



Sahtu Land & Water Board
REASONS FOR DECISION
Issued Pursuant to Section 121 of
The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act
and Section 54 of
The **Waters Act**

Water Licence S20L3-003 (Type "B")

This is the decision of the Sahtu Land & Water Board with respect to the application (Renewal of Water Licence S15L3-002) received by the Board on October 28, 2020 from:

Charter Community of Fort Good Hope
P.O. Box 80
Fort Good Hope, NT X0E 0H0

for: the undertaking of use of water and deposit of waste for municipal operations at Fort Good Hope, Northwest Territories

With respect to this application, written notice was given to 24 organizations within the Sahtu Settlement Area and 14 outside of the settlement area in accordance with Sections 63 & 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. There was no Public Hearing held in association with this application.

DECISION

After having been satisfied that the project has been screened pursuant to s.124(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, and that any potential adverse environmental effects were insignificant or mitigatable with known technology, and as such the application could proceed through the regulatory process and after reviewing the submission of the Applicant and after reviewing the written comments received by the Board; the Board, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope and intent of the MVRMA and Regulations made thereunder has determined that:

Water Licence S20L3-003 will be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

The **Board's REASONS FOR DECISION** are as follows:

- Although reviewers expressed some concern over the absence of submission and previous inaction of reporting requirements, with immediate and concentrated efforts to maintain compliance with assistance from the GNWT-MACA and GNWT-ENR, this will be attainable. No unmitigable concerns have been made known to the Board;
- The Renewal Application was deemed exempt from Preliminary Screening as per Schedule 1, Part 1, Section 3(2) and Section 7 of the MVRMA;
- The Board is satisfied that appropriate consultation has been conducted and that advice has been sought and considered, in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA;
- It is the opinion of the Board that the terms and conditions attached to S20L3-003, pursuant to the MVRMA, will ensure that any potential environmental impacts resulting from this activity are not significant;
- Conducting the undertaking in compliance with the terms and conditions imposed by the Licence will minimize any disturbance to the natural conditions of surrounding water bodies;

- Improved SNP monitoring parameters has been included for SNP groundwater monitoring wells and SNP monitoring compliance from the applicant will help verify any potential contaminants of concern;
- The Water Licence Renewal appears to the Board to be in the public interest and no objection to the Renewal was brought to the attention of the Board;
- There is an obvious requirement that the Applicant provide municipal water and waste disposal services to its residents which contributes to the socio-economic well-being of the Community; and
- The use of water and/or deposit of waste proposed by the Applicant is of a nature contemplated by the MVRMA and the *Waters Act*.

The Applicant has been notified through a provision included in the scope of the Water Licence S20L3-003, that compliance with the term and conditions of this Licence has no effect on the Licensee's responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation.

The Board will provide any referenced material or documents and/or reasons for decision for any specific clause or clauses contained within the application if requested to do so in writing.

SIGNED this 3rd day of February 2021 on behalf of the SAHTU Land & Water Board.



Larry Wallace (Chair)
SAHTU Land & Water Board