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File: G03L3-001

Hamlet of Fort McPherson  
Attn: Mayor Hazel Nerysoo  
P.O. Box 57  
Fort McPherson, NT X0E 0J0

Re: Renewal of Water Licence G03L3-001 (Type B) on the Board's own motion in the public interest

Mayor Nerysoo,

The Gwich'in Land and Water Board reviewed your request to extend the Hamlet's water licence, dated July 29, 2013.

The Board acknowledges the Hamlet's challenging circumstances and ongoing efforts to address outstanding issues. The Board recognizes that the Hamlet is required to provide municipal water and waste disposal services to the community. It is the Board's opinion that it is in the public interest that the use of water and the deposit of waste for municipal purposes is carried out by the Hamlet under a valid water licence.

Considering all of the above, the Board has decided to renew Water Licence G03L3-001 on its own motion in the public interest for a six month period. The conditions, attached to the existing licence, will continue to apply. This should allow the Hamlet ample time to prepare a renewal application and address outstanding issues.

Attached is a duplicate of Licence No. G13L1-002 granted to the Hamlet of Fort McPherson by the Gwich'in Land and Water Board in accordance with the Northwest Territories Waters Act. The original Licence has been filed, and a copy placed on the Public Registry, at the Board's office in Inuvik, NT.

Also attached are general procedures for the administration of licenses in the Northwest Territories. I request that you review these and address any questions to the Board's office.

The full cooperation of the Hamlet of Fort McPherson is anticipated.

Sincerely

Paul Sullivan, Chair

Copied: Conrad Baetz, District Manager – AANDC North Mackenzie District

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSES  
ISSUED UNDER THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES WATERS ACT  
IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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1. At the time of issuance, a copy of the Licence is placed on the Water Register in the office of the Gwich'in Land And Water Board in Inuvik, and is available to the Public.
2. To enforce the terms and conditions of the Licence, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has appointed Inspectors in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the Northwest Territories Waters Act. The inspectors coordinate their activities with the officials of the Gwich'in Land and Water Board Staff.
3. To keep the Water Board and members of the Public informed of the Licensee's conformity to the Licence condition, the Inspectors prepare reports, which detail observations on how each item in the Licence has been met. These reports are forwarded to the Licensee with a covering letter indicating what action, if any, should be taken. The inspection reports and covering letters are placed on the public Water Register, as are any responses received from the Licensee pertaining to the inspection reports. It is therefore of prime importance that you react in all areas of concern regarding all inspection reports so that these concerns may be clarified.
4. If the renewal of Licence No. G13L1-002 is contemplated; it is the responsibility of the Licensee to apply to the Gwich'in Land and Water Board for renewal. The past performance of the Licensee, new documentation and information, points raised during any public hearing, if required, will be used to determine the terms and conditions of any Licence Renewal. Please note that if the Licence expires and the Licensee has not been issued a new Licence, then water and waste disposal must cease, or the Licensee, would be in contravention of the Northwest Territories Water Act. It is suggested that an application for renewal of this Licence be made at least three months in advance of the Licence expiry date.

If for some reason, Licence No. G13L1-002 requires an amendment, a public hearing may be required. You are reminded that applications for amendments should be submitted as soon as possible to provide the Board with ample time to go through the amendment process.

5. Specific clauses of your Licence may make reference to the Board, Analyst or Inspector. The contact person, address, phone and fax number of each is:

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