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File: G03L3-001

Attention Bill Buckle
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Sent via Email

Mr. Buckle,

Renewal of the Hamlet of Fort McPherson Water Licence

The Gwich'in Land and Water Board (the Board) intends to consider, on its own initiative, a 6-month renewal of the Hamlet of Fort McPherson (the Hamlet) Water Licence G03L3-001, pursuant to subparagraph 36(1)(a)(ii) of the *Waters Act*. The current Licence expires on March 2, 2020. An extension to the term of the Licence would provide sufficient time for the Hamlet to prepare an updated Water Licence application, which will incorporate information pertaining the proposed water treatment plant upgrade, and required information pertaining to the Hamlet's proposed landfill expansion as outlined in the Boards' July 24, 2018 Reasons for Decision and Board Direction.¹

Should the 6-month renewal be approved, the new expiry date for the Licence would be September 2, 2020

In order to consider this renewal, the Board is setting out the following process:

- Notice to the Licensee (i.e. this letter);
- Notice to the distribution list of the Board's consideration of renewal on its own motion;
- Notice in the newspaper, pursuant to subsection 44(1) of the *Waters Act*;
- Board's intention posted to the [Online Review System](#) for public comment;
- Receive responses to comments from the Hamlet
- Board deliberations and Reasons for Decision.

¹ See GLWB Online Registry for [G103L3-001 - New SWDF Reasons for Decision - Jul24 18.pdf](#)

The Board wishes to inform the Hamlet its consideration of renewing Licence G03L3-001 on its own motion constitutes an extraordinary circumstance. The Board is taking this action so the Hamlet can remain in compliance while fully dedicating itself to the regulatory process. The Board anticipates that the proposed additional six months will be appropriately used by the Hamlet to complete the work required to address the requirements for its new Water Licence application.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact AlecSandra Macdonald at (867) 777-4954 or email amacdonald@glwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Wright', written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth Wright
GLWB Chair

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