



## MINUTES

### Kiggavik Community Liaison Committee

June 1, 2010

7 PM

AREVA Kiggavik Office, Baker Lake

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The meeting was attended by:

Barry McCallum, AREVA

William Noah, AREVA

Dianne Iyago, AREVA

Jeff Hart, AREVA

James Kalluk

Martha Jorah

Basil Aptanik

Casey Tularialik

Jean Simailak

Sheena and Phillipa Iksiraq

Annie Attungala

Kiah Hachey

Hugh Tularialik

John and Martha Nukik.

Absent:

Samson Arnauyok, Irene Kaluraq

Interpreter-Angie Akamak

**Meeting opened by the Chair John Nukik at 7: 12 PM**

#### **1. Opening Prayer**

Said by Jean Simailak

## **2. Introduction-**

Chair: spoke about his experience in being a board member and talks about the goal of AREVA. He didn't have much experience before coming to AREVA but he is learning and would like to ask the board to talk about their concerns as it must be easier to understand when you are bilingual.

## **3. Approval of Agenda-**

**Moved** – Hugh Tulurialik

**Seconded by-** Casey Tulurialik

**Motion carried**

## **4. Approval of previous Minutes of March 17, 2010**

Spelling error: "Taviniq" is spelt wrong.

**Moved by-** Casey Tulurialak

**Seconded by-** Martha Jorah

**Motion carried**

## **5. Project Update-**

**5.1 Start of camp-** Barry: Camp has been open since last Thursday, its open and operating. Charter came in, drillers came in, wildlife monitor is at camp and will have him give an update when he is in town. We also have 16 local people working right now including the 3 in the office. Normally during the season the number of local people will hit 30 or 35 and camp will operate until August. Camp workers get orientation on camp safety, wildlife safety, radiation safety. Two new orientation items that include suicide prevention workshops (30) and cultural awareness.

### **5.1.1 Suicide Prevention Workshops**

Two suicide prevention sessions were recently held before the start of Kiggavik Operations. One was held in Saskatoon on May 17 for about 12 Saskatoon people working at Kiggavik and one was held in Baker Lake on May 25 for about 17 Baker Lake people. The sessions were carried out by consultants from the south assisted by Barb Mueller from Baker Lake. The participants thought the sessions were very good.

### **5.1.2 Cultural Awareness orientation**

There will be a cultural awareness session soon so Inuit and non Inuit cultures can learn about each other.



**Questions:**

**John:** supportive of cultural awareness orientation, because of the language differences and difficulties. Encouraging and promoting Inuit language.

**Kiah:** when is the cultural awareness workshop?

**Barry** answered that it will probably be this weekend with Jeans help.

## **5.2 Environmental Assessment**

### **5.2.2 NIRB Community Information Sessions**

Last meeting was before the NIRB community information sessions. Between April 25 and May 10 there were NIRB sessions in all Kivalliq communities, there were 3 in Baker Lake and 2 in every other community. The sessions included a presentation from NIRB on Kiggavik and on the NIRB process. A couple of AREVA staff attended to observe but never participated. The attendance varied from 140 people from Baker to as low as 10 in Coral Harbour or Chesterfield Inlet. NIRB will consider all that was said at the meetings in their environmental process. The guidelines will probably be ready in 9 or 10 months.

**Questions on the environment assessment:**

**Philippa:** heard of meeting at the time of a sports event going on at the same time. There was a concern of attendance because of two separate events happening at the same time.

**Barry:** attendance was very good in Baker Lake despite other events going on, but yes there were cases in other communities where they competed with a hockey game or nice weather and stuff like that.

**James:** how much time is given for notice before a meeting is held?

**Barry:** Notices were posted in the communities and in the newspaper, but its hard to tell how much time was given but probably about 2 weeks before the meetings.

## **5.3 Video on Kiggavik**

Last meeting we did screening of the video on a young persons perspective and last week we were able to translate it from English to Inuktitut. Rhoda Perkinson and Alvin Qanaq were doing the voice over's in Inuktitut.

John: after they see the video they will probably have questions or comments. Barry: perhaps we can watch both of them when they are done, both the English version and the Inuktitut version.

## **6. Recent events**

### **6.1 Kivalliq Wildlife Board**

Barry went to a meeting of the KWB today in Baker Lake at Nunamiut Lodge to give a project update on Kiggavik to the board.

