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File: G03L3-001

Hamlet of Fort McPherson
Attn: Mayor Bill Prodromidis
P.O. Box 57
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Re: Renewal of Water Licence G03L3-001 (Type B)

Mayor Prodromidis,

The Gwich'in Land and Water Board has renewed the Hamlet's municipal water licence for a six year period. Attached is a duplicate of Licence No. G03L3-001. The original has been filed and a copy placed on the Public Registry at the Board's office in Inuvik. 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.

The Hamlet's request to consider the incorporation of an explicit envelope to the waste treatment area could not be granted at this time. There continues to be uncertainty on whether or not the immediate environment the effluent is discharged to constitutes fish habitat. This question has been posed since at least 1997, and never fully answered. The Board urges the Hamlet to conduct a biophysical assessment of the area to finally resolve this matter. Reviewers require this information to prepare expert advice to the Board, and the Board requires the information to determine appropriate terms and conditions. The Board realizes that the Hamlet has limited resources available, and is willing to assist the Hamlet wherever possible in resolving the matter.

Over the last years there have been various concerns brought forward regarding changing water levels at Deep Water Lake. The Board would like to point out that a Watershed Management Plan has been prepared for Deep Water Lake, and encourages all parties to implement that plan.

Please review the comments and advice received from review organizations, which are also attached. Some of the advice is directed at the Hamlet, and needs to be dealt with by the Hamlet.

Sincerely

Paul Sullivan, Chair

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Copied: Conrad Baetz, District Manager – AANDC North Mackenzie District
Mardy Semmler, Director – GTC Lands and Resources
Lori Fyfe, Regional Superintendent – MACA Inuvik Region
Ken Johnson, Stantec Consulting

Attachments: General Procedures for the Administration of Licences
copy of renewed Water Licence G03L3-001
copies of review comments and expert advice

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

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. G03L3-001 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. G03L3-001 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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ANALYST	Analyst Taiga Environmental Laboratory Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Northern Affairs Program P.O. Box 1500 4601 – 52 nd Avenue YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2R3 Phone: (867) 669-2788 Fax: (867) 669-2718