

MINUTES OF THE 80th MEETING OF THE
KATIVIK ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(DRAFT) ADOPTED

DATE : April 22nd, 1999

PLACE : Université Laval
Pavillon Alphonse Desjardins
Room 3464
Sainte-Foy (Québec)

PRESENT : Yves Désilets, Canada, Interim Chairman
Claude Abel, Canada
Tommy Grey, KRG
Gérard Duhaime, Québec

OTHER PARTICIPANTS : Robert Comtois, GETIC
Michael O'Neill, acting Secretary



1. CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Interim Chairman Yves Désilets calls the meeting to order and the following agenda was adopted :

1. Call to order and adoption of the agenda;
2. Adoption of the minutes of the 79th meeting;
3. Matters arising from the 79th meeting and correspondence :
 - 3.1 BAPE report on solid waste management (Chapter 10.3);
 - 3.2 Kuujjuaq wind generator;
 - 3.3 Amendments to Schedules 1 and 2;
 - 3.4 Mining sites clean-up: proposal from GETIC. Presentation by Robert Comtois;
 - 3.5 Budget, secretariat and Committee membership;
 - 3.6 Canadian Endangered Species Protection Act;
4. Water management in Québec: public consultations;
5. Revision of Directive 019 regarding the mining industry;
6. Toward a Northern Foreign Policy for Canada;
7. Varia: annual report;
8. Date and place of next meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 79th MEETING

The minutes of the 79th meeting were adopted with minor corrections.

Moved by : Claude Abel

Seconded by : Tommy Grey

Adopted unanimously

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 79th MEETING AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary tables a summary of actions taken in regards to the different files since the last meeting.

3.1 BAPE REPORT ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (Chapter 10.3)

- Copy of the file was sent to Tommy Grey in order that he coordinate with Larry Watt the elaboration of an action plan.

- Further actions

The Secretary will contact Paul Papigatuk in Salluit regarding the translation of the summary of Chapter 10.3, as well as its recommendations. Both will be sent to Tommy Grey. Yves Désilets will contact KRG chairman Johnny Adams in order to discuss this file. Tommy suggests that it be presented to the KRG regional council.

3.2 KUUJUAQ WIND GENERATOR

- As agreed at the 79th meeting a letter was sent to Hydro-Québec in March requesting an evaluation report on this project.
- On April 14th, the KEAC received the requested report.
- Further actions

The members consider Hydro-Québec's response unsatisfactory. Gerard Duhaime will prepare a draft of those elements that should be addressed by Hydro in the evaluation of this operation. The Secretary will send finalized document to Hydro.

3.3 AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2

- The Secretary has located the letter allowing for funds (\$5000.) to facilitate the participation of a KRG representative in this working group.
- Further actions

The Secretary will contact the working group's participants in order to sound out their opinion regarding the relevance of pursuing the work undertaken in this dossier.

3.4 MINING SITES CLEAN-UP: PROPOSAL FROM GETIC. PRESENTATION BY ROBERT COMTOIS

- On April 1st, the KEAC received copy of the proposal titled "Inventaire et caractérisation des sites abandonnés d'exploration minière au Nunavik" prepared by the GETIC (also available in English).

Presentation:

Robert Comtois does a presentation of the proposal and for which a copy of the acetates is requested by Yves Désilets.

- Further actions

The project will be incorporated in the 1999-2000 KEAC budget proposal (request the necessary funds in the event that the proposal submitted to EJLB is turned down). Gerard Duhaime will follow-up on a lead from Yves Désilets concerning a possible funding source from Environment Canada. He also points out the difficulty for the members of the KEAC to get actively involved in the various files, seeing the shortage of resources.

3.5 BUDGET, SECRETARIAT AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Budget

- On February 19th, the KEAC received confirmation from the minister Paul Bégin of its budget for 1998-1999 (total of \$38 322.) and a cheque for \$5 000., the last payment on that year's budget.
- On February 24th, the Committee received a letter from Paul Bégin concerning an advance of \$10 000. On the budget of 1999-2000 (\$5 000. for operations and \$5 000. to cover the KRG representatives' travel expenses).
- Further actions

The budget proposal for 1999-2000 will be finalized shortly by the Secretary and a conference call will be held on May 10th for its adoption.

Secretariat

- On February 1st, the Committee received a letter from Diane Gaudet addressed jointly to Yves Désilets and Peter Jacobs in which she acknowledges reception of their respective letters (December 10th and November 23rd) concerning this issue. She expresses the wish that they arrive to a concerted position in line with her proposal (25 hours/week, shared) and she is open to certain accommodations as expressed by the KEQC.

