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Nunavut Water Board
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Re: Emergency – City of Iqaluit Water Supply

To whom it may concern:

The City of Iqaluit (City) is at risk of a potable water shortage. The Lake Geraldine Reservoir is critically low and requires a resupply from "Unnamed Lake".

Last year, the City applied for an emergency amendment to their water licence under the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act to supplement the Lake Geraldine reservoir from the Apex River. To avoid requesting emergencies yearly, the City has applied to amend their water licence to pump supplemental water from the Apex River and other sources until 2026.

To avoid a water shortage this year, the City applied to the Nunavut Water Board for an emergency amendment on July 10th, 2019 to pump water from Apex River to Lake Geraldine.

On July 22, 2019, the Nunavut Water Board sought the consent of the CIRNAC Minister to process the licence amendment on an emergency basis under *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Right Tribunal Act, Section 52 (2) c* and also provided a recommendation to amend the City's water license to pump water from Apex River. Due to historic low water levels in the Apex River, it is no longer an option to resupply Lake Geraldine. The City is now seeking to resupply the Apex River and Lake Geraldine from "Unnamed Lake".

Pursuant to section 152(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, the City's request for a permit to take water from Unnamed Lake is exempt from Nunavut Planning Commission and Nunavut Impact Review Board's screening process if it is in response to an emergency:

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Non-application of this Part

152 (1) This Part does not apply in respect of any project that is carried out in response to

(a) a national emergency for which special temporary measures are taken under the Emergencies Act;

(b) an emergency if a federal or territorial minister who is authorized under any other Act of Parliament or any territorial law to declare a state of emergency, to take measures to prevent an emergency or to remedy or minimize its effects is of the opinion that an emergency exists;

Pursuant to Section 11(1) of the *Emergency Measures Act*, I am authorized to declare a state of emergency. I am of the opinion that the current water shortage in Lake Geraldine, combined with historic low water levels in the Apex River constitutes an emergency. Access to clean water is critical for human health, and it is in the interest of ensuring the health and safety of Iqalummiut that the project be carried out without delay.

Regards,

Minister Lorne Kusugak
Community and Government Services

Cc:
Premier, Government of Nunavut
Deputy Minister, Community and Government Services
City of Iqaluit
Nunavut Wildlife Board
Nunavut Planning Commission
Nunavut Impact Review Board
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