

# KIGGAVIK COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

March 19, 2012

AREVA Kiggavik Office, Baker Lake

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**Present Members:** Casey Tulurialik, Martha Nukik, John Nukik, Martha Jorah, Thomas Anirnirk, Silas Kenalogak, Irene Tavinirk, Barnabas Oosuaq

**Areva Members:** William Noah, Daniel Zunti

**Absent:** Basil Aptanik, Peter Tapatai, Eugene Niviasiak, Winnie Owingayak, Sheena Iksiraq,, Barry McCallum (Areva)

**Interpreter:** William Noah

Meeting opened chaired by Casey at 7:10pm

1. **Opening prayer:** said by Martha Nukik
2. **Introduction**
3. **Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** John Nukik,  
**Seconded by:** Thomas Anirnirk,  
**Motion carried**

4. **Approval of pass Minutes:**  
**Moved by:** John Nukik,  
**Seconded by:** Irene Tavinirk,  
**Motion carried**

- 5 **Project Update:**

- 5.1. **Overland Haul**

**Dan:** explained as noted in last months minutes Areva's plans are to continue with a strong exploration program for the coming 3 years with a drill program of 12,000 meters planned in 2012. We have started the winter haul of drilling supplies, camp supplies, and fuel both diesel and jet. PEL has the contract to move all the material to the Kiggavik site which started February 12. We have made 11 trips out to Kiggavik and are currently close to 1/3 complete. We started with the moving of sea containers loaded with drill supplies and are currently working on transporting diesel and jet fuel. We anticipate being 90% done by the

end of March as Peter has other work to do for other companies this spring. We plan to open camp end of May or the beginning of June and will operate until mid September to the beginning of October this year. We have found in previous years it is difficult to find a water source close to the drills and that the cost of drilling increases if we start earlier in May.

**Irene:** asked if the tanks were full or empty

**Dan:** We have 8 tanks (50,000 liters capacity each) in total at the fuel cache. 3 are for jet fuel and 5 are for diesel fuel. Our plans are to fill the 3 jet fuel tanks and 3 of the diesel fuel tanks. We had some diesel fuel left over from 2011, approximately 20,000 liters. The tanks are safe and are double walled to prevent any leaks. Areva will leave 2 of the diesel tanks empty but have offered the excess storage to other companies working in the area if they want to use.

**Casey;** asked if we were hauling drums out.

**Dan:** We are all set up to handle bulk fuel. Peter has two tanks on sleighs in which one is filled with 10,000 liters of diesel fuel and the other with 10,000 liters of jet fuel. The diesel is dispensed from the Co-op truck directly in the portable tank down in Peter's yard while the jet tank is filled down at the airport by Boris. We have portable pumps which pump the fuel into the large tanks at site. It takes about an hour to fill up in Baker Lake and hour to off load at Kiggavik. We only use a few drums around the camp to re-supply the incinerator and stoves in some of the cabins. Most of the fuel for the generator and the drill activities is transported by helicopter in smaller double walled tanks (350 liter capacity) from the fuel cache.

**Martha Jorah:** wanted to know how many companies are working and that Areva is working in secret with the other uranium companies.

**Dan:** as far as I am aware the other companies are Kivalliq Energy working down around the Ferguson Lake area about 150 miles southeast of Baker Lake. Forum Uranium is moving their camp from the Thom Lake location to a site on the south end of Judge Scissions Lake, and Cameco working west of Kiggavik along Aberdeen Lake. They are all running exploration programs but are independent from Areva and we are not working in secret with anyone.

**Martha Jorah:** I think there are too many companies and wrecking the land, they ruined a lake up at Meadowbank.

**Dan:** Cannot comment on the Meadowbank project but mining companies have to work in a responsible manner which in our case will be outlined in the environmental impact statement and all parties will be encouraged to voice concerns and comments in the coming years. Areva has the only proposed project while the other companies are running exploration projects only.

**Irene:** do the other companies have committees that meet and why don't we hear from them. No committees could be a problem

**Dan:** not sure the process that exploration companies have to follow in regards to informing the public but all have to be granted licences and permits which

would be a public record and will have Barry explain at the next meeting. I will ask Barry if it is a good idea to invite some one from the other companies to attend a future CLC meeting if they are in town and available at the same time.

