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File: 3AM-IQA1626 (Nunavut Water Board)
Related Files: NPC #149007, #149188; NIRB #19UN013

Attention: Goump Djalogue
Senior Planner
Nunavut Planning Commission
[via email: gdjalogue@nunavut.ca]

Reference: City of Iqaluit Application for Water Licence Amendment on Emergency Basis – 2019 Apex River and Unnamed Lake Supplementation Project

Dear Mr. Djalogue,

The City of Iqaluit has applied to the Nunavut Water Board to amend its water licence 3AM-IQA1626 on an emergency basis to allow supplementation of the Lake Geraldine Reservoir from Apex River and Unnamed Lake in 2019.

The City is facing an imminent shortage of potable water due to low levels in the Lake Geraldine Reservoir and historic low flows in local watersheds. This situation has been recognized by the Minister of Community and Government Services – Hon. Lorne Kusugak as an Emergency per the attached letter. The City is seeking permission from the Nunavut Water Board to withdraw water from the Apex River and "Unnamed Lake" in 2019 only. The City recognizes that there is an ongoing review process by the Nunavut Water Board related to an amendment application filed February 1, 2019.

We understand that with an Emergency declared by Minister Kusugak, the Emergency provisions of Part 3 the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act should apply to this project. We seek concurrence from you that section 152(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act applies to the above-noted application.

Thank you for your understanding of the situation.
Sincerely,

Sherri Rowe
Acting Chief Administrative Officer, City of Iqaluit

CC: Karén Karatyan –Nunavut Water Board
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