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Sent via email: kclouter@gov.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut – Community & Government Services’ “3BM-REP2126 Municipal Water Licence Amendment and Renewal” Project Proposal

Dear Kayla Clouter:

On June 16, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN – GCS) “3BM-REP2126 Municipal Water Licence Amendment and Renewal” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin 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 **22WA044**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On June 16, 2022, 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.

On June 16, 2022, the NIRB released a formal correspondence requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. The NIRB followed up on numerous occasions via email (July 14, 2022, and July 22, 2022) requesting an update on when the information would be provided. On August 11, 2022, the

Proponent provided the requested information and the NIRB 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/125727.

Project:	3BM-REP2126 Municipal Water Licence Amendment and Renewal
Region:	Kivalliq
Location:	Within the Municipal boundaries of the community of Naujaat.
Summary of Project Description:	The GN – CGS, on behalf of the Hamlet of Naujaat, intends to construct a single cell lagoon and amend the discharge effluent limits in the existing water licence to service the growing population of Naujaat.
Project Proposed Timeline:	July 2023 to 2043

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

- Construction and use of a single cell lagoon adjacent to current wastewater disposal site;
- Use of heavy equipment for the construction of lagoon;
- Construction of access road to new lagoon site;
- Amendment of discharge effluent limits to service the growing population of Naujaat; and
- Use of accommodations and services within the community of Naujaat.

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/125727 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *NIRB's Online Application*
- *2016 and 2020 NPC Conformity Determination*
- *Lagoon Upgrade Plan*
- *Naujaat Land Use Plan*
- *New Lagoon Location Plan*
- *NWB Water Renewal License*
- *Pre-Design Report*

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 **September 19, 2022**.

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/125727.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@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 (4): Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)

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