

MINUTES

KIGGAVIK COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE:

April 26, 2012

7 PM

AREVA Kiggavik Office, Baker Lake

The meeting was attended by: Barry McCallum, William Noah, Diane Martens, Serena Palmer, and Richard Gladue of AREVA along with Casey Tulurialik, Thomas Anirnirk, Martha Nukik, John Nukik, Silas Kenalogak, Peter Tapatai, Basil Aptanik, Martha Jorah, Winnie Owingayak and Eugene Niviatsiak

Absent:

Sheena Iksirak, Irene Tavinirk

Guests: None

Interpreter- Angie Akannak

Meeting opened by Casey Tulurialik at 7: 13 PM

1. Opening Prayer

Prayer Said by Winnie Owingayak

2. Introductions

Barry McCallum- We have new 3 CLC members (Eugene, Silas and Thomas) and the AREVA IIBA team - Richard Gladue, Diane Martens has been here before and Serena Palmer.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Eugene Niviatsiak

Seconded by: Winnie Owingayak

Motion is carried.

4. Approval of Previous minutes

Eugene Niviatsiaq requested clarification on number 5

Moved by: Silas Kenalogak
Seconded by: John Nukik
Motion is carried.

5. Project Update

5.1. Overland Haul

Barry: Overland haul was carried out by Peters Expediting between February 12 and April 2. A total of 34 loads have been delivered so far. There is one remaining trip that will take place in May. Dan Zunti, the Camp Supervisor was in Baker Lake for most of this work.

5.2 Field Season

Barry: The field season will start around June 1 and will go into September. This is longer than most years. There will be about 35 people on site each day and 4 or 5 of these will be local Baker Lake people. We expect to hire 15 to 20 local people in total this summer. Olivia Ulyot will be the Community Relations summer student again. The work this year will be exploration this year with no baseline work.

Eugene – Were there any problems or breakdowns with the overland haul.

Barry – The year went well. There were just a couple of weather delays.

5.3 Status of Environmental Impact Statement

Diane Martens- Daniel, the Facility Supervisor gave a good explanation of the Environmental Assessment for Kiggavik at the last meeting. We submitted a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in December. In January NIRB informed AREVA that more information was needed. This was provided yesterday. We are waiting to hear if NIRB will accept this additional information. We will know by May 7. NIRB has scheduled meetings in the Kivalliq communities between May 22 and 30. May 22 and 23 will be in Baker Lake. Information gathered from these community meetings will be in the final environmental impact statement.

Barry- Everybody is welcome for the NIRB public meeting on May 22 and 23.

Winnie - Encouraging the CLC to voice there opinions.

Eugene- How many from NIRB are there coming in?

Diane- Maybe 3 or 4 from NIRB

Eugene- Any rep from federal government?

Diane- Maybe some from Iqaluit.

Martha Jorah- Maybe Prime minister should be invited? He was on the news that saying Prime Minister was in Baker Lake but he was only at Meadowbank.
Winnie O -. He was asked to come in too but he did not arrive here.

Barry- When NIRB are here, please come out to listen and contribute.

Silas Kenalogak- Will it be the same material as last time.

Diane Martens- Close but there will be more detail

Silas Kenalogak- The reason I ask is there are some changes

Eugene Niviatsiaq- Public meeting information is good but people are out in the spring time.

Barry McCallum- The NIRB session will be the end of May. The AREVA session will be in September or October.

Eugene- From meetings last year, HTO was to receive a letter.

Diane – Letter was sent regarding translations, Language authority was in town working on a glossary and a road management options workshop was in the letter. The workshop was held in the fall.

Winnie – What Eugene is looking for may be in HTO office.

Barry- Inuktitut translated document will be sent to HTO in a few weeks.

Silas – I will mention again that there was a letter given to our secretary. Will talk more about it under agenda item 8.

Barry- After NIRB accepts the EIS, we will send copies to the HTO.

Peter – NIRB announced May 22 date for a public meeting in Baker Lake. Do we assume NIRB accepted the documents?

Barry – No. The meeting will be cancelled if the submission is not accepted.

Barry – I'll send an email to Joan at the HTO updating her on when we can send the EIS documents to the HTO.

5.4 IIBA Negotiations

Diane Martens- The 4 AREVA IIBA negotiation team members are pleased to be here. We are honoured and excited about making a wise agreement. The negotiation will last one year or longer. We met with KIA the last 2 day here in Baker Lake and our next meeting will be around Aug 15.

Peter Tapatai- Who are KIA reps?

Barry – Qilaq Kusagak, John Hicks, Kim Gilson (Lawyer) and Harvey Sands (Accountant/ Consultant).

Peter – I feel like an outsider because there is no representation from Baker Lake. We should have someone from Baker Lake.

Winnie – I support having a representative from Baker Lake - someone who knows mining like Peter Tapatai.

Peter – AREVA cannot voice our opinions. Should be directed to KIA. In Meadowbank, we were almost left out.

Barry – KIA has appointed their team. You can bring KIA issues up with the KIA Director in Baker Lake – Norman Attungala.

Winnie Owingayak. I am glad Norman Attungala is a good to have but some one bilingual and really good speaking for Baker Lake would be good.

Peter Tapatai- I encourage members to voice their concerns.

Eugene Niviatsiaq- I start thinking maybe someone from Baker Lake could be appointed as KIA representative

Barry- We can let KIA know we have heard this. There will be a KIA Board meeting in Whale Cove

Peter Tapatai- We hear Meadowbank will be closing within 5 years; and will be cleaning up; am glad Agnico eagle cleaned up our old dump. I think we will need to see something left behind.

