



MINUTES

KIGGAVIK COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE:

June 22, 2011

7 PM

AREVA Kiggavik Office, Baker Lake

The meeting was attended by:

Barry McCallum, AREVA

William Noah, AREVA

Olivia Ulyot, AREVA

Kim Sarauer, AREVA

Philippa Iksiraq

Irene Tavirnaq

Casey Tularialik

Martha Nukik

Joedee Joedee,

Absent:

Joyce LaHure, Basil Aptanik, Martha Jorah, Barnabus Oosuaq, John Nukik, Lorraine Tunnuq, Peter Tapatai

Guests:

Martin Gebauer, Gebauer and Associates

Interpreter-William Noah

Meeting opened by William Noah at 7:19 PM

1. Opening Prayer

Prayer Said by Joedee Joedee

2. Introductions

We have been informed that the elder representatives will now be Barnabus Oosuaq and Winnie Owingayak. We'd like to welcome them and thank Jean Simailak and Hugh Tularialik for their contribution. We have also been informed that Joyce LaHure will be the hamlet rep. Kim Saurer is the environment and radiation supervisor at Kiggavik. Martin Gebauer will be here to give an update on environmental assessment baseline work.



3. Approval of Agenda

Additions:

6.3 youth visit to Kiggavik

6.4 Homeland visit to Kazan

Moved by: Phillipa Iksariq

Seconded by: Joedee Joedee

Motion is carried.

4. Approval of previous past minutes

Moved by: Joedee Joedee

Seconded by: Irene Tavinirk

Motion is carried.

5. Project Update

5.1 Operation at Camp

Kim Sarauer, Environment and Radiation Protection Supervisor at Kiggavik gave an update of the activities at Kiggavik and the Environment and Radiation Protection Program.

Kim Sarauer-we now have all three drills up and running. It took some time to get maintenance caught up on. We now have everything up and running after the blizzard. We have two summer students for environment and radiation protection that are helping my crew out. We also have an environment tech from Cluff Lake, a decommissioned mine to help us out. 45 to 50 people on site. Almost 60 as of tomorrow. Just over 800 m drilled, of approximately 6500 m drilled by the end of the season. Local hires I think we have all maintenance crew, kitchen crew and wildlife monitor on site and also some people helping out the geophysics crew are all local.

Barry- We are at 19 local hires now, we usually get to about 30 people by the end of the season.

Kim-We had a time lapse camera on the Thelon, and the Thelon broke up yesterday so now we can see the break up of the ice. The camera was set up in the area of where the potential bridge might be. The pictures were taken every 10 minutes.

Phillipa-do you have proper storage for radioactive drill cores?

Kim-We have a fenced off area called a radioactive storage compound, where we keep any radioactive materials.

Martha- Have you seen any wildlife?

Kim-Our wildlife monitors have seen groups of two or three, not very often. One morning there were a few musk ox two or three kilometers away. Wildlife monitors walk to 5 different high points of land to monitor wildlife sightings. Other workers write down if they see wildlife also.

Martha- there was some pictures taken by a white person of a large herd of caribou near the other side of the Thelon.

Joedee- I just want to ask about the large herd of caribou that someone reported

Irene- I don't really buy the story. I have not heard any reporting of caribou from people camping in that area. They are experienced hunters and would have told us. They have been on the far side of the Thelon as well.



Phillipa- When July comes and where there is a lot of bugs, the caribou usually come close to town. But right now we have seen only a few caribou because there are no mosquitoes.

5.2 Environmental Assessment

5.2.1 Status of Environmental Assessment

Barry - The draft environmental impact statement is being written and will be submitted by the end of the year. This will show what the possible impacts of the project will be and what AREVA will do about them. Hearings will follow next year. Approval or no approval for the project will follow after we issue this document and people comment on it.

Martin- We have two programs that are a collaboration and we are working together with the government of Nunavut. One was recently completed on the caribou that are migrating through the area. This was an effort that took many people. It has not been done for a long time. The purpose was to determine how many caribou are calving and how and where. Areva contributed an observer to the program.

Martha- Are you collaring caribou too?