**Silas:** Very much want other committees or at least someone to speak at a CLC meeting

**Thomas:** Wanted clarification on the depths of the holes we are drilling this year.

**Dan:** we drill down between 300 and 500 meters for each hole so with a 12,000 meter program we may have approximately 25 holes to drill this year.

## **5.2. Status of Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**Dan:** Areva spent much of last year preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Kiggavik Project. This was submitted to the NIRB last December. The first step for NIRB after receiving the statement was to compare the document to the guidelines NIRB issued for preparing the document. The document included a table stating where the information about the guidelines can be found in the document, this table was not clear enough so NIRB could not find all the information they needed. On January 18, NIRB notified Areva that all the guideline requirements had not been met. Areva will submit more information to NIRB by April 10 so that NIRB can see how the guidelines have been met.

The next steps will be two types of comments from interested parties called information requests and technical comments. The rest of this year will consist of people submitting comments and Areva answering these. Both NIRB and Areva will hold public meetings in the 7 Kivalliq Communities as part of the gathering comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The NIRB process will continue throughout 2012 and 2013.

We will plan to have the Areva person who deals with the Environment Assessment at one of the next meetings to talk about the NIRB process.

**Thomas:** Before NIRB makes it final decision will we have an opportunity to comment.

**Dan:** explained the process that we submit a draft and NIRB makes sure it is complete before releasing to the public. Then the public will be encouraged and invited to comment.

**Silas:** same thing for us that we should be involved before NIRB makes any decision.

**Dan:** explained that the NIRB will come to each community and they have to listen to each of you from all communities.

**Thomas:** They (the NIRB) normally make decisions on their own and my concern if the NIRB makes the final decision on the draft they will make the final decision without out input.

**Silas:** it would have been nice to see the draft before the NIRB made a decision.

**Dan:** again this was a draft, nothing will be removed in fact we have to add more to it and you will get the complete package. I believe the NIRB acts for the people.

**Casey:** When will the NIRB release the document and when will the NIRB and Areva tour the communities

**Dan:** answered when the document is complete the NIRB will release and probably begin their tour later in the spring. Again we have until April to submit the missing documents. Barry may have more information when he is here the first week of April.

**Martha Nukik:** No wonder things are delayed. We have not had a meeting for 4 months and not had a chance to keep up with the matters of the project.

**Dan:** I apologize for the length in between meetings and we will not have this long between meetings again.

## **10 Minute Break Taken**

### **5.3. SEMC Reports**

**Dan:** It was asked at the last CLC meeting if members could see the reports prepared by the socioeconomic monitoring committee that meets each year. Year 2009 and 2010 have been printed and members can have a copy. The year 2011 is still in draft form and will be available later in the year.

**Member:** Asked why it is not translated.

**Dan:** I'm sorry this is not an Areva document. William will look into translating.

### **5.4. IIBA discussions**

**Dan:** Areva has started discussions with the KIA towards the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement. The first negotiation meeting was held on January 27 in Vancouver. Most of the remaining meetings will be in Kivalliq communities. The second negotiation meeting will be held in Baker Lake in April. The negotiations are confidential but usually the IIBAs are made public.

The Areva IIBA team plans to meet with the CLC when the IIBA meetings are held in Baker Lake scheduled for the first week of April.

So we went 4 months without a meeting now you may have a second one in a couple weeks.

**Martha Nukik:** (Clapped her hands) and said all right on another meeting in 2 weeks.

## **6. Recent events**

### **6.1. NIRB Uranium Information Sessions**

**Dan:** In November 2011, NIRB held uranium information sessions in the Kivalliq communities. Unfortunately the events in Whale Cove and Baker Lake were cancelled due to weather. It was much the same session that was held in Baker

Lake last March 2011. NIRB will hold information sessions in each Kivalliq community later this year, probably in the spring as part of the gathering comments from the public about the Kiggavik Project

**No comments**

## **7. Up and coming events**

### **7.1. NIRB Tour**

**Dan:** After Areva submits more information to NIRB in April and NIRB determines that the information meets the guidelines, there will be a 30 day period when people can request information about the project. Around this time we anticipate the NIRB will travel to the Kivalliq communities to discuss the Areva documents and get community feedback.

**Martha Jorah:** Can they meet with us as a committee and not in public.

**Dan:** Not sure of the NIRB policy on meeting with groups but Barry will look into this. We are fortunate that the technical advisor for the NIRB assigned to our project is based in Baker Lake, Sophia Granchinho. It may be possible to invite her to a meeting.

