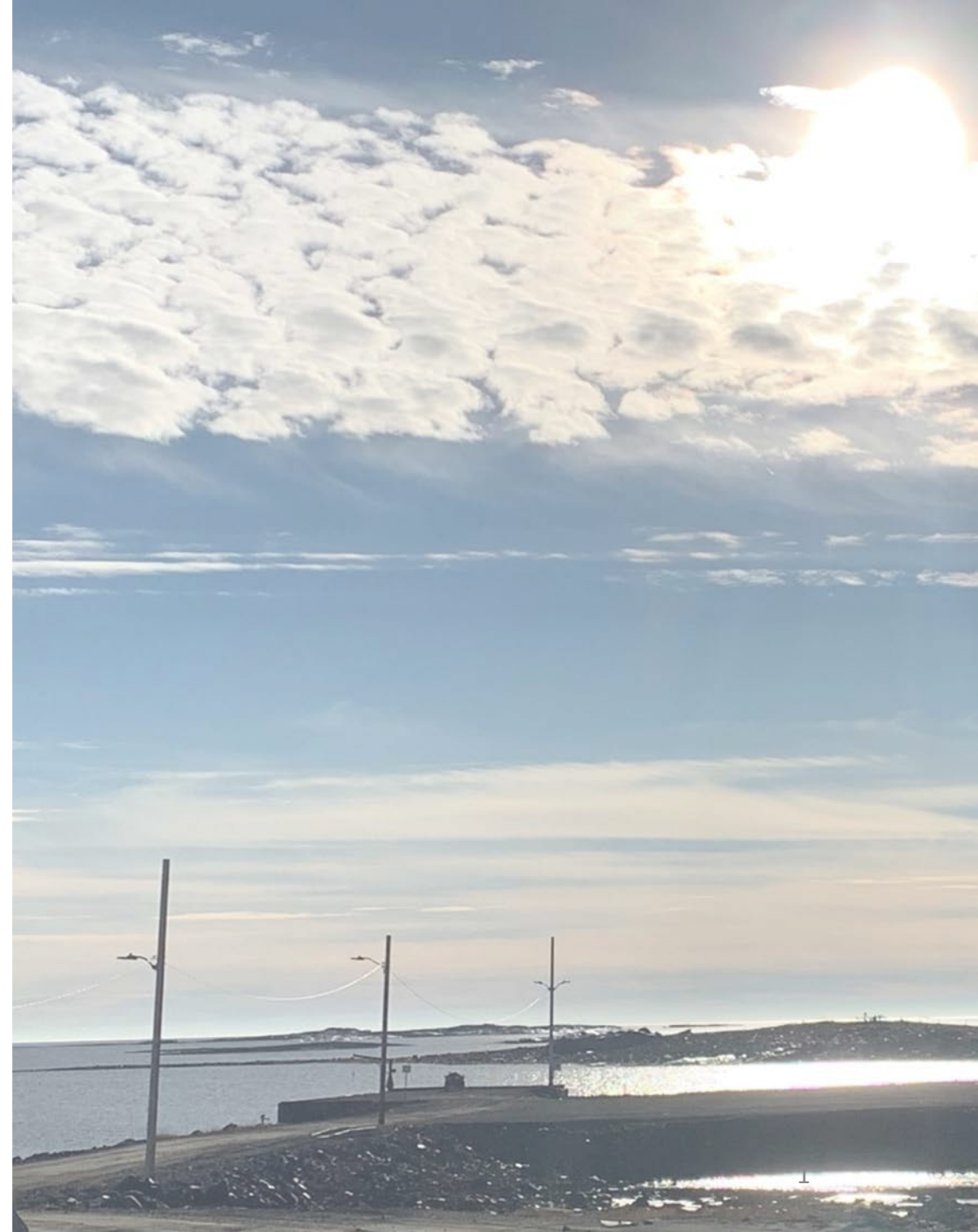




Nunavut Water Board Update

The Future of Territorial Freshwater Management

Nunavut Mining Symposium April 2024





Overview

- ***Nunavut Water Board***

- *Mandate*

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- ***Nunavut Water Management Strategy***

