



**Sahtu Land & Water Board**  
**REASONS FOR DECISION**  
Issued Pursuant to Section 64 of the *Waters Act*  
and Section 121 of  
*The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*

**Water Licence S18L3-003 (Type "B")**

This is the decision of the Sahtu Land & Water Board with respect to an application for a Water Licence deemed complete on August 28, 2018 made by:

**Town of Norman Wells**  
**3 Mackenzie Drive, P.O. Box 5**  
**Norman Wells, NT X0E 0V0**

for: the use of Water and deposit of Waste in association with a municipal undertaking in the Town of Norman Wells, Northwest Territories.

With respect to this application, written notice was given to 29 organizations, 14 of which have representation within the Sahtu Settlement Area; in accordance with Sections 63 & 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and Section 43 of the *Waters Act*. There was no Public Hearing held in association with this application.

DECISION

After having been satisfied that the project has been screened pursuant to s.124(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, and that any potential adverse environmental effects were insignificant or mitigatable with known technology, and the project is not likely to be a source of public concern, as such the application could proceed through the regulatory process. After reviewing the submission of the Applicant and after reviewing the written comments received by the Board; the Board, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope and intent of the MVRMA and the *Waters Act* and Regulations made thereunder has determined that: Water Licence S18L3-003 will be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

The Board's reasons for this decision are as follows:

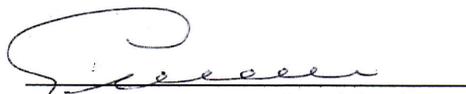
- The Board is satisfied that appropriate consultation has been conducted and that advice has been sought and considered, in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA;
- There are no existing Water Licences overlapping the project area;
- It is the opinion of the Board that compliance with the Water Licence conditions will ensure any users or persons listed in paragraph 26(5)(b) of the *Waters Act* will not be adversely affected by the use of Waters or the deposit of Waste proposed by the Applicant;
- Compliance with the Licence conditions will ensure that waste produced by the Town of Norman Wells will be treated and deposited in a manner that will maintain water quality consistent with applicable standards and the Board's *Water and Effluent Quality Management Policy*;
- Consistent with subparagraph 26(5)(c)(ii) of the *Waters Act*, the Board is satisfied that the effluent standards it has set out in the Licence as conditions are consistent with the Board's *Water and Effluent Quality Management Policy* and will protect the receiving waters and environment. These are further discussed in the Staff Report for S18L3-003 (1) dated November 19, 2018;
- It is the opinion of the Board that the terms and conditions attached to S18L3-003, pursuant to the *Waters Act*, will significantly reduce any potential environmental impacts resulting from this activity;
- No significant or unmitigable public concern was made known to the Board;
- The undertaking contributes to the socio-economic well-being and economic development of the region and protection of the lands and waters;
- It is the opinion of the Board that the undertaking is exempt from conformity with the Sahtu Land Use Plan as all activities occur within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Norman Wells;

- It is the opinion of the Board that the undertaking is exempt from Preliminary Screening as there have been no changes or modifications to the current operations of the Town of Norman Wells municipal facilities included in the water licence renewal application;
- The use of water and/or deposit of waste proposed by the Applicant is of a nature contemplated by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and the *Waters Act*.

The Board has notified the Applicant, through a provision included in the scope of the Water Licence S18L3-003, that compliance with the term and conditions of this Licence has no effect on the Licensee's responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation

The Board will provide any referenced material or documents and/or reasons for decision for any specific clause or clauses contained within the application if requested to do so in writing.

SIGNED this 19th day of November 2018 on behalf of the SAHTU Land & Water Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Wallace', is written over a horizontal line.

Larry Wallace (Chair)  
SAHTU Land & Water Board