Martin- That was the next thing I am going to talk about. Cameo and Agnico and Areva are helping with this. We have collared animals that calve in the north east area. The collars have given us some good info on caribou during the whole year. The caribou we track have been staying above the treeline. Another program that Areva is involved in is the hunter harvest study. We ask hunters where they hunt and how many they hunt. This helps determine effects of the projects on caribou. Areva is working together with other companies and also with the government of Nunavut whenever they can. Other studies involved a lot of walking. Jacob Ikinilik has worked with us in the past. They walk with us on the land and give us more information on caribou. We have info on caribou, muskox, geese and other animals as well.

Phillipa- They should have a female with them, we have very good eyesight

Martin- that is a good point, we have Maria Kuksuk working with us this year. She is very good.

Martin- Every year for the hunter harvest study that helps the hunters tell us where they hunted and how many they hunted. Many of the photos are from our hunters. These photos are from near Baker Lake or near the mines.

Joedee- Have you been monitoring by plane?

Martin- We discussed with the government of Nunavut that we should be walking more so we do not disturb the caribou.

Joedee- Can you count every animal by their bodies or do you guess the animals number? At some times of year the herds are smaller so we can individual count. In July during the post calving period, we guess the number. We look more at how many calves and bulls to see how many of each is present in the herd.

Joedee- is there such thing as a regulation for how high you have to fly? Does flying higher make it harder to count the number?

Martin- for the government survey they flew lower. They have people on the sides of the helicopter so they see from all sides how many there are.

Joedee- The reason why I'm asking is because if you use the side windows in the plane it is hard to see it clearly. Does this get in the way?

Martin- We make sure that the windows are clear so as not to get in the way of counting.

Joedee- The reason why I am asking is because in 1975 I was on board with a biologist and I saw a caribou and was told it was not to be counted because it was only one caribou.

Martin- When we do the surveys we put a piece of tape, above the tape line they do not count the caribou because it is out of the desired area. Below the tape is the number they want.



6. Recent Events

6.1 Presentation to Kivalliq Wildlife Board

Barry McCallum made a presentation to the Kivalliq Wildlife Board on June 2nd at their annual general meeting in Rankin Inlet. This presentation is usually given each year. We have made maybe 6 presentations to the Kivalliq Wildlife Board.

6.2 IQ Validation in Chesterfield Inlet

Barry McCallum met with the Chesterfield Inlet HTO on June 3. This was the last IQ validation meeting like the one held here in February. The IQ maps are being updated as part of the Environmental Impact Statement based on what we heard at the validation meetings.

6.3 Youth visit to Kiggavik

Olivia Ulliyot- Yesterday Barry and I took three students from grade 9 to Kiggavik. They went into the main office, first aid cabin, core shacks and kitchen. They were really interested in the wildlife monitors job and one student showed an interest in the core samples. We left in the morning and returned in the afternoon. This is part of our plan to engage youth more this year.

Break at 8:14 PM to 8:30 PM

6.4 Homeland Visit to Kazan

Yesterday was the first homeland visit of the year. David and Winnie Owingayak, David and Jean Simailak visited the Kazan River which is Jean and Winnie's homeland.

Phillipa Iksariq- I was asking why some of us have not had a chance to go and visit our homeland. Is it because it is too far?

Barry McCallum- We have never refused a homeland visit. We have gone as far as Garry Lake. The homeland visit is not well known, if people ask we try to accommodate as long as the location is where the helicopter can get to and back from on a tank of gas. We have done 17 visits so far. We have done one so far this year. We usually do about 4 a year. You only need to request a visit from William.

Phillipa Iksariq- Just downstream for kinajuaq (SP) there is some cabins. This is where I am from. It is part of Back River, between Herman Lake and Garry Lake.

Irene- The reason why I want to go on a homeland visit is because I haven't seen my mother's grave, she died when I was 5 years old. I don't know exactly where it is, I am not good with maps but I could find it the traditional way. If it is too far that is ok, but I just wanted to see the really thin wooden crate that was the coffin.

