

# NWT Water Board

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## WATER BOARD HOSTS FIRST ISR MUNICIPAL WATER LICENSING WORKSHOP

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Municipal Water Licensing Workshop Attendees, Inuvik—December 2008

NWT Water Board Chairman Eddie Dillon and Executive Director Mike Harlow hosted an ISR workshop on Municipal Water Licensing in Inuvik in December. The NWT Water Board issues municipal licenses for water use and chose to reach out to communities in the ISR to enhance the licensing process. Eddie Dillon commented: "We wanted community governments, other regulators and the Board to come together to develop better working relationships, identify concerns and to set action items to improve the NWTWB licensing process and understanding of water license requirements. We are very pleased with the results and the commitment from all the communities in the ISR."

Mike Harlow, Executive Director also commented: "We were pleased to welcome participants from Aklavik, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk and Ulukhaktok and appreciate the support and attendance of representatives of GNWT—Municipal and Community Affairs, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, GNWT—Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT Health, Environment Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Inuvialuit Land Administration. The participants all engaged in constructive discussions aimed at improving the current regulatory system to help ensure the well being of ISR residents. It was a first for the ISR and the NWT Water Board is very pleased with the results."

## NWTWB ATTENDS NWT BOARD FORUM

Board Chairman Eddie Dillon and several Board Members and support staff attended the NWT Board Forum meetings held in November in Inuvik. The Water Board was pleased to present acknowledgements for their assistance to INAC (Trish Merrithew-Mercredi), the NEB (Gaetan Caron), NGPS (Brian Chambers), and the IRC (Nellie Cournoyea). Eddie Dillon commented: "We are pleased to have our head office in Inuvik now and all of these northern partners contributed to our successful relocation from Yellowknife."



Eddie Dillon and Nellie Cournoyea, NWT Board Forum — Inuvik 2008

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The **NWT Water Board** is established under the *Northwest Territories Waters Act and Regulations*. The mandate of the **Water Board** is to provide for the conservation, development and utilization of waters in a manner that will provide the optimum benefit for all Canadians and for the residents of the **NWT** in particular. The **Water Board Members** are appointed for specified terms by the **Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs**. The **Water Board** meets regularly to determine **Water License** terms and conditions for municipal and industrial water use throughout the **Inuvialuit Settlement Region**. For more information, please contact **Ms. Freda Wilson, Water Board Inuvik Office** at (867) 678-2942 or **Ms. Liz Castaneda, Water Board Yellowknife Office** at (867) 765-0106.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR FROM THE NWT BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**



**(L-R): Mike Harlow, Executive Director, Dr. Andre Corriveau, Member, Eddie Dillon, Chairman, Dr. Dave Emery, Member, Liz Castaneda, Yellowknife Office Manager, Freda Wilson, Inuvik Office Manager and Emery Paquin, Member. Missing: Rudy Cockney, Member.**