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Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for City of Iqaluit's "Long Term Water Project (LTWP)" proposal

Dear Kevin Kerr:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening¹ the project proposal.

By copy of this letter, NIRB invites regulators, interested parties, and community members or groups potentially affected by the proposal to view the application and comment directly to the NIRB by February 4, 2026.

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

The application can be viewed on NIRB's online registry (link) where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to info@nirb.ca, or by fax.

¹ 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)

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Location	Qikiqtani region, within the municipal boundaries of the City of Iqaluit on southeastern Baffin Island. Project components are situated at Lake Geraldine, Lake Qikiqtalik, and the Niaqunnguk (Apex) River.
Objective	The objective of the Long-Term Water Project is to secure a reliable, climate-resilient municipal water supply for the City of Iqaluit for the next 100 years by developing new permanent raw water sources, increasing water storage capacity, and upgrading water conveyance infrastructure
Timeline	Construction: June 1, 2026 to October 31, 2029 Operations: November 1, 2029 to November 1, 2099 (long-term operation)

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

- Construction and operation of new raw water intakes and pump stations at Lake Qikiqtalik and the Niaqunnguk (Apex) River.
- Development of a new reservoir east of Lake Geraldine, including dams, dykes, spillway, and control structures.
- Installation of raw water conveyance pipelines from Lake Qikiqtalik and the Apex River to the new reservoir, and from the new reservoir to Lake Geraldine.
- Construction of all-weather access roads, service corridors, electrical distribution lines, and associated infrastructure.
- Operation of quarries and borrow pits, use of heavy equipment, and storage use of fuel, explosives, and lubricants during construction.
- Continued operation of temporary supplemental pumping from the Apex River until the new facilities are fully operational.
- Ongoing operation of existing municipal water supply, wastewater treatment, sewage lagoon, sludge management, and landfill facilities under the renewed license
- Implementation of environmental management, monitoring, and mitigation measures during construction, operation, and maintenance.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

The NIRB has identified no additional work 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.

OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED IN THE ASSESSMENT

For this assessment, the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are initiating a coordinated process² as the proposal would require a water license, and the Proponent has indicated they wish to start the Water Licences application process at this time. As a result, the Proponent must provide information during the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as

² The NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes for projects that require a water license 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*.

the water licensing process. At any time, the Proponent has the option to opt out of a coordinated process by providing the request in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

Questions about the NIRB's work should be directed to the undersigned at 867-983-4604 or vnasit@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (3): Public Notice of Screening (English)
Comment Forms (English, French and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List

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