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Comité consultatif de l'environnement Kativik
Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee

**MINUTES FROM THE CONFERENCE CALL ON APRIL 30, 2013
(ADOPTED)**

PRESENT:

Kativik Regional Government (KRG) appointee
Michael Barrett, Chairperson

Government of Canada appointees
Claude Abel
Thessa Girard-Bourgoin
Gilles H. Tremblay

Gouvernement du Québec appointees
Paule Halley
Sylvie Létourneau

Executive Secretary
Benjamin Patenaude

ABSENT:

Julie Samson, Gouvernement du Québec appointee
Adamie Kalingo, KRG appointee
Betsy Palliser, KRG appointee
Nancy Dea, Environmental Analyst

1. Public Consultations on Uranium Deposit Development in Québec

On March 26, 2013, the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC) received a letter from Yves-François Blanchet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks, regarding uranium deposit development in Québec. The letter indicated that a mandate would be given to the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (environmental public hearings, BAPE) to hold public consultations on uranium development in Quebec. The letter also indicated that the KEAC, as a consultative body for responsible governments regarding environmental and social protection in Nunavik, would be associated with the consultations in the region.

The members discussed this topic and many questions were raised since this is a new file for the KEAC. The topics discussed included in particular the roles of the KEAC and the BAPE in this process, chairing of the consultations, the expected workload, expenses attendant to the consultations, preparation of the consultation report, etc.

The members agreed that the role of the KEAC during the consultations in Nunavik must comply with Section 23 of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement*. A member pointed out that precedence was set in 1999 when the KEAC co-chaired public hearings with the BAPE regarding water management. The members agreed that the human and financial resources required to hold the consultations in Nunavik should be provided by the BAPE and the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement, de la Faune et des Parcs (sustainable development, environment, wildlife and parks). As well, it will be important for related public documentation to be made available in English for the region's residents.

The members asked the executive secretary to draft an acknowledgement of receipt for the Minister's letter explaining the KEAC's position.



Benjamin Patenaude
Executive Secretary
July 10, 2013