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Staff Report

Applicant: Town of Fort Smith	
Location: Fort Smith, NT	Application: MV2011L3-0001
Date Prepared: May 13, 2011	Meeting Date: May 27, 2011
Subject: Proposed Work plan for Type A Water Licence Renewal	

1. Purpose/Report Summary

The purpose of this Staff report is to present to the Board the proposed work plan for the Town of Fort Smith's Type A Water Licence Renewal.

2. Background

- November 1, 2003 – Effective date of current licence (MV2003L3-0006);
- February 4, 2011 – Type A Renewal Application submitted;
- February 10, 2011 – Application deemed incomplete;
- April 12, 2011 – Additional information submitted;
- April 28, 2011 – Application deemed complete;
- April 28, 2011 – Application distributed for public review;
- May 12, 2011 - Comment deadline on work plan;
- May 27, 2011 – Work plan being presented to the Board; and
- October 31, 2011 – Expiry date of existing Water Licence.

3. Discussion

The draft work plan has been prepared to guide the licencing process for the renewal of Type A Water Licence, MV2003L3-0006.

The attached work plan proposes a public hearing date, as required under the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*, for July 20-21, 2011. Note that two days have been set aside for the hearing, but the full two days may not be required. Prior to the hearing, there is to be a technical session to be held

on June 10, 2011. Under this proposed work plan, the expected date of Ministerial approval of the Type A WL is approximately October of 2011.

4. Comments

n/a

5. Review Comments

The proposed work plan was circulated to the distribution list to ensure that the proposed dates will work for the expected participants in the renewal process. There were two comments received, one from INAC-Water Resources stating "INAC Water Resources will be attending the Technical session as indicated in the workplan, as well as the Public hearing, if necessary", and second comment was from GNWT-ENR stating they had "no comment" on the proposed work plan.

6. Security

n/a

7. Conclusion

Board staff concludes that no reviewers have concerns with the dates in the proposed work plan.

8. Recommendation

Board staff recommends the approval of the attached work plan.

9. Attachments

- Proposed work plan;
- Renewal Application Review letter dated April 28, 2011; and
- Work plan approval letter.

Respectfully submitted,



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