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Comité Consultatif de l'environnement Kativik
Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee

**MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL
HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2010**

(APPROVED)

Present:

Jean Couture, Québec government appointee
Paule Halley, Québec government appointee
Sylvie Létourneau, Québec government appointee
Claude Abel, Government of Canada appointee
Gilles H. Tremblay, Government of Canada appointee
James Yantha, Government of Canada appointee
Adamie Kalingo, KRG appointee
Michael Barrett, KRG appointee
Stéphanie Benoit, Executive Secretary
Nancy Dea, Environmental Consultant

Absent:

Charlie Arngak, KRG appointee

The conference call opened at 1:30 p.m. on February 5, 2010, and the agenda was adopted as follows:

1. Review and adoption of the minutes of the conference call on November 23, 2009
2. Review of the 2008–2009 annual report
3. Section 23 of the JBNQA
 - a) Letter from the Provincial Administrator, Madeleine Paulin
4. Residual materials management
 - a) Letter concerning the draft *Regulation respecting the Recovery and Reclamation of Products by Enterprises*
 - b) Draft *Québec Residual Materials Management Policy*
5. Contracts with Nancy Dea
6. Meeting with the KEQC
7. Date and place of the next meeting

1. Review and adoption of the minutes of the conference call on November 23, 2009

Since no changes were proposed, the minutes for the conference call held on November 23, 2009, were adopted unanimously.

2. Review of the 2008–2009 annual report

Ms. Dea joined the meeting to listen to members' comments on the French version of the annual report. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary would make the necessary changes to this version so that Ms. Dea would be able to arrange for the Inuktitut translation of the document. It was agreed that the document would be returned to the members a final time and that, if any more changes were required, the members would contact the Executive Secretary directly.

3. Section 23 of the JBNQA

a) Letter from the Provincial Administrator, Madeleine Paulin

The members discussed the response letter received from Madeleine Paulin, the Provincial Administrator and the Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, concerning the KEAC position paper on strengthening the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure in Nunavik that was transmitted in the spring of 2009 to the parties under the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement (JBNQA)*. In summary, Ms. Paulin is prepared to undertake a revision of the schedules of Section 23 of the JBNQA if the Makivik Corporation submits an official request. She also proposes to create a working group to study the issue of improved public participation in the procedure established under Section 23, as well as transparency and access to information. Ms. Paulin also stated that her department would support any government department or public organization that undertakes a strategic environmental assessment.

The members discussed the next steps to be taken. First, the Executive Secretary will transmit two letters. The first letter will be sent to the Makivik Corporation, one of the JBNQA signatories, to inform that organization of the Provincial Administrator's response to the KEAC position paper and to inquire about the organization's interest in undertaking a revision of the schedules. The second letter will inform the Provincial Administrator that the KEAC agrees with her proposal to create a working group and is prepared to participate on the group.

4. Residual materials management

a) Letter concerning the draft Regulation respecting the Recovery and Reclamation of Products by Enterprises

The Executive Secretary informed the members that, at the end of January 2010, she transmitted a letter to Ms. Paulin concerning the draft *Regulation respecting the Recovery and Reclamation of Products by Enterprises*. The topics covered included the distribution of collection points, high transportation costs, the importance of source reduction, and awareness. A letter concerning the draft *Québec Residual Materials Management Policy* will be submitted to the members for comment shortly.

b) Draft Québec Residual Materials Management Policy

Ms. Dea summarized a meeting that took place in Kuujuaq on January 28. Participants included representatives of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), the Makivik Corporation, the Association of Secretary-Treasurers of Nunavik and the *ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs* (sustainable development, environment and parks). The meeting, which was organized by the KEAC and the KRG, focussed on residual materials management in Nunavik and, in particular, the draft *Québec Residual Materials Management Policy*. As Nunavik does not have a residual materials management plan, meeting participants had many questions about the draft Policy and quickly identified major challenges that will need to be dealt with by the region in the coming years. Financial, physical and human resource needs were therefore discussed.

At upcoming KEAC meetings, the members agreed to follow-up on new developments.

5. Contracts with Nancy Dea

The members discussed the proposed consultant contracts with Ms. Dea: one concerns the creation of residual hazardous materials guides and the other the implementation of various residual materials management projects. The members asked the Executive Secretary to place the contracts on the intranet. It was agreed that they would forward their comments by email.

6. Meeting with the KEQC

Now that the KEAC has received a response from Madeleine Paulin regarding the KEAC's recommendations concerning the revision of the schedules of Section 23 of the JBNQA, the members decided to invite Peter Jacobs, the Chairperson of the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission, to the KEAC's 123rd meeting.

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The KEAC's 123rd meeting will take place on March 2 and 3, 2010, in Quebec City.



Stéphanie Benoit
Executive Secretary
June 15, 2010