- On February 8th, the Committee sent Johnny Adams of KRG, two documents:
 - 1) Report on the Status and Operation of the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee
 - 2) Administrative agreement (draft)
- On February 17th, the KEAC wrote to the interim Deputy minister, acknowledging reception of the above letter and informs him of an upcoming meeting with Peter Jacobs in order to work towards a concerted position.
- On February 17th, phone conversation between chairmen of the KEAC and of the KEQC regarding this issue.
- On February 19th, the KEAC received a letter from Peter Jacobs in which he mentions that he is comfortable with the provincial administrator's offer of 12.5 hours/week and proposes that this time allotment be integrated into the KEAC's proposal to KRG.

- Further actions

The KEAC will incorporate the KEQC's time allotment in its budget request, as requested by Peter Jacobs in his February 19th letter.

Committee membership

- On March 16th, the Committee received Renald Chabot's letter of resignation.
- On April 1st, the KEAC wrote to Johnny Adams (KRG chairman), concerning the appointment by KRG of its representatives to the posts of Chairman and vice-chairman for the fiscal year 1999-2000. A reminder is made regarding the vacant seat for a KRG representative.
- On April 1st, the KEAC wrote to Diane Jean (provincial administrator) as well as to Michelle Chartrand (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) regarding the appointment of their respective representatives on the Committee.
- On April 12th, the Secretary was informed by Tommy Grey of the resignation of Larry Watt.
- On April 15th, Fisheries and Oceans Canada acknowledges reception of above letter and mentions that the dossier has been given to Jean Piuze.

- Further actions

Tommy Grey will talk to Johnny Adams regarding the necessity for KRG to submit a resolution appointing him chairman for 1999-2000.

3.6 CANADIAN ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION ACT

- ◆ On February 2nd, the KEAC received the following documents :

- Update on Legislation to Protect Endangered Species (copy to members)
- Aboriginal Working Group for Legislation to Protect Endangered Species
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- Transition to a New Cosewic
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- ◆ On March 17th, the Committee received the following papers :

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- Report of the ad hoc Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
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- Further actions

The Secretary will contact Sandy Gordon, head of the Environment Dept. at KRG to inquire as to the status of their involvement in this file. Gerard Duhaime points out the difficulty for the KEAC members of getting involved due to a shortage of resources.

4. WATER MANAGEMENT IN QUEBEC: PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Yves Désilets informs the members of a meeting that was held several weeks previous with representatives of the BAPE. Gérard Duhaime considers this issue to be extremely important and that the KEAC should prepare a memoir for which a writer could be hired

(following the consultations in Nunavik). The last week in May is considered as a potential date by the BAPE for the public information sessions in Nunavik. Budgetary requirements for the KEAC's participation will be incorporated in its budget request for 1999-2000.

5. **REVISION OF DIRECTIVE 019 REGARDING THE MINING INDUSTRY**

Yves Désilets considers that the KEAC has been consulted late in the process and is not convinced that the committee should spend time drafting an opinion with the process so far advanced. Gérard Duhaime considers that once again the shortage of resources, combined with the specialized nature of the document do not permit the KEAC to give an informed opinion on this dossier.

6. **TOWARD A NORTHERN FOREIGN POLICY FOR CANADA**

After due consideration, the Committee comes to the conclusion that considering its offer of meeting with Mary Simon has not been followed up on and considering that KRG and Makivik Corporation have assisted in the policy information sessions, it will not pursue its involvement in this file. Gerard Duhaime considers that there are no specific interests of issues in this dossier for the KEAC.

7. **VARIA**

Annual Report:

Yves Désilets wishes to prepare this year's annual report and hopes that he will be able to get a first draft in circulation by July 1st.

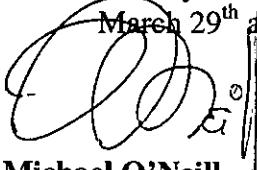
8. **DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

September 29th and 30th: Montréal

November 17th and 18th: Puvirnituk

January 19th and 20th: Québec City

March 29th and 30th: Kangiqsualuajuak (George River)



Michael O'Neill
Acting Secretary

NOTICE OF MEETING

April 14, 1999

Please take note that the 80th meeting of the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on April 22nd in Ste-Foy, at Université Laval, Pavillon Alphonse Desjardins, Room 3464. The meeting will start at 9:00 and the proposed agenda is as follows :

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