**6.2 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Chesterfield Inlet** – a week ago Barry attended the hamlet celebrations in Chesterfield Inlet. This was the first week of events and there was a contest for a name and Ralph Simik won 500 dollars for Qitik Tyme. There were musicians from Baker Lake and they were Casey Tularialik, Philip Putumiraqtuq, Jason Putumiraqtuq and Caleb Mariq.

## **7. Up and Coming Events**

### **7.1 Visit to potential Thelon crossing**

Barry reported once the helicopters are running and once the road experts are here, we will be taking a committee member with the road expert to the river to suggest ideas of where the road would probably be. The road people are coming tomorrow and we could probably go out on Thursday. We had originally asked Samson to go because he went before and he was really interested in going to see the river and check the options, but he is sick right now and we would like someone who knew about his ideas and concerns about the land and the river to go in his place.

**Martha:** for the people that are going to check the road, are they going to come from the committee? **Barry:** We want someone who knew about his concerns about the river and the land. It doesn't really have to be a committee person, just someone who knows about the river and the land around Thelon river. **Martha:** I suggest it be someone who travels that route often. **Martha J:** Suggest her father Thomas Qaqimat and John Nukik. **Basil:** suggest Tularialik because he knows the Kiggavik area and the Thelon area. **John:** suggest Thomas Qaqimat is the one that went up and down back that river and has experience going there, he knows the river and the rapids. **Hugh:** also suggests Qaqimat because he also knows the land names and the landmarks, the distance between the name places. **Martha:** it will probably be better too to have two people to easily convince the road people. **Casey:** Will William be going too? **William:** if there is room then I can follow and if they really need a translator. Hugh can speak and understand a little bit of English, but if they need a translator then he can tag along. He also suggest Thomas and Hugh. **Hugh:** he only knows the land between here and Kiggavik but I am also suggesting John. **Hugh:** are there flags along the route that they are planning to take? Because I saw a flag up that way. **William:** it would be a good idea to also monitor the ice break up at the river to see how high or how strong it is, to take note of the ice flow, ice melts, water levels etc.

Decision that Hugh Tularialik and Thomas Qakimat visit the proposed Thelon Crossing with the consultant and William Noah go as well.

**7.2 Visit to Kiggavik** – We will probably be doing visits in July to wait till all the snow is gone because there is about 8 feet of snow right now.

**7.3 Visit to Saskatchewan Mines (tentatively August)** – We will also be doing more visits to the Saskatchewan mines in mid-August.

## **8. New Business**

None that hasn't been covered

## 9. Member Topics

**Basil:** wants to find out more about the item 5.1 whether it was people from Baker Lake or Saskatoon. Barry: there was a workshop in Saskatoon for the Saskatoon employees and then another one here for the local employees. **Basil:** I grew up around Judge Sissons Lake and I was moved here when I was six with my family. He didn't think of it as survival because they were moved from their traditional camp, now he wants to use that experience as a board member to push forward if it's for the benefit of all the people.

**Martha:** 5.2.1 when it comes to NIRB and the community participation, rather than each group giving separate presentations or meetings, why don't they do a public meeting. Why weren't you at the hamlet day events here? And we were supposed to see the Indian dancers, why weren't they here? When the two people come back from the road options visit, can they come back and give a presentation? Can our spouses follow on the visit to Kiggavik?

**Hugh:** giving an update on the Qilautimiut, there isn't much to report but we've been going through a difficult time with financial difficulties. But once things are figured out that they would have more to report on.

**John:** while were stressing the importance of the Kiggavik mine and then having smoke breaks, how much are we showing commitment towards it? We all know the affects of smoking and how are we as a board going to relay that message of healthy living? He's been in so many meetings and there have always been issues with timing and duration of breaks. Being a board member for AREVA and trying to work with another group and seeing the importance, how can we combine the two and keep it on a factual basis with all the years of smoking and the breaks that are taken, and look at how much time is being lost.

**James:** suggested helping with the other organizations only if we were invited and not intruding, and making sure we all work together.

**10. Date & Time of Next Meeting** – in about a month William will contact the board members. Adjournment Casey moves and Martha seconds. To adjourn, all in favour.