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**RE: 662-6(2) – Water Infrastructure**

Dear MLA Quassa,

As committed to you in the house on November 3, 2023, I would like to follow up and provide you with additional details on Igloolik's Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and the future of water quality in the community.

The Drinking Water Strategic Framework was tabled on May 29, 2023, and identifies the goals, objectives and activities to attain comprehensive, sustainable drinking water programs for all Nunavut municipalities. It also identifies that a significant and strategic investment is required to achieve the goals of the framework.

I recognize the difficulty faced by the community stemming from the turbidity in the source water, and the impact that it has on the WTP. Igloolik's WTP is not designed to meet the turbidity requirements and when turbidity is at its peak. Because of the operational challenges, the department has prioritized Igloolik for holding water operations training in addition to increased support on the daily review of water logsheets, reminders and tracking of monthly and quarterly sample submissions. In the fall of 2023, the department arranged a site visit for hands-on training and thorough review of operations, consolidation of data and review of Environmental Health Officer inspections reports and worked with operators to address any questions they had.

I am pleased to share that Igloolik's WTP is included in the proposed 2024-25 planning portfolio and the schedule for design and construction will be developed during the Business Case development process.



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I look forward to sharing more details with you as the work advances and we gain greater insight through the business case process. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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