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Eddie T. Dillon  
Chairperson  
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Dear Chairperson Dillon:

**Re: N7L3-0714 – Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk Water Licence**

I am following up on Mayor Nasogaluak letter to you dated 19 June 2014. I have taken steps to keep you up to date with the Hamlet's progress in making application for renewal of the subject expired Water Licence. It is evident that I have had difficulties in submitting an application as quickly as the Water Licence Board has requested but the following is an update of where I am.

The Hamlet is following obliged to follow statutory requirements in their operations. Since the Mayor's letter, we have filled the water reservoir, decanted the sewage lagoon and do regular maintenance at the landfill site, all in accordance to conditions of the expired Water Licence.

The GNWT MACA confirmed in writing by letter dated July 2, 2014 that the existing Landfill is on Commissioner's land and is identified on the GNWT's environmental liabilities list. Once Council no longer uses that site for solid waste, the GNWT will perform the closure and decommissioning of that site.

The Hamlet Council has completed and approved a Spill Contingency Plan.

The Hamlet Council has approved a tri-lateral Memorandum of Intent between the GNWT, the ILA and the Hamlet to use a site for a solid waste facility and associated access road at approximately km.6 on the Tuk to Inuvik Highway. An environmental review is being conducted by EISC and the next screening date is December 17 to 19, 2014. I am hopeful that our replies to EISC will meet environmental requirements to allow construction of the solid waste site.

The Hamlet has approved a site plan and construction specifications and has negotiated a contract for the construction of the solid waste site to commence approximately 01 February 2015 for Phase 1 of the construction, with completion scheduled for the summer of 2015. It is hoped that the Hamlet will

commence using the new solid waste April 1, 2015, conditional on approval to use the new Tuk-Inuvik Highway during construction being approved by the GNWT Transportation.

Finally, AECOM has been retained to complete the Hamlet's Water Licence application, including an updated solid waste operations and maintenance manual and a design to improve the capacity of the Tuk sewage lagoon.

I am hoping that for the remaining life of the existing landfill site in Tuk that we can continue to use our 2005 operation and maintenance manual for the landfill facility.

I have reviewed past inspections and am following up on recommendations and directives. These will be included in our application.

I expect that we will be submitting our completed application for Water Licence by the end of January, 2015.

Thank you to your staff and board for their patience shown towards our community and Council. Council and staff are endeavoring to operate our water and sewage system safely and effectively, meeting all public health requirements. Our existing landfill facility is very poor and Council is trying to make long-term improvements as quickly as possible. Our Works Department is extremely diligent to do all testing and preventive maintenance required. It is unfortunate that the Hamlet is in the position of not having a current Water Licence but the above steps taken should provide you the confidence that the Hamlet will soon meet its statutory requirements and operate as one of the most effective and efficient communities in the region and the Northwest Territories.

I will keep you informed of progress on a regular basis.

Yours truly,



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