

WATER REGISTER: N7L3-0714

October 16, 2008

Ms. Debbie Raddie
Senior Administrative Officer
Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk
P.O. Box 120
Tuktoyaktuk, NT X0E 1C0

Dear Ms. Raddie:

On December 9th and 10th in preparation for the upcoming Inuvialuit Settlement Region municipal water license renewals, the Northwest Territories Water Board (NWTWB) is hosting a workshop in Inuvik entitled "*Municipal Water Licences in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region; Licensing and Compliance Issues Discussion*". This presents a great opportunity for the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk, as well as other communities within the ISR, to address concerns with the current licensing system and identify what kind of information and assistance you may require to obtain water rights in a simple and timely manner.

The NWTWB would like to invite 2-3 members of the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk to participate in the workshop. Ideally we would like participation from the Senior Administration Officer (SAO) as well as a town council member and/or the hamlet foreman. The issues that we hope to discuss are issues that the SAO and hamlet foreman might encounter in their day to day activities.

Along with community representatives and the NWTWB, there will be representation from agencies that have a mandate and role in the municipal water licensing process within the ISR; including representatives from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – Water Resources, Government of Northwest Territories Departments of Municipal and Community Affairs and Environment and Natural Resources, the Inuvialuit Land Administration and the Environmental Impact Screening Committee.

An agenda is attached and a questionnaire will be sent to you shortly which we are requesting that you complete and return to us to help us to identify the water licensing and compliance issues in your community. The workshop will begin with a review of the questionnaire results, followed by a panel discussion of the roles, mandates and expectations of the regulatory agencies. From there we will move to a discussion to explore potential solutions to the issues identified in the questionnaire. The NWTWB understands that the solutions to some of these concerns may not be easily arrived at; however we hope to open up discussions between all participants involved in the process so that we can identify a path forward.

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The NWTWB will provide travel, lodging and per diem for 2-3 community members from the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk.

We ask that you take this to your next Town Council meeting to discuss the possibility of your attendance at this workshop.

We look forward to seeing you in December.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Harlow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Harlow
Executive Director
Northwest Territories Water Board