Peter- Can we have an update on the IIBA negotiations?

Barry- Meetings have been positive. Details of meetings are confidential. Final IIBA likely public like Meadowbank agreement.

Peter Tapatai- KIA President don't talk to us it's strange it has to come from the white man.

6. Up and Coming Events

6.1 NIRB Tour

Barry- NIRB will hold public meetings in the Kivalliq communities from May 22 to May 30. Two days in Baker Lake and one day in each of the other communities.

6.2 AREVA Tour – The AREVA tour of Kivalliq Communities will be held in the fall.

7. New Business

None

8. Members Topics

Eugene Niviatsiaq- I would like to say going back to KIA there should be like a sub committee about the IIBA

Barry- AREVA and KIA have selected their teams. We can provide updates about where and when we meet but the content will only be available after the agreement has been signed.

Eugene – With all these mining companies around Baker Lake, we are not really participating but outside people are.

Silas Kenalogak- I was given to say there was a given a letter to read. After a phone call to the HTO AREVA wrote to the HTO stating the EIS documents would be sent to the Baker Lake HTO. These have not been received.

Winnie Owingayak- Was this letter from the HTO themselves or housing?

Silas Kenalogak- From HTO committee members

Barry- Would you like to show me the letter?

Barry- Reads the HTO handout and the AREVA email committing to send EIS documents to the HTO after NIRB accepts the submission.

Barry: NIRB has not yet accepted the submission. The documents will be distributed to the HTO and others after NIRB accepts the submission.

Peter- NIRB is responsible for ensuring environment is protected. I have example when I am land over hauling I have to do what NIRB is asking us to do. We have very solid laws to follow; we have to learn from the mining companies; we Inuit throwing cans and other cigarettes;

Silas- How come KIA never informed us as to what is happening? The people of Baker Lake should hear more info.

Barry- KIA has an office here in Baker Lake.

Basil Aptanik- I don't have very much to say but working at Meadowbank we hear it'll close down within 3 to 5 years. I have mixed feelings about AREVA maybe because it is negotiation time. Maybe if AREVA opens or Agnico eagle gold mine at Meliadine would open. I suggest Kiggavik start so me and my family have jobs. My co-workers say maybe AREVA will be the next best thing. I have concerns over objections.

Barry- MeadowBank maybe will closed before Kiggavik opens but Agnico have said Meliadine is scheduled to start as Meadowbank closes.

Martha Jorah- Are they going to be hiring same employees or the new ones?

Barry- Many of the people Meadowbank would be expected to transfer to Meliadine. Some may work for AREVA.

Winnie? When is the dinner?

Barry- Bad weather cancelled it in December. Will have at later date..

Martha Nukik- Asking distances in between Rankin Inlet and Meliadine?

Peter- from here to Ignirit maybe much closer?

John Nukik-Think those working at Meadowbank will go to Meliadine. The people who built to Meadowbank road should build the Meliadine road. They proved they can do the work. Why all the effort to open a mine and then close it down? There is a mine proposed near Arviat. Environment should be left in natural state.

Tom Anirnirk I would like to know why Meadowbank suddenly closing down

Barry- They announced they redesigned the open pits and mining will end sooner than originally planned.

Winnie- I would like to answer Tom Anirnirk's question. Agnico Eagle Committee will have a meeting in May. I also am representing Qilautimiut (Elders) before they elect a chair. I am aware that trying to find a job is very hard. I am also thankful some of my family members are working for the mine companies. As we elders but can not survive by old age pension plans. As elders we have to know we are well cared for but have to help those on welfare. My sons have worked at mines. One son budgeted wisely and it affects his life. Fastest way to wildlife information at wildlife camp, people are more adapted to land and know how to use it. If there was something of value there it might be changed by Meadowbank forever. Now spring is here we will be burning lot of garbage that are left behind by the Inuit. If then were left behind by Agnico Eagle garbage behind we Inuit would've blame them. Secondly, Kiggavik employee broken the rules by airing and laughing so hard by saying "Areva machine ran out of gas and had to walk" and she did not like that person was laughing on the radio.

Barry McCallum- Thank you for information I will look into it.

Peter Tapatai- I am not talking directly to you Silas but he was just told to read the letter. I am sad to say Agnico Eagle will be closing down. Yes some people eat country food but lot of people eat from the store bought and from the Quick Stop. You want to know how much money poured into Baker Lake? Hamlet is not even close to what the mine had spent here. Hamlet cannot have drivers they have all moved to Agnico eagle mine at Meadowbank. How much more can I hold onto our culture? My Father in law has to keep his house warm because he no longer can do much as an elder. If Hamlet had money would they hire Joshua? Agnico Eagle had hired him no matter what his physical body condition he is in Meadowbank gold mine up there. No despising what so ever towards him. I am glad what Barry said earlier. There is a sign that reads just across from the Nunamiut Lodge saying; if NIRB should delay again we will have harder for the town. Heard that the road will be removed. It was useful for our elders; we should voice our opinions.

Winnie- I forgot one thing maybe the mine should be a training centre instead of shutting down. Us elders are affected by the money by our young people. Both companies have helped the town and we should be grateful.

Silas Kenalogak- When letter are delayed and when it's finish done deal

Martha Jorah- if there is Uranium mine near maybe you can use the road!

Casey- Thanks the three quests Diane, Serena, Richard and CLC new Members,

Diane- Thank you for allowing us to speak; would like Martha to know I will be coming here again.

Barry McCallum- I am not sure when the next meeting will be during summer months.

Move by- Peter Tapatai

Seconded by- Silas Kenalogak

Motion is carried.

Time: 9.58 pm.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

