



## MINUTES

### KIGGAVIK COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE:

**July 27, 2010**

**7:15 PM**

**AREVA Kiggavik Office, Baker Lake**

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The meeting was attended by:

Barry McCallum, AREVA

William Noah, AREVA

Jeff Hart AREVA

Naomi Stumborg, Environment and Radiation Protection Supervisor AREVA

Nathan Shirley, Environment and Radiation Protection Technician AREVA

Basil Aptanik

Kiah Aqatuaq

John Nukik

Martha Nukik

Martha Jorah

Philippa Iksiraq

James Kalluk

Hugh Tularialik

Jean Simailak

Casey Tutrialik

Absent:

Peter Tapatai, Irene Tavinirk, Sheena Iksirak, Annie Malaiya Attungala;

Guests:

Mike Moriarity, Forest Helicopters; Tom Mannik, Wildlife Monitor; Elijah Amarook, Wildlife Monitor; Effie Arnaluaq Agaliktaaq, Joseph Scottie

Interpreter-Percy Tutanuaq

## Meeting opened by the Chair John Nukik at 7: 15 PM

### 1. Opening Prayer

Prayer Said by Jean Simailak followed by Silence in memory of late Samson Arnauyok.

### 2. Introduction-

**John Nukik-** I remembered Samson Arnauyok, he helped me a lot monitoring proposed bridge site at the Thelon River; he helped us a lot surveying the site along with the consultant and the engineer.

**Barry McCallum-** We have Mike Moriarity of Forest Helicopters to talk about caribou protection. Our meeting will be little bit different this evening, we are going to see dvd film “through the eyes of a young person” Dianne Iyago, Martin Kreelak. And Tom Mannik and Elijah Amarook can talk about Wildlife Monitoring.

### 3. Video – Through the Eyes of a Young person was shown in English and inuktitut

**Philippa Iksiraq-** The wildlife monitoring officers do night watchmen as well?

**Elijah Amarook-** no because it just exploration camp right now; maybe in the future when it be open in the future they’ll have night shifts.

**Philippa Iksiraq –** Where do the people working on fish work?

**Tom Mannik-** the river monitoring that we saw are just monitoring current of river and Lakes so that they will know how it will have affect or changes.

**James Kalluk-** do they only monitor just the few or all of the Lakes?

**Tom Mannik-** they only monitor all of the area that would be affected

**Kiah –** The video is popular on Facebook

**Barry McCallum-** in few minutes Elijah Amarook will be talking about wildlife.

### 4. Demonstration of Skytracker and Helicopter Operations

**Mike Moriarity-** I have been flying for AREVA for the past 4 years at Kiggavik. When flying to Kigavik our altitude is always at 2,500 and when coming back to Baker Lake always at 3,000 feet altitude. Tom and I fly monitoring wildlife.

**Joseph Scottie-** while flying and monitoring do you have an elder accompany you on board?

Mike- Not always. We bring in food and people.

**Barry McCallum-** We take CLC Members to visit Kiggavik, and homeland visits, twice already this year.

**Tom Mannik-** As soon as we board the helicopter we start monitoring right away and as soon as we see animal we ask the pilot fly higher; we record every sighting of animals and we record them on paper. We visit drill sites every day and watch for wildlife.

**Elijah Amarook-** he said what I had to say so, no comment right now.

**Mike:** Sometimes we fly low for weather or to study something on the ground. Concerns have been raised about low flying. We checked our records and it was not our helicopters flying low. People can see the logs of our flights at the office.

**Joe Scottie-** last May there was helicopter landed on the other side of Thelon River's mouth during caribou calving; all of the caribou always have a leader; and if the leader is chased away all of the caribou changed their migration routes; last week there was hunter out there but the helicopter came so low and chased them away.

**Mike-** Ask him what date it was?

**Joseph-** I don't remember what date she called and talked.

**Mike-** we can always go back and trace flights.

**Joseph Scottie-** we only depend on caribou and fish only, we do not have seals, walrus or whales.

**Jean Simailak-** while talking about helicopters; Boris Kotelowetz have one helicopter, Anico eagle probably have one, Areva; a month ago during that week of very foggy week, my husband dave and I were taking a ride in very foggy day almost ran into a chopper out of nowhere on the meadowbank road and suddenly it took off and start off towards the airstrip; boats too have been changing caribou migration routes, it is not only the helicopters and plane.

