



Nunavut Water Board's Presentation in Respect of the 2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

**Nunavut Planning Commission
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NWB Mandate

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The NWB

- is an Institution of Public Government (IPG) established under Article 13 of the *Nunavut Agreement*
- has responsibilities and powers over the regulation, use, and management of freshwater in the Nunavut Settlement Area

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- Objects of the NWB are to provide for the conservation and utilization of waters in Nunavut, except in a national park, in a manner that will provide the optimum benefit from those waters for Nunavut's residents in particular and Canadians in general.

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- The Nunavut Water Board has responsibilities and powers over the regulations, use and management of freshwater or inland waters within Nunavut. The Boards primary function is to license uses of water and deposits of waste.

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- *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* s. 11(1): “Subject to subsection (2), no person shall use, or permit the use of, waters in Nunavut except in accordance with the conditions of a licence.”
- S. 11(2) exceptions (unlicensed by regulations, domestic, emergency, and national park)

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- Article 13, Section 13.4.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement* states: “(t)he NWB shall contribute fully to the development of land use plans as they relate to water in the Nunavut Settlement Area by providing its recommendations to the [Nunavut Planning Commission].”

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- In support of our obligations under the *Nunavut Agreement*, the NWB is working jointly with a Steering Committee, which includes the Nunavut Planning Commission, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Regional Inuit Associations, the Government of Nunavut and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to develop a *Nunavut Water Management Strategy (Strategy)*

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- During these Public Hearings the NWB will be listening to the discussions of water management issues and priorities to help inform the further development of the Strategy
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3.1 Buffers Around Caribou Crossings - Resolved

Ref: *NLUP Draft* p. 18

NLUP O&R p. 95

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NWB requested clarification from the Commission about whether the 10-km buffers around freshwater crossings that limit activities designated as “incompatible uses” would operate to limit activities for 10-kms along a watercourse where there is a crossing. The Commission provided the shape files that show the buffers.

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The NWB's Review of the 2021 DNLUP /5

3.5 Future Revisions

Ref: *NLUP Draft* p. 47

NWB Submission Jan 13, 2017 p. 4

NWB Submission Feb 14, 2014 p. 14

The NWB noted the Commission’s commitment to consider, during its review of the DNLUP “*the emergence of relevant policy initiatives from Planning Partners*”.

- The NWB identified that the Steering Committee's work to develop the *Nunavut Water Management Strategy* (*Strategy*) is highly relevant to water management aspects of the DNLUP. The Strategy will reflect watershed, regional and territorial issues and priorities around freshwater.

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