



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

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



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via NIRB public registry

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

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On August 29, 2022 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Government of Nunavut – Community & Government Services’ “3BM-REP2126 Municipal Water Licence Amendment and Renewal” project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to NIRB’S request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC 1: Monitoring and Maintenance

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has not identified any plans associated with maintenance and inspections of the new proposed lagoon cell.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent ensure that appropriate inspections and maintenance activities occur to aid in mitigation of risks associated with erosion and



wear of the lagoon liner, as well as an appropriate ground water quality monitoring program to ensure the liner is effective.

CIRNAC 2: Potential for Positive Effects to Inuit Through Employment, Training, and Procurement Opportunities

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of Inuit located in Naujaat as well as procurement with Inuit-owned businesses when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population. As a result, Inuit and Inuit-owned businesses situated in Naujaat should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

CIRNAC 3: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue consulting with the Hamlet of Naujaat who has an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Use of access roads for project related activities;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley by e-mail at richard.bingley@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or David Abernethy by email at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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