

**Inuvialuit Water Board
Reasons for Decision**

Renewed pursuant to section 48 (1) of the
Waters Act, S.N.W.T. 2014, c.18

Water Licence Number: N7L3-1619 (Renewal)

This is the decision of the Inuvialuit Water Board, made on November 9, 2015 regarding an application made by:

The Hamlet of Paulatuk
P.O. Box 98
Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0

for a renewal of Water Licence N7L3-1619.

The Hamlet of Paulatuk applied for a renewal of Water Licence N7L3-1619 for the use of water and the disposal of Waste for municipal undertakings as described in the Water Licence application, supplementary information, and the record of this proceeding.

Background:

The Hamlet of Paulatuk applied to the Inuvialuit Water Board (IWB) for a renewal of Water Licence N7L3-1619 to use water and deposit waste associated with municipal undertakings. The application was filed with the IWB on September 21, 2015. The application included Schedule C and supporting information for Water Licence Renewal prepared on behalf of the Hamlet of Paulatuk by Dillon Consulting Limited. Following a request for and receipt of supplementary information, the IWB accepted the application as complete on October 15, 2015.

A copy of the Water Licence application and supplementary information was provided to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) as required under section 3.2.7 of their Environmental Impact Screening Guidelines. Copies were also provided to the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Lands (DOL), Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), Health and Social Services (H&SS), Environment Canada (EC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA), Inuvialuit Regional Council (IRC), Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC), Paulatuk Community Corporation and Paulatuk Hunters and Trappers Committee for a 15 day review period (October 16, 2015 – October 30, 2015). Comments on the application were received on October 30, 2015 and taken into consideration by the Board for determination of the Licence renewal.

Between October 19, 2015 and October 23, 2015 the IWB gave notice, in accordance with subsections 43 (1)(a) and 43 (1)(b) of the *Waters Act*, that it received a Type B Licence application from the Hamlet of Paulatuk. There was no public hearing held in connection with this application.

Scope of the Licence:

Upon review of the application and evidence in the public register, the IWB has determined that the scope of the undertakings covered by the Water Licence includes the use of water, operation of municipal Solid Waste Disposal Facilities, operation of municipal Sewage Waste Disposal Facilities, and any closure and reclamation activities associated with the aforementioned facilities.

Requirements of the *Waters Act*:

The IWB, as required by section 4 of the *Waters Act*, has notified the Applicant of their obligation to comply with any and all other legislation pertinent to the activities authorized under this licence.

The IWB is in accordance with subsection 26(5)(a) of the *Waters Act* by ensuring that the granting of the Water Licence to the Hamlet of Paulatuk will not adversely affect, in a significant way, any existing Licensee, providing the conditions of the Licence are met. There are no other applicants with precedence.

The IWB does not believe that any users or persons listed in subsection 26(5)(b) of the *Waters Act* will be adversely affected by the deposit of Waste proposed by the Licensee provided that the Licensee operates in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Water Licence.

The IWB is of the view that compliance with the Water Licence Terms and Conditions will ensure that the Waste produced by the undertaking will be treated and deposited in a manner that will maintain water quality in the area and will be consistent with applicable water quality standards in accordance with subsection 26(5)(c)(i) of the *Waters Act*.

The IWB is satisfied that the effluent standards set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Water Licence are consistent with subsection 26(5)(c)(ii) of the *Waters Act* and will protect the receiving Waters and environment.

The Hamlet of Paulatuk has provided the IWB with its Schedule C application and supporting information for its consideration as required by section 34(1) of the *Waters Act*.

Decision to Issue:

Under the authority of the *Hamlets Act* the Hamlet of Paulatuk provides water, municipal solid Waste and sewage services to its residents.

The water use and disposal of Waste proposed by the Licensee is of a nature contemplated by the *Waters Act*.

No objection by any person to the issuance of this Licence was made known to the IWB.

In accordance with 37 (b) (i) of the *Waters Act* the IWB has the authority to issue this Water Licence.

N7L3-1619 Hamlet of Paulatuk Municipal Water Licence Renewal

The IWB has reviewed the Water Licence Application and any written comments received by the IWB. Upon consideration of the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it and the purpose, scope and intent of the *Waters Act* and the Waters Regulations, the IWB has determined that it can renew Water Licence N7L3-1619 to the Hamlet of Paulatuk subject to the Terms and Conditions contained therein.

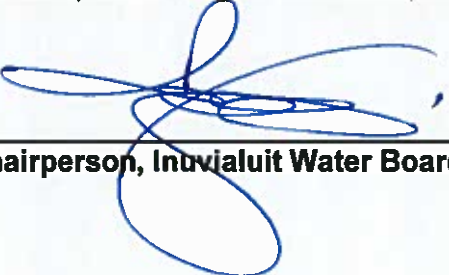
Water Licence Number N7L3-1619 contains Terms and Conditions the IWB considers necessary to ensure compliance with the *Waters Act* and the Waters Regulations, and provide appropriate safeguards for the Hamlet of Paulatuk's water use and deposit of Waste associated with municipal undertakings.

For all of the above reasons the IWB has renewed Licence N7L3-1619 to the Hamlet of Paulatuk in accordance with section 27 of the *Waters Act* for the use of water and deposit of Wastes.

Term of the Water Licence:

The IWB has determined that the term of the Water Licence will be for five (5) years.

SIGNED, this 9th day of November, 2015 on behalf of the Inuvialuit Water Board.



Chairperson, Inuvialuit Water Board