

# **Presentation of the Nunavut Water Board Public Hearing on the 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**



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# Outline



1. The Nunavut Water Board (NWB)  
Role and Responsibilities in  
Respect of the DNLUP (2016)
2. The NWB's General Comments
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Commission and staff

# The NWB in Context



- Established under Article 13 of the *Nunavut Agreement*
- Part of the integrated regulatory system in Nunavut:
  - Land use planning (the Nunavut Planning Commission);
  - Environmental and socio-economic assessment (the Nunavut Impact Review Board); and
  - Licensing (the Nunavut Water Board).

# The NWB in Context (continued)



The Board's specific role and responsibilities to contribute to land use planning are set out as follows:

- Article 13, Section 13.4.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*;
- Section 36 of *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 10; and
- Section 56 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C 2002, c. 10.

# General Comments on the DNLUP 2016



- Generally the NWB supports the Commission's move from regional plans to a comprehensive Nunavut-wide land use plan
- The NWB's comments are, however limited by the fact that the DNLUP 2016 has deferred the integration of water management planning and land use planning until a subsequent version of the plan.

# General Comments on the DNLUP 2016 (continued)



- With a view to the importance of future integration between water management and land use planning, the Nunavut Water Board has requested that the Nunavut Planning Commission provide greater clarity as to how and when these important changes to the DNLUP 2016 will be initiated and eventually incorporated into future versions of the Plan.

- 2.2.1.4 Adaptation and Changes to Identified Freshwater Caribou Crossings
- 6.3.2 Referrals Based on Cumulative Impacts to the Nunavut Impact Review Board
- 6.3.4 and 6.3.5 Nunavut Land Use Plan Amendments, Reviews and Monitoring

## 2.2.1.4 Freshwater Caribou Crossings



- The NWB asks for clarification regarding the extent to which the presence of freshwater caribou crossings is an additional factor to be considered by the NWB during water licensing; and
- The NWB request guidance regarding how changes to the crossings identified in the 2016 DNLUP should be communicated to the Commission.



## 6.3.2 Referrals to NIRB on the Basis of Cumulative Impacts



- The NWB requests that an express reference be included in the Nunavut Land Use Plan to recognize that the Commission's decision to refer a project proposal to the NIRB on the basis of cumulative effects be informed by information from, and consultation with, the IPGs (including NWB) and other relevant agencies with up to date cumulative effects data in the area.

## 6.3.4 and 6.3.5 NLUP Reviews, Amendments and Monitoring



- Given the critical importance of the integration of water management and land use planning in the next version of the Nunavut Land Use Plan, the Board recommends that the 2016 DNLUP be supplemented to note the commitment of the Commission to making substantive revisions to the next version of the Land Use Plan to integrate water management considerations.

# Questions



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