**James Kalluk-** do they have instruments in all of the helicopters for monitoring altitudes?

**Mike-** Yes all of our company helicopters have instruments; last week I worked for Comeco, Gov't of Canada south of Aberdeen lake; seen some caribou by Thom Lake, Judge Session lake, herds are not moving much they are 8,000 in numbers; we can monitor the ones with radio collared ones; last week we have seen 600 at Mallery Lake, near south of Judge Sessions Lake; north of Long lake (Anniguq) and just today we spotted small herds; this year we have seen lots of musk oxens; near Princes Mary lake herds of Musk Oxens.

## **5. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** James Kalluk

**Seconded by:** Martha Jorah,

**Motion is carried.**

## **6. Approval of previous past minutes-**

**Moved by:** Kiah Aqatuaq

**Seconded by:** Jean Simailak

**Motion is carried.**

## **7. Project Update-**

**7.1. Operation at camp- Naomi Stumberg-** drilled 5,000 metres and drilling until mid August.

## 7.2 Radiation Measuring Demonstration.

Showed contamination metres and demonstrated how it works. Workers wear radiation done meters and are given information at the end of the season. Each week people get readouts of the direct reading dose metres. Supervisors review readings every day. Reading at Kiggavik are very low.

**Casey** – Were there any high readings

**Naomi** – None.

**Philippa Iksiraq**- when it is beeping, there is danger?

**Naomi**- A few beeps are normal. When the instrument is beeping we clean up work places.

**Joseph Scottie**- okay; would the berries and cloudberry have radiation on them?

Back in 1980's we'd noticed regular black berries on Marble Island had radiation on them.

**Naomi**- at Kiggavik there is no radiation from the site on berries

**Jean Simailak**- when do you start and when do you finished?

**Naomi**- When they open and start in June until August

**James Kalluk**- during the snow melts?

**Naomi**- even before they starts we start monitoring;

**Effie Angaliktaaq**- do you cover the drill holes after you finished with them;

**Naomi**- They are capped and have no elevated radiation.

**Effie Angaliktaaq**- When we were in training for minor prospecting we were told never goes too closed to them;

**Naomi**- I will them, and we put radioactive materials in bags.

**Tom Mannik**- Everyday all the drillers are monitored by the safety radiation monitoring people

**Elijah Amarook**- at the ending drilling season normally the drill holes are covered with concrete.

**Kiah Aqatuaq**- when they are open mines, do they monitor for any sign of radiation?

**Effie Angaliktaaq**- Are you really looking for Uranium?

**Barry McCallum**- Yes we are looking for Uranium for Nuclear Power

**Naomi**- Everyday we go to drill sites to monitor; I'd like Nathan Shirley to say few words.

**Nathan**- We monitor drill holes, we monitor water level, we monitor for any sign of radioactivity, any oil spills, or any leaks, we monitor and make sure that no one is in any danger.

**Joseph Scottie**- any drillsites by the small Lakes;

**Nathan**- no

**Barry McCallum**- only when the Lakes are frozen.

**Naomi Strmberg**- Wildlife Monitors monitor drill sites. Report to HTO and others. Helicopters follow all the flight regulations and required altitudes. We record all flights.

**Effie Angaliktaaq**- Big caribou herds moves and the mining companies work. Wildlife is protected. Have you noticed birds laying eggs.

**Naomi Strmberg**- We monitor animal movements. We monitor birds, when we find nesting ground we keep away from them

### 7.3. Wildlife and Mitigations-

**Elijah Amarook-** I Started out in June 14. Radio collaring is noted. Whenever we are flying, whenever we see caribou we record what we see. How many they are bulls, or their age are recorded. We haven't seen anything harmful to animals at Kiggavik. Drill holes are all capped. Caribou herds are all around sometimes.

**Martha Nukik-** what do you do with collared caribou?

**Elijah Amarook-** Arviatmiut biologists kept tracking of them.

**Hugh Tulurialik-** do you normally work only around the camp?

**Elijah Amarook-** Whenever Nathan is going anywhere we [go with him](#)

**Hugh Tulurialik-** I used to go around where radio waves and sometimes we noticed different sounds this man makes me understand calving and what not.