- *Purpose and Background*
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- ***Closing***



Nunavut Water Board Mandate

- *The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) is an institution of public government established under the Nunavut Agreement.*
- *The NWB has responsibilities and powers over the regulation, use and management of freshwater in Nunavut.*
- *Authority: Nunavut Agreement, Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and Nunavut Waters Regulations.*
- *The primary objects of the Board are to provide for the conservation and utilization of water in Nunavut in a manner that will provide optimum benefit from those waters for the residents of Nunavut and Canadians in general.*
- *The Board's primary regulatory functions involve the approval of the use of water or deposit of waste (without a licence for limited uses/deposits) or by issuing Type "A" or "B" licences.*





Updating Freshwater Licensing

Rules of Procedure

The Rules guide the NWB's conduct of various proceedings (TM, PHC, Community Sessions, PH) associated with the Board's consideration of Applications.

Consultation Draft
Fall 2024

General Guides

General Public
Nunavummiut
Communities

Plain language
general
summaries to
support
engagement

Publication
Summer 2024

Technical Guidelines

Applicants and
Licensee

Technical
Guidance clarify
transparency
into application
needs,
procedures,
legislation, rules.

Consultation Drafts
January 2025

Technical Standards

Applicants and
Licensee

Tools that
outline uniform
use specific
standard
information used
by the NWB

Ongoing

User Guides

Applicants and
Licensee

How to guides
for using a
particular
product, service
or application
(i.e. Forms,
Public Registry)

Ongoing



Nunavut Water Management Strategy (NWMS)

- *Nunavut is currently the only jurisdiction in Canada that does not have a comprehensive territorial freshwater management approach.*
- *The Nunavut Agreement sets out the Nunavut Water Board's Mandate to include territorial management of freshwater*
- *The NWMS will strengthen the coordinated management approach to ensure freshwater in Nunavut is conserved and used in a manner that provides the optimum benefit for all Nunavummiut in particular, and all Canadians in general*





NWMS Key Drivers

- ***Aligning Legislation and Policy under one umbrella***
- ***Enshrining freshwater Co-Management Approaches to address changing roles under Devolution***
- ***Strengthen Regulatory Clarity for water users and developers***
- ***Guide freshwater management in a context of Territorial Growth, Cumulative Effects, and Climate Change***
- ***Grounding freshwater management in principles of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit***
- ***Communicating the Roles of Nunavummiut in freshwater management***
- ***Planning for the Future***





NWMS Roles





NWMS Steering Committee

- *A NWMS Steering Committee (Steering Committee) was established in 2019, and includes participation from:*
 - *Nunavut Water Board (NWB) – lead organization*
 - *Government of Nunavut (GN)*
 - *Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI)*
 - *Regional Inuit Associations (RIAs)*
 - *Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)*
 - *Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC)*
- *Purpose: bring Nunavut’s Institutions of Public Government, Inuit Authorities, federal and territorial governments, communities and other non-governmental organizations together to address the challenge of developing an integrated freshwater management strategy for the territory*





