

CANADA
NUNAVUT

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, S. Nu. 2016, c. 13

**ORDER RESPECTING NUNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
(#2)**

RANKIN INLET

WHEREAS:

- A. The Minister of Health has declared a Public Health Emergency in Nunavut effective March 20, 2020 to address the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and may renew this declaration every fourteen (14) days for the duration of the Public Health Emergency;
- B. Pursuant to section 41(1) of the *Public Health Act*, the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions, including issuing directions or orders for the purposes of protecting the public health and preventing, remedying or mitigating the effects of the Public Health Emergency; and
- C. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has scheduled a Public Hearing concerning the Meliadine Mine Saline Water Discharge to the Marine Environment project proposal to be held between June 14-17, 2021 in Rankin Inlet (the “Public Hearing”); and
- D. The Chief Public Health Officer is satisfied that the Nunavut Impact Review Board has taken appropriate measures to protect the public from exposure to novel coronavirus COVID-19;

THEREFORE, the Chief Public Health Officer hereby orders the following:

- 1. The Public Hearings are exempt from the gathering size restrictions set out in section 6 (b) of the *Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings (#4)* issued for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet on June 3, 2021.
- 2. Attendance at the Public Hearing shall be restricted to no greater than seventy-five (75) persons at each meeting site, including participants and staff.

3. All persons participating in the Public Hearings shall wear non-medical masks or face coverings as defined in section 14 of the *Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings (#4)* issued for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet.
4. The Nunavut Impact Review Board shall implement its COVID-19 Response Plan dated August 21, 2020, which is attached as Appendix “A” and forms part of this Order.
5. All other provisions of the *Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings (#4)* issued for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet shall continue to apply to the Public Hearings.
6. The Nunavut Impact Review Board shall post a copy of this Order for public inspection at the hearing location.

This order is effective at 12:01 am CDT (UTC-5:00) on June 14, 2021 and expires at 11:59 pm CDT (UTC-5:00) on June 17, 2021.



Dr. Michael Patterson
Chief Public Health Officer

APPENDIX "A"

NUNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN