquammaniq@nirb.ca.

¹ As per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (1): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
William Patch, Community Government and Services, Government of Nunavut
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