



**MINUTES OF THE 154<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE KEAC  
(ADOPTED)**

**DATES:** December 5 and 6, 2017

**LOCATION:** Domaine Catarauqui, Quebec City

**PRESENT:**

**Appointed by the Kativik Regional Government (KRG)**

Michael Barrett, Chairperson  
Mary Pilurtuut

**Appointed by the Government of Canada**

Alexandre-Guy Côté  
Jean-Yves Savaria  
Catherine Lapeyrie

**Appointed by the Gouvernement du Québec**

Paule Halley  
Sylvie Létourneau  
Julie Samson

**Executive Secretary**

Benjamin Patenaude

**Environmental Analyst**

Nancy Dea

**ABSENT:**

Laina Grey, Vice-Chairperson, KRG appointee

**GUESTS:**

Martin Joly, Team Leader, Biodiversity Expertise Branch, MDDELCC  
Robert Sauvé, President and Chief Executive Officer, Société du Plan Nord

## **1. Call to order and adoption of the agenda**

The 154<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC) began at 9 a.m. on December 5, 2017, at the Domaine Catarauqui, in Quebec City. The chairperson opened the meeting and invited the members to propose modifications to the agenda. Modifications were made and the 154<sup>th</sup> meeting took place in accordance with the agenda below:

## **1. Call to order and adoption of the agenda**

## **2. Adoption of minutes of the 152<sup>nd</sup> and 153<sup>rd</sup> meetings and the conference call on August 9, 2017**

## **3. Budget, secretariat and members**

- a) Budget
- b) Secretariat
- c) Members
- d) KEAC priorities
- e) Annual report, 2016–2017
- f) Five-year action plan, 2015–2020
- g) Website

## **4. Environmental assessment in Nunavik**

- a) Environmental assessment procedures guide
- b) Social impacts
- c) Revision of the schedules in Section 23 of the JBNQA

## **5. Regulations to be adopted pursuant to the *Environment Quality Act***

## **6. *Act respecting the Conservation of Wetlands and Bodies of Water***

## **7. Follow-up to the meeting with the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach**

## **8. Mining activity**

- a) Hopes Advance iron mining project, Oceanic Iron Ore Corporation
- b) Raglan environmental forum, 2017
- c) Asbestos Hill mine site, update

## **9. Residual materials management**

- a) *Regulation respecting the Landfilling and Incineration of Residual Materials*
- b) Techniques for the management of residual materials in the north, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
- c) Extended producer responsibility
- d) Aluminium can collection and recycling
- e) Mid-Canada line radar stations
- f) Funding sources for the implementation of the *Nunavik Residual Materials Management Plan*
- g) Single-use plastic bags

## **10. Meeting with the Société du Plan Nord**

## **11. Climate change**

## **12. Miscellaneous**

- a) Green Corner Article, *Makivik Magazine*
- b) Water tank cleaning program, KMHB
- c) Sustainable mobility plan for the Nord-du-Québec region
- d) *Consultation Policy for Sustainable Forest Development and Forest Orientations*
- e) Hudson Bay environmental consortium

## **13. Dates and locations of the next meetings**

### **2. Adoption of minutes of the 152<sup>nd</sup> and 153<sup>rd</sup> meetings and the conference call on August 9, 2017**

The minutes of the 152<sup>nd</sup> meeting were adopted following modifications. The adoption of the minutes of the conference call on August 9 was postponed to a later date. The members were updated on the status of the revision of the minutes of the 153<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### **3. Budget, secretariat, and members**

#### a) Budget

The members reviewed the expense report for September and October 2017.

An explanatory note to justify the increase in the KEAC operating budget was presented. It was decided that the note should include justification for a full-time environmental analyst and that a conference call would be scheduled to approve the note. Once finalized, the document should be sent immediately to the provincial and federal administrators.

#### b) Secretariat

The members were updated on the system developed by the administrative subcommittee to evaluate employee performance.

#### c) Members

The members reviewed a draft proxy form for the temporary replacement of members who are unable to participate at KEAC meetings. They continued their discussion on the role of temporary replacements.

#### d) KEAC priorities

The members reviewed a table showing the status of KEAC files since the last meeting.

#### e) Annual report, 2016–2017

The final draft of the 2016–2017 annual report was presented to the members. It was decided that the annual report distribution list should be updated.

f) Five-year action plan, 2015–2020

An analysis of the 2015–2020 five-year action plan was presented. The members discussed possible strategies to meet the objectives in certain activity sectors where it was felt improvements could be made.

g) Website

An overview of KEAC website traffic by type of visitor was presented.

