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To whom it may concern:

The City of Iqaluit (City) is at risk of a potable water shortage. The Lake Geraldine Reservoir is critically low and requires a resupply from “Unnamed Lake”.

Last year, the City applied for an emergency amendment to their water licence under the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act to supplement the Lake Geraldine reservoir from the Apex River. To avoid requesting emergencies yearly, the City has applied to amend their water licence to pump supplemental water from the Apex River and other sources until 2026.

To avoid a water shortage this year, the City applied to the Nunavut Water Board for an emergency amendment on July 10th, 2019 to pump water from Apex River to Lake Geraldine.

On July 22, 2019, the Nunavut Water Board sought the consent of the CIRNAC Minister to process the licence amendment on an emergency basis under *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Right Tribunal Act, Section 52 (2) c* and also provided a recommendation to amend the City's water license to pump water from Apex River. Due to historic low water levels in the Apex River, it is no longer an option to resupply Lake Geraldine. The City is now seeking to resupply the Apex River and Lake Geraldine from "Unnamed Lake".

Pursuant to section 152(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, the City's request for a permit to take water from Unnamed Lake is exempt from Nunavut Planning Commission and Nunavut Impact Review Board's screening process if it is in response to an emergency:



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