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Article 20 Designation – Inuit Water Rights

Development activities can negatively affect surrounding waters. Impacts resulting from development activities can include changes to water chemistry, changes to water quantity and changes to natural flow. Any such damages are compensable under Article 20 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement which states that Inuit have the exclusive right to the use of water on, in or flowing through Inuit Owned Lands, and the right to have water flow through Inuit Owned Lands substantially unaffected in quality, quantity and flow.

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association has been designated by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated as the Designated Inuit Organization for the purposes of claiming compensation from developers for any loss or damage resulting from a change in quality, quantity or flow of water on or running through IOL.
KIA will negotiate for an acceptable compensation agreement prior to any development activity where there is potential for such loss or damage to occur.

As a Landowner:

- KIA will ensure development activities affecting Inuit water rights under Article 20 are compensated for the benefit of Kitikmeot Inuit.

For Beneficiaries:

- KIA will claim compensation for losses or damage on Inuit Owned Lands in the Kitikmeot region.
- KIA will work to keep Beneficiaries informed of all Inuit Water Rights related issues.

For Developers:

- Be aware that projects or activities which may affect the quality, quantity or flow of water flowing through Inuit Owned Lands in the Kitikmeot region, shall not proceed without the applicant entering into a compensation agreement with KIA for losses or damages caused by any such change to the water.
- Accidental spills resulting in changes to water in, on or flowing through Inuit Owned Lands must be reported immediately to KIA, Department of Lands, Environment and Resources and are subject to compensation under Article 20.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE ARTICLE 20 OF THE NUNAVUT LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT OR CONTACT THE KIA DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES