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**Subject:** Iqaluit DFO Bathymetric Lake Surveys

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Tetra Tech Canada Inc. (Tetra Tech) was retained by the City of Iqaluit (the City) to conduct bathymetric surveys on two lakes. The two lakes surveyed were Unnamed Lake and Lake Geraldine, approximately 5 km and 1.5 km northeast of Iqaluit, NU, respectively.

The City has historically obtained its fresh water supply from the Lake Geraldine water reservoir. In 2018 a shortage of water in the reservoir was experienced following the spring freshet, requiring the City to supplement the drinking water supply from an additional source. The City's objective is to develop a sustainable long-term water supply. Unnamed Lake has been identified as a possible alternative water supply source. A bathymetric survey is required for the lake to provide an accurate map of lake morphometry and a calculation of potential available water volume. Additionally, a bathymetric survey was requested for Lake Geraldine to assess its current conditions.

The City required the bathymetric surveys to be completed in accordance with Scenario E of Application of the NWT Winter Water Withdrawal Protocol with Bathymetric Profiles of Select Small Lakes in the Mackenzie Delta Region (DFO 2005). Data was collected between July 23 and July 25, 2019.

## 2.0 EQUIPMENT

Tetra Tech utilized an Ohmex SonarMite single beam acoustic echosounder to complete the bathymetric survey. The SonarMite has a 235 kHz active transducer, a beam width of  $\pm 4^\circ$  and a measurement accuracy of  $\pm 2.5$  cm. The SonarMite unit employs digital signal conditioning and analysis circuitry to digitally output water depths at a rate of 2 Hz. The water depth measurements are recorded to a field laptop computer.

A Topcon HiperXT real-time kinematic (RTK) GPS system was used to provide positioning information. The GPS base station was positioned on shore for each lake and broadcast positioning correction information. The GPS rover was setup on the boat to receive positioning corrections from the base and integrate corrected positions with the echosounder data as the data was recorded. Given appropriate satellite constellations at the time of data collection, the RTK system typically provides 2 cm horizontal accuracy and 2 cm to 3 cm vertical accuracy.

The bathymetric survey for Unnamed Lake was conducted from a 9.5-foot zodiac with a Yamaha 4 HP outboard motor. The bathymetric survey on Lake Geraldine was conducted from a 12-foot Princecraft aluminum boat with a Yamaha 4 HP outboard motor.

## 3.0 DATA COLLECTION

The bathymetric survey was carried out by James Mickle, P.Geoph. (AB) of Tetra Tech's Calgary office. Data was collected between July 23 and 25, 2019. Survey support was provided by Qairrulik Outfitting, based in Iqaluit. Lake Geraldine was accessible by truck, while Unnamed Lake was only accessible by ATV. Surveys were carried out using the equipment listed in Section 2.0.

Survey navigation was achieved using a navigation tracking software package that displayed the boat location and pre-programmed track lines in real time for the boat operator. Data was collected with three longitudinal profiles and transverse profiles spaced every 100 m on Unnamed Lake with the location of the profiles optimised to account for the shape of the lake. For Lake Geraldine, a single longitudinal profile and transverse lines every 100 m were collected. In addition to the bathymetric lines, circumferential data representing the complete shoreline outline (0 metre water depth) of both lakes was obtained by digitising a Sentinel-2 L1C satellite image acquired on July 23, 2019. To fix the lake surface elevations at the time of the survey, 10 RTK GNSS locations distributed around each lake were collected, the average value of which was used; at both lakes. The maximum and minimum water level elevations for each lake were within +/- 1 cm of the average value. The averaged value for both lakes was further corrected using a temporary field control point that was measured during both the bathymetric survey and the August 2019 LiDAR program

Based on the shape of both lakes and the paper "Application of the NWT Winter Water Withdrawal Protocol with Bathymetric Profiles of Select Small Lakes in the Mackenzie Delta Region, 2005", it is estimated that the volumes calculated potentially underestimate total volumes by 5% in the case of Unnamed Lake and between 5% and 10% at Geraldine Lake at the time of the survey. The larger potential error for Geraldine Lake is due to the presence of an inaccessible lobe at the south end due to very shallow water conditions at the time of the bathymetric survey.

Three sonar depth calibrations were completed for each lake as part of Tetra Tech's standard Quality Control/Quality Assurance (QA/QC) procedures.

### 3.1 Unnamed Lake

The bathymetric survey on Unnamed Lake was completed between July 24 and 25, 2019. Data collection tracks for the survey are plotted on Figure 1.

Two small bays can be seen in Figure 1 at the north end and west side of the lake. Tetra Tech was able to access a small portion of the north bay, but the water level was so shallow that the sonar system could not provide depth readings. The west bay was inaccessible due to shallow water depths (<0.5 m) and numerous rocks. Based on field observations, it is assumed that both bays will be isolated from the main water body during winter (frozen) conditions. Therefore, the two bays would not affect the under ice water volume.

### 3.2 Lake Geraldine

The bathymetric survey on Lake Geraldine was completed on July 23, 2019. Data collection tracks for the survey are plotted on Figure 2.

The southeast arm of Lake Geraldine was inaccessible due to a section of dry land approximately 50 m in length preventing the boat from passing. Extremely rough and rocky terrain was noted on the land around the southeast arm, preventing movement of the boat to that area. Small rocks were also noted protruding from the water in the middle of the southeast arm, so it is assumed that the water depth was minimal. This portion of Lake Geraldine was

essentially cut off from the main lake at the time of the survey and thus would not contribute to the immediate water withdrawal capacity of the lake.

Two small islands were present at the time of the survey. These are seen as small gaps in the bathymetry data in Figure 2. Water was extremely shallow (<0.3 m) with numerous rocks in the channel between the larger island and the western shore, preventing a data collection track in this channel. Due to the low water level, this channel is expected to freeze to ground in the winter and therefore not affect the under ice water volume.

## 4.0 DATA PROCESSING

Data processing consisted of the following steps:

- Submitting static GPS base station observation files to the Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) online precise point positioning (PPP) correction system;
- Applying PPP horizontal and vertical corrections to all positioning information;
- Applying depth corrections to bathymetry data based on sonar depth calibrations;
- Averaging the ten water level elevations recorded for each lake to establish an elevation for each lake surface at the time of the survey (see Section 5.1);
- Digitizing the shoreline from georeferenced satellite imagery taken within a couple of days of the bathymetric survey to assign the water surface outline (i.e., 0 m depth contour) at the time of the bathymetric survey;
- Contouring the water depth data using a Kriging algorithm;
- Plotting depth contour results on georeferenced air photos;
- Calculating the lake surface areas using the digitized shoreline; and
- Calculating the required lake volumes using the trapezoidal method of calculation and subtracting the required estimated ice thickness (2.0 metres) as per the DFO Protocol (2015) for calculating water withdrawal volumes above the tree line.

### 4.1 QA/QC

Tetra Tech's QA/QC procedures included conducting sonar depth calibrations in multiple locations on each lake. This was done by manually measuring the lake depth using a weighted tape measure and comparing that number to the depth displayed by the sonar at the same location. Depth calibrations are typically conducted in three locations per lake. Differences between the manually measured depths and the sonar readings are plotted and used to determine what depth corrections are required to be applied to the bathymetric results.

Additionally, crossline consistency is checked as part of the QA/QC procedures. At locations where transverse survey lines intersect longitudinal survey lines, depth values are compared between the two survey passes over the same location. Discrepancies in depth values between the two passes could be indicative of positioning errors. For these surveys, no significant discrepancies between crosslines were noted.

## 5.0 RESULTS

Survey results for Unnamed Lake and Lake Geraldine are presented in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. Each figure shows a bathymetric colour contour map. A table has been included on each figure summarizing the required information from DFO Protocol for Winter Water Withdrawal in the Northwest Territories. This includes:

- Lake ID;
- Coordinates;
- Surface area;
- Total lake volume;
- Under ice volume;
- Max expected ice thickness value used; and
- Calculated 5% withdrawal volume.

### 5.1 Vertical Data Positioning

A lake surface elevation has been provided on each figure for the corrected CVD28 water elevation at the time of the survey. The absolute accuracy of this elevation measurement is approximately  $\pm 3$  cm. The water surface elevation of both lakes been further corrected using a common survey point measured during both the bathymetry and LiDAR programs, and a vertical shift of -1.78 cm was applied to the GNSS position data collected to align the lake bottom elevations with the LiDAR program results.

An x,y,z DEM based on a 2 metre grid size has been generated for the bathymetric data so that an elevation contour model can be generated for the region by combining the sonar and LiDAR datasets.

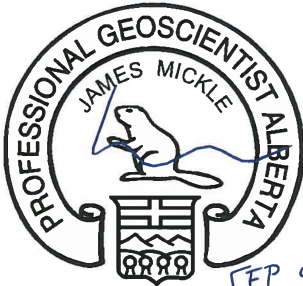
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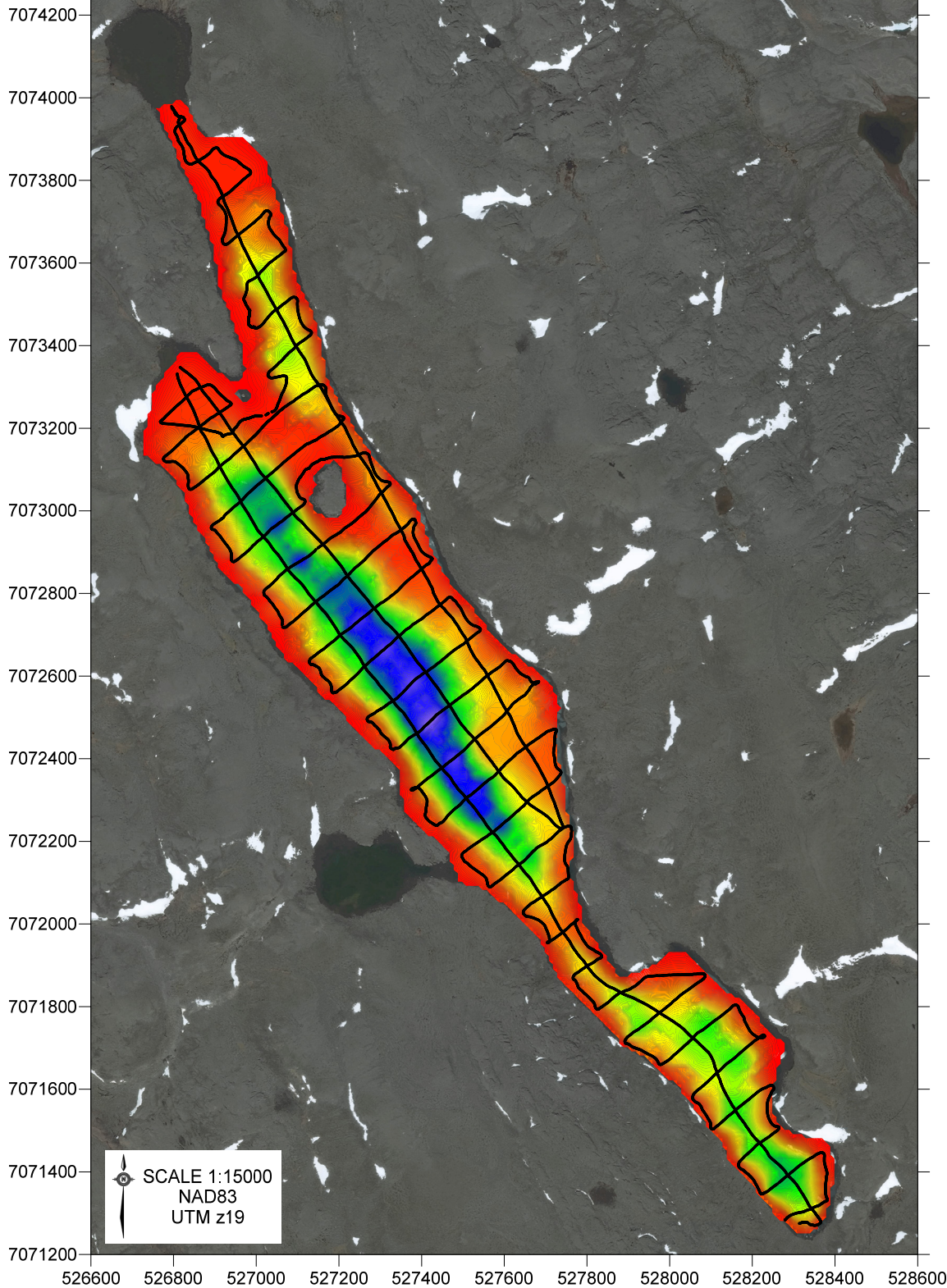
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## FIGURES

- Figure 1      Unnamed Lake Bathymetry Depth Results  
Figure 2      Lake Geraldine Bathymetry Depth Results



North (m)

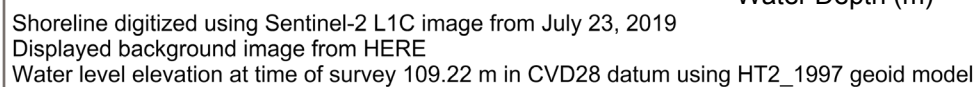


Shoreline digitized using Sentinel-2 L1C image from July 23, 2019  
 Displayed background image from HERE  
 Water level elevation at time of survey 203.32 m in CVD28 datum using HT2\_1997 geoid model

LEGEND		CLIENT		IQALUIT DFO BATHYMETRIC LAKE SURVEYS				
Data collection tracks <b>DFO Lake Summary</b> Lake ID: Unnamed Lake Centre Coordinates: 527,432 m E 7,072,564 m N Surface Area: 911,300 m <sup>2</sup> Total Lake Volume: 6,616,900 m <sup>3</sup> Under Ice Volume: 4,737,900 m <sup>3</sup> Maximum Expected Ice Thickness Value Used: 2.0 m Calculated 5% Withdrawal Volume: 236,895 m <sup>3</sup>		 		<b>Unnamed Lake</b> <b>Bathymetry Depth Results</b> Data Collected July 24-25, 2019				
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Figure 1





### Figure 2



## APPENDIX A

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Where subsurface conditions encountered during development are different from those described in this report, qualified geotechnical personnel should revisit the site and review recommendations in light of the actual conditions encountered.

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## 1.9 LOGS OF TESTHOLES

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## 1.10 STRATIGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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