**Elijah Amarook-** we [normally](#) monitor around the camp.

**Effie Angaliktaaq-** is it because of collared or because of the ear tagged?

**Barry McCallum-** that's why they used collars caribou, ear tags are not really useful.

### 7.4 Local Hires

**Barry McCallum-** Right now we have 25 [Inuit](#) working for us, including William, Jeff, Dianne, Wildlife Monitors, Camp Operators, [Geological](#) assistants.

**Joseph Scottie-** [Don't want to see language problems.](#)

### 7.5 Cultural Awareness Orientation-

**Barry McCallum-** I am sorry to say that we have not organized it yet; we will give orientation [later](#)

### 7.6 Environmental Assessment-

**Barry McCallum-** NIRB held information sessions. Some organizations applied for intervenor funding - HTO, Hamlet, Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board and others. No decision on funding yet. After the funding have been approved NIRB process will continue.

## 8.0 Recent Events

### 8.1. Visit to Thelon River-

**Barry McCallum-** At the last meeting members talked about monitoring proposed bridge and Inuit qauyimajatuqagitt. For the last 2 years we talked about the bridge location and Samson Arnauyok went out with the engineer once. During the last meeting Samson was at the Hospital; CLC decided Hugh Tulurialik and Thomas Qaqimut would go out with engineer this time. Thomas and Hugh agreed with the engineer which way would be good for the bridge.

William was there. We also looked at when ice would be look like by this bedrock, camera took shots every half an hour; every half hour weather changes from fog, rain, ice's slowly

starts melting, sunny breaks, starting to rain. Samson Arnauyok wanted to have tent up there and watch ice break up; but could not be there; we can do this every year, we enjoyed watching that.

**Barry McCallum-** any questions;

**Hugh Tulurialik-** We looked at the first location and it made it easy to make decision where to put the bridge. Should be good to put on the rock. Engineer agreed. Better than lower area. Lower area is best for ice crossing.

**Barry McCallum-** When Community Liaison Committee visits Kiggavik we will take up more on that route.

## **8.2. Community Visit to Kiggavik and Schultz lake**

**Barry McCallum-** every year we take homeland Visits, Last week we took late Tom Kudluk's family to Schultz Lake's Iqaluk Lodge Camp; Becky Kudluk, Freda Kudluk, Floyd Aksawnee, William Noah, and myself. There will be 4 homeland visits plus Qilautimiut Elders, HTO, CLC; to Kiggavik Camp.

**Effie Angaliktaaq-** next time I would like to spend more time at my homeland visit.

**Barry McCallum-** Give information to William.

**Joseph Scottie-** HTO and CLC in separate trips

**Barry McCallum-** Helicopter can only take 5 people; it would have to be separate travel.

## **9. Up and Coming Events**

### **9.1. CLC visits to Kiggavik-**

**Barry McCallum-** I would like to be here end of August for visit for Elders, HTO, and CLC.

### **9.2. Visit to Saskatchewan (Tentative August)-**

**Barry McCallum-** at the last CLC meeting I ask who would want to go; it would be too difficult to go in August; maybe in September.

## **10. New Business-** none

## **11. Members Topics**

**Hugh Tulurialik:** none,

**James Kalluk-** when you are going to go visit Kiggavik make sure you don't go too close to the traditional rock for lookout telecopying hill;

**Hugh Tulurialik-** I am thinking towards to the top of the Kingaaryuk Hill;

**Philippa Iksiraq-** none,

**Basil Aptanik-** no topic but, if we are going to go through proposed bridge that would be ok;

**Martha Nukik,** none I am sleepy;

**Kiah Aqatuaq,** none;



**Jean Simailak-** Informations from Baker Lake Health committee; we cleaned up from the Airplane landing lake; there's this old lady 70 years old; I have thought of her she could be replaced by a younger person; Hamlet of Baker Lake gave us 700 plastic garbage bags; we will be continueing down to the Long Island, and we would be asking the Rangers to assist in cleaning up and burning garbage at the Long Island; there is the way to fix our CLC meeting; I think there is way to fix our meetings; while someone is talking someone else interupts and start speaking out at the same time. It is nearly 11 O'clock been a very long meeting.

**John Nukik-** I'd be happy with the propose bridge unless they are going to find another spot for it; as for me I have further understanding sometimes people are saying and what'd you are going to say.

**12. Date & Time of next meeting - adjournment-**

**Moved by-** Jean Simailak

**Seconded by-** Hugh Tularialik

**Motion is carried**

**Meeting adjourned: 10:40 PM.**