7. Up and Coming Events

7.1 Tollgate Meeting

Barry McCallum- A group of AREVA people will be coming to Baker Lake tomorrow as part of a tollgate meeting. This is a group of people who will look at all aspects of the project. They will go to Kiggavik tomorrow, spend the day in Baker Lake on Friday and visit Meadowbank on Saturday. They will have a dinner on Friday at 6 PM. The CLC is all invited to have dinner with the tollgate group at Nunamiut Lodge on Friday.



7.2 Nunavut Day Fashion Show

Olivia Ulliyot- I am planning a traditional fashion show to be put on during the Nunavut Day Celebrations at the Arena July 9th. People who want to participate need to sign up and then on the day of the show will model their outfits. There will be separate categories for men and women, children, teenagers and adults. Prizes will be awarded for the winners in each category. There will be judges to decide the winners

Philippa Iksariq- what type of fashion show? Caribou clothing or newer clothes?

Olivia Ulliyot- It is a traditional fashion show, caribou made or material made traditional clothes are acceptable.

Philippa Iksariq- many of us do not know how to make new clothes

Olivia- The clothes do not have to be new, they can be older pieces that have been passed along.

7.3 Youth Forum

Olivia Ulliyot- AREVA is planning to hold a youth forum for the Baker Lake youth. This event would probably take place in July or August. We would invite youth (people under 25 years of age) to come to the office or Arena and ask questions and look at posters about various topics about Areva and Kiggavik.

7.4 ASIST Sessions

Olivia Ulliyot- ASIST is a suicide “first aid” course that we are bringing to Baker Lake and Rankin and potentially Arviat. The courses would take place in August and are focused on youth and people who are actively involved with youth in the community. About 20 people in each community would participate. In Baker Lake the youth group BLAST is the main participant because their focus is to prevent suicide.

Philippa Iksaraq- I have lost 4 members of my family; you can tell who will be a victim, because they become really nice and generous just before they take their life. When young people are addicted drugs, they start to be afraid to admit or look for help, that’s the time they commit suicide. They are under the darkness.

7.5 Ask A Question Contest

Olivia Ulliyot- Last year this contest was offered to adults in Baker Lake, this year we are opening it up to youth 15 and older. People who ask a question through phone call, fax, dropping by the office or using the blog are entered into a draw to win a helicopter ride and tour of Kiggavik. We are having two draws this summer. One will be in July and another in August.

Philippa Iksariq- Where do they enter the questions?

Olivia Ulliyot- People can call into the office and asking me a question, come into the office and asking me a question or using the internet to ask a question



8. New Business

Casey- I noticed that all our honorariums are the same, could there be a different amount for the chair and vice chair. Could we change that?

Barry- It has been the same since the CLC started, we could think about changing that. I'll get back to you next meeting.

Casey- In other committees everyone is paid the same, but the vice is paid a bit more, and the chair a little bit more than that.

Barry- I will look into it and report back next meeting.

Philippa- The HTO is like this.

9. Members Topics

Joedee Joedee- Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't have too many comments to make tonight

Philippa Iksaraq- Thank you Mr. Chairman, the communications between HTO and Meadowbank have been really good. Whenever something is happening with the project that involves the animals Agnico involves the HTO and asks them their opinions. I am just wondering if the same thing should be happening with Kiggavik.

Barry McCallum- We will always say yes to talking with the HTO, we gave the HTO a tour of Kiggavik and can do that again. Communication between AREVA and the HTO is important to us. AREVA has a few big projects coming up and would like to involve the HTO.

Philippa Iksariq- Sometimes it can be too late to stop the negative impact that happens to wildlife and water.

Barry McCallum- We would like to speak with the HTO about the road access, even though the building of the road is many years away. Another topic is the decommissioning plan, how we will close the mine and return the environment to its natural state. And another topic is fish habitat compensation. I wrote to the HTO about some of these things last year, it is time to bring these things up so I will speak to the HTO again.

Martha Nukik- I do not have any more comments

Irene- you mentioned about building the road, would the CLC member be shown where the road would be built?

Barry McCallum- We did this last year, and we could do it again this year. Current plan is to operate with the winter road for the first few seasons, and if needed later we are also proposing a half year road with a ferry and ice bridge crossing the Thelon.

10. Meeting adjourned: 10:00 PM