NWMS Pillars



Public
Awareness



Knowledge
and Research



Stewardship





NWMS Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit

Avatimik Kamattiarniq

- Environmental Stewardship

Qanuqtuurungnarniq

- Being Resourceful to Solve Problems

Pilimmaksarniq

- Skills and Knowledge Acquisition

Pijitsirarniq

- Concept of Serving

Aajiiqatigiingniq

- Consensus Decision Making

Piliriqatigiingniq

- Collaborative Relationship or Working Together

Inuuqatigiitsiarniq

- Respect and Caring for People

Inuuqatigiittiarniq

- Healthy Communities

Tunnganarniq

- Fostering Good Spirit, Openness in Inclusivity

Ikajuqtigiinni

- Working Together for Common Cause

Pijarnirniqsat Katujjiqatirttiarnirlu

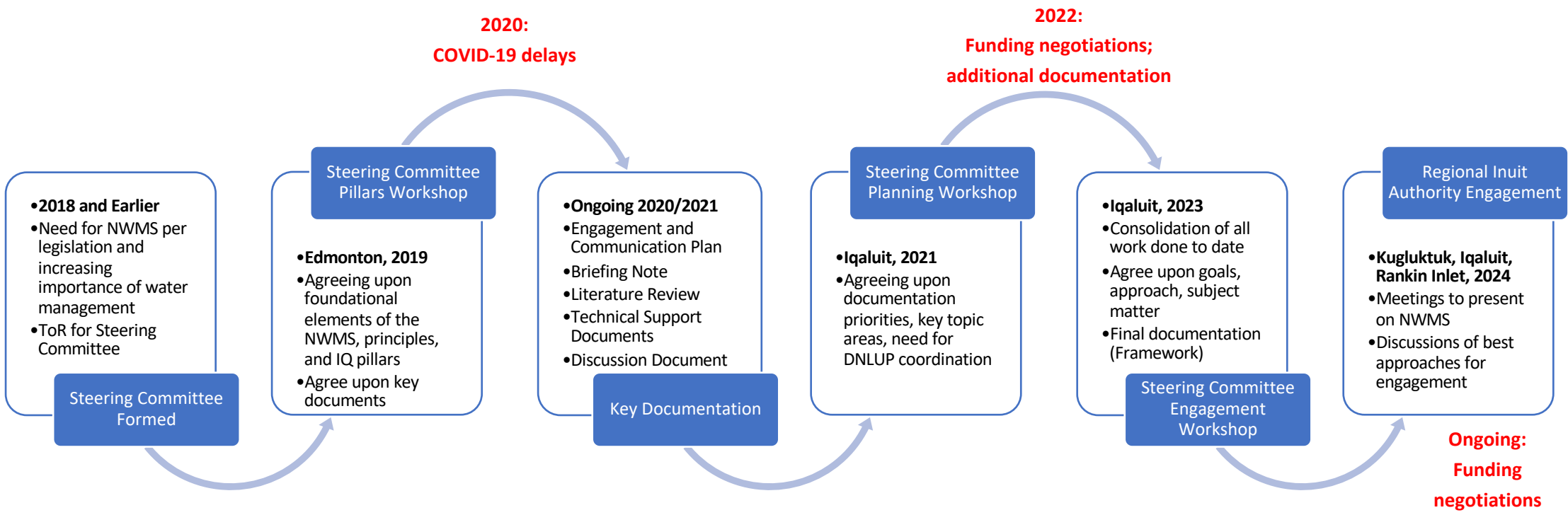
- Simplicity and Unity

Namminiq Makitajunarniq

- Self-Reliance



NWMS Key Milestones





NWMS Next Steps

- ***Initiate / Plan Engagement***
 - *Meeting with the Regional Inuit Associations to initiate planning for engagement*
 - *Building awareness of water management and the need for the NWMS in communities*
 - *Liaison with communities regarding regional workshops, provision of background materials, selection of attendees through the Regional Inuit Organizations*
 - *Pursue “pre-engagement” through digital media, communications*
- ***In-Person Engagement and Incorporation of Engagement Results***
 - *Regional workshops (x2 in Qikiqtani, x1 in Kivalliq, x1 in Kitikmeot) currently included in engagement plan, but the exact format, focus and approach will be refined in collaboration with the Regional Inuit Associations and the NWMS Steering Committee*



Closing

The NWB's mandate to manage Nunavut's freshwater resources has guided the Board's activities to date

Providing priorities guiding the licensing process is pivotal in addressing current needs of freshwater users and developers alike.

The NWMS is a necessary piece of policy to guide freshwater management in Nunavut, including fulfilling the strategic vision of the Board and achievement of the NWB's legislated mandate

Questions?