



Northwest
Territories Municipal and Community Affairs



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His Worship Mayor Darrel Nasogaluak
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Mayor Nasogaluak,

At the request of Deputy Minister Tom Williams and Roger Connelly, Chairperson of the Inuvialuit Water Board (IWB) I have been asked to provide clarification from a Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) perspective regarding information sent to the IWB in a letter dated December 12, 2014 and again in an e-mail dated August 2, 2015 from Terry Testart, SAO for the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk.

On December 12, 2014 Mr. Testart wrote "The GNWT MACA confirmed in writing by letter dated July 2, 2014 that the existing Landfill is on Commissioners 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"

What was indicated in the letter signed by Ms. Lorie Fyfe, MACA Regional Superintendent was;

"The GNWT follows Public Sector Accounting Board guidelines, which requires us to identify and account for all potential contaminated parcels of land owned by the Commissioner. For the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) this has included some community landfill sites located on Commissioner's land. The existing landfill in Tuktoyaktuk is located on Commissioner's land and therefore has been identified on the GNWT's environmental liabilities list. Once the community stops using this landfill site, MACA will perform a Phase II/III environmental site assessment (ESA II/III) to determine the extent of the liability. In addition to the ESA II/III a landfill closure plan will be developed."

At this time beyond the ESA II/III there has been no commitment on behalf of the GNWT MACA. That has yet to be determined going forward.

In his August 2, 2015 e-mail to Mardy Semmler, IWB Mr. Testart indicated "the old landfill site has been transferred to the GNWT, who will be responsible to decommissioning. Permission to use this facility has been given until access to the new site is approved. Hamlet will use current O&M practices on old landfill site."

Again, I must reiterate, the Tuktoyaktuk landfill site continues to be operated by the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk until such time access to the new site is granted by the Department of Transportation. The land has been and will remain Commissioner's Land – there has been no



"transfer" of the facility that has taken place. Once the Hamlet officially switches its usage to the new site , GNWT MACA will perform the Phase II/III ESA and with the community develop a plan for its decommissioning.

I hope this provides clarification with regards to Tuktoyaktuk's Landfill site. MACA remains committed to working with the Hamlet to address this and other needs as they are identified going forward.

Respectfully,



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Cc: Mr. Tom Williams, Deputy Minister, MACA
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