

**Inuvialuit Water Board
Reasons for Decision**

Renewed pursuant to section 48 (1) of the
Waters Act, S.N.W.T. 2014, c.18

Water Licence Number: N7L3-1531 (Renewal)

This is the decision of the Inuvialuit Water Board (IWB), made on November 16, 2017 regarding an application made by:

The Hamlet of Sachs Harbour
P.O. Box 90
Sachs Harbour, NT X0E 0Z0

for a renewal of Water Licence N7L3-1531.

The Hamlet of Sachs Harbour applied for a renewal of Water Licence N7L3-1531 for the use of water and the deposit of waste for municipal undertakings as described in the Water Licence application, supplementary information, and the record of this proceeding.

Background:

The Hamlet of Sachs Harbour applied to the IWB for a renewal of Water Licence N7L3-1531 to use water and deposit waste associated with municipal undertakings. The application was filed with the IWB on June 7, 2017. The application included Schedule C, Questionnaire for Municipal Undertaking and supporting information for the Water Licence Renewal. Following a request for and receipt of supplementary information, the IWB accepted the application as complete on October 20, 2017.

A copy of the Water Licence application and supplementary information was provided to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) as required under section 3.2.7 of their Environmental Impact Screening Guidelines. Copies were also provided to the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Lands (DOL), Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), Health and Social Services (H&SS), Department of Infrastructure (INF), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA), Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC), Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC), Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC – NWT), Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC), Sachs Harbour Community Corporation, Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Committee, and the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) for a 21 day review period (October 20, 2017 – November 10, 2017). Comments on the application were received from ENR, ECCC and DFO on November 10, 2017 and taken into consideration by the Board for determination of the Licence renewal.

The IWB gave notice between October 30, 2017 and November 10, 2017, in accordance with subsections 43 (1)(a) and 43 (1)(b) of the *Waters Act*, that it received a Type B Licence application from the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour. There was no public hearing held in connection with this application.

Scope of the Licence:

Upon review of the application and evidence in the public register, the IWB has determined that the scope of the undertakings covered by the Water Licence includes the use of water to be taken from Water Lake, operation of the municipal Solid Waste Disposal Facilities, operation of the municipal Sewage Waste Disposal Facilities, and any closure and reclamation activities associated with the aforementioned facilities.

Requirements of the *Waters Act*:

The IWB, as required by section 4 of the *Waters Act*, has notified the Applicant of their obligation to comply with any and all other legislation pertinent to the activities authorized under this licence.

The IWB is in accordance with subsection 26(5)(a) of the *Waters Act* by ensuring that the granting of the Water Licence to the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour will not adversely affect, in a significant way, any existing Licensee, providing the conditions of the Licence are met.

The IWB does not believe that any users or persons listed in subsection 26(5)(b) of the *Waters Act* will be adversely affected by the deposit of waste proposed by the Licensee provided that the Licensee operates in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Water Licence.

The IWB is of the view that compliance with the Water Licence Terms and Conditions will ensure that the waste produced by the undertaking will be treated and deposited in a manner that will maintain water quality in the area and will be consistent with applicable water quality standards in accordance with subsection 26(5)(c)(i) of the *Waters Act*.

The IWB is satisfied that the effluent standards set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Water Licence are consistent with subsection 26(5)(c)(ii) of the *Waters Act* and will protect the receiving waters and environment.

The Hamlet of Sachs Harbour has provided the IWB with its Schedule C application, Questionnaire for a Municipal Undertaking and supporting information for its consideration as required by section 34(1) of the *Waters Act*.

Decision to Issue:

Under the authority of the *Hamlets Act* the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour provides water, municipal solid waste and sewage services to its residents.

The water use and disposal of waste proposed by the Licensee is of a nature contemplated by the *Waters Act*.

In accordance with 37 (b) (i) of the *Waters Act* the IWB has the authority to issue this Water Licence.

The IWB has reviewed the Water Licence application and any written comments received by the IWB. Upon consideration of the facts and circumstances, the merits of

the submissions made to it and the purpose, scope and intent of the *Waters Act* and the *Waters Regulations*, the IWB has determined that it can renew Water Licence N7L3-1531 to the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour subject to the Terms and Conditions contained therein.

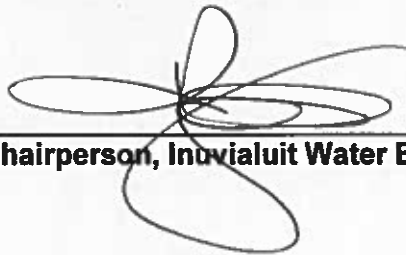
Water Licence Number N7L3-1531 contains Terms and Conditions the IWB considers necessary to ensure compliance with the *Waters Act* and the *Waters Regulations*, and provide appropriate safeguards for the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour's water use and deposit of waste associated with municipal undertakings.

For all of the above reasons the IWB has renewed Licence N7L3-1531 to the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour in accordance with section 27 of the *Waters Act* for the use of water and deposit of wastes.

Term of the Water Licence:

The IWB has determined that the term of the Water Licence will be for five (5) years.

SIGNED, this 17th day of November, 2017 on behalf of the Inuvialuit Water Board.



Chairperson, Inuvialuit Water Board