### **7.2. Areva Tour**

**Dan:** After the NIRB tour of communities, Areva will visit the Kivalliq communities with a group of Areva people to talk about the draft environmental impact assessment and get more community input. This could be in the fall so we avoid the summer when people are on the land.

**No comments**

## **8. New Business**

No comments

## **9. Member topics**

**Martha Jorah:** Wanted to know why we don't hire different people and if we would hire young school students. She would like to know if we would hire her 17 year who is still in school.

**Dan:** we normally look at our staffing requirements closer to the start of the season. It would be great to hire a greater number of workers but we have budgets to work within. We have been fortunate to have a good loyal group of local people that have been coming back year after year. We like to offer that group the first chance to come back to site and then see where we are at. We will look at students for some jobs but would not take a student away from classes. This will be the first year in 3 years where we will be operating past August therefore we'll staff accordingly. Hopefully in the years to come we'll be able to offer employment to a greater number

of people that inquire and apply. We have been fortunate with our selections and have had in excess of 300 applicants.

**William:** We have had over 600 resumes submitted to the office.

**Irene:** wanted to know why we need water for drilling.

**Dan:** Explained as the drill bit cuts away the rock while drilling deeper the water is pumped down to bring the cuttings up. The water clears the hole and acts almost like a lubricant to prevent the rods from getting stuck in the hole. The water is heated to ensure it doesn't freeze while drilling in the permafrost.

**Thomas:** It seems for me employment should be more and he would like his son hired. His son was not hired at Meadowbank.

**Dan:** Cannot comment on the Meadowbank policies and again we do have budgets to work within and we encourage people to apply and hopefully in the years to come many people will have the opportunity to work for Areva.

**Barnabas:** Will the elders get to tour the Kiggavik site this year.

**Dan:** We will look into this and should be able to make arrangements for elders who haven't visited before to get an opportunity.

**John Nukik:** No comments

**Martha Nukik:** Will anyone from Saskatchewan come to train local people prior to the mine opening.

**Dan:** Our plans will be to begin training a local workforce once a decision is made and construction begins. We will like to have a trained workforce ready for the opening of the mine. We plan to partner with the government and education institutions for training programs. Some training could also be provided at the mines in Saskatchewan.

**Martha Nukik:** I'm worried that the young people will leave to go to Rankin and the Meliadine project and not come back.

**Dan:** We understand that it will be difficult in a few years for all the companies and even the hamlets to maintain a workforce with all the opportunity that will come with development. We've experienced this in the south and we'll all have to work together. There will always be some people that will want to work in the communities and home every night. There will be others that will make a decision to stay with one company and there will be others that will work where they are the happiest. We'll have to do our best to make Areva an attractive place to work.

**Martha Jorah:** Areva should have an anniversary celebration with a feast, dance and all around good time.

**Dan:** Not sure the date of when Areva came to town but William said it was sometime in 2005. So in 2015 we will have a 10 year anniversary and maybe celebrate some other milestone with the project moving forward.

**Martha Jorah:** wanted to know if Areva has an age limit to hiring people.

**Dan:** not sure, but will check with HR and report back.

**Irene:** I've had too much fun and forgot my comments. Are we only going to meet if Barry is here?

**Dan:** It maybe difficult for Barry to be here all the time but he will do is best. If this format is ok we may continue to have other Areva people involved but the message is clear we cannot wait 4 months between meetings.

**Thomas:** I've been appointed since the end of 2011 and thought you forgot about me. He is happy we finally met and looks forward to the coming year.

**Silas:** The HTO was supposed to appoint two members and was under the impression it must be 1 male and 1 female. Is it ok if 2 males come since there are no females on the board.

**Dan:** will forward all these notes to Barry but that is a reasonable request and I'm sure Barry will approve.

**Silas:** I heard last summer that there were large herds of caribou around the drill sites, did drilling stop and was the HTO notified.

**Dan:** Yes we had herds present and I was on site when drilling and other field work was stopped until the herds left. I can provide the reports with the series of events and who the reports went to.

**Casey:** thanked the new members for attending and thanked Dan for being here. Casey will follow up with the youth appointed person.

10. Date and time of next meeting.

**Dan:** Next meeting will be held the first week of April prior to Easter. Barry to determine the date and William will notify members.

Adjournment at 10:20pm













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