#### **4. Environmental assessment in Nunavik**

a) Environmental assessment procedures guide

The members were informed that the new environmental assessment procedures guide prepared by the KEAC has been distributed.

b) Social impacts

The members were updated on the status of the working document concerning how social impacts are dealt with under the environmental assessment procedures applicable in Nunavik. The subcommittee agreed to meet before the next meeting in order to advance the file.

c) Revision of the schedules in Section 23 of the JBNQA

The KEAC received letters from Adamie Delisle-Alaku, vice-president of resource development at the Makivik Corporation, and from Patrick Beauchesne, the provincial administrator of Section 23 of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement* (JBNQA), on October 19 and November 22, 2017, respectively. The letters responded to the KEAC letter dated September 22, 2017, concerning revision of the schedules of Section 23 of the JBNQA. In their letters, Mr. Delisle-Alaku and Mr. Beauchesne provide an overview of the steps taken in this exercise. They indicate that the working group mandated to undertake the revision has not held a meeting since 2015. Both understand the importance of carrying out a revision of the schedules.

#### **5. Regulations to be adopted pursuant to the *Environment Quality Act***

Following the last meeting, the draft list of activities that could be exempt from authorization or subject to a declaration of compliance, pursuant to amendments made to the *Environment Quality Act*, was re-examined. The members discussed the approach they plan to adopt to analyse these activities once the draft regulation is published. It was decided that this analysis should be made a priority. The subcommittee agreed to meet before the next meeting in order to advance the file.

#### **6. Act respecting the Conservation of Wetlands and Bodies of Water**

Martin Joly, a team leader from the Biodiversity Expertise Branch of the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques (sustainable development, the environment and the fight against climate change, MDDELCC) delivered a presentation to the KEAC on the recently adopted *Act respecting the Conservation of Wetlands and Bodies of Water*. Mr. Joly provided a description of the underlying vision of the Act and its orientations, including conservation measures and sustainable use, as well as provisions for the mitigation and restoration of wetlands and bodies of water. Mr. Joly explained that the measures in the Act

represent a partial modernization of the environmental authorization regime under the Environment Quality Act and include a new series of mitigation and compensation measures. The Act also contains provisions for conservation and land use planning and amends the *Act to affirm the Collective Nature of Water Resources and to Promote Better Governance of Water and Associated Environments*, the *Natural Heritage Conservation Act*, the *Act respecting the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs*, as well as the *Act respecting Land Use Planning and Development*. Mr. Joly concluded his presentation with a description of the MDDELCC objectives resulting from the adoption of the Act.

Following the presentation, the KEAC members discussed the new Act and expressed some concerns. It was decided a letter would be sent to the minister of the MDDELCC to state these concerns, in particular the lack of clarity of certain provisions regarding their application in Nunavik.

## **7. Follow-up to the meeting with the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach**

The members continued to discuss the request made by the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach (NNK) to have an NNK representative appointed as an official member to the KEAC. The NNK has also expressed interest in welcoming the KEAC in Kawawachikamach for an official meeting. It was decided that the NNK representatives would be contacted to confirm their availability for this meeting.

## **8. Mining activity**

### **a) Hopes Advance iron mining project, Oceanic Iron Ore Corporation**

Following the 153<sup>rd</sup> meeting, a draft letter addressed to the president of the Oceanic Iron Ore Corporation was circulated among the members for feedback. It was decided that, once all feedback has been received, the letter will be sent.

### **b) Raglan environmental forum, 2017**

The executive secretary presented a summary of the 2017 Raglan environmental forum held from October 2 to 4, 2017, in Kangiqsujuaq. The forum was co-chaired by representatives of Glencore and the Makivik Corporation. The purpose of the forum was to open dialogue between Glencore and community residents and to provide an opportunity for the general public as well as community organizations to express their environmental concerns related to activities at the Raglan mine.

### **c) Asbestos Hill mine site, update**

The members were informed that a conference call was held on October 3, 2017, by representatives of the Nunavik Research Centre and Glencore concerning the status of the Asbestos Hill mine site. Further to recent communications between the MDDELCC and the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles (energy and natural resources), it was determined the property is still the responsibility of Asbestos Corporation Ltd. It was decided that follow-up should be conducted with the MDDELCC to obtain up-to-date information on the status of this file.

## **9. Residual materials management**

### **a) *Regulation respecting the Landfilling and Incineration of Residual Materials***

On December 1, 2017, Nicolas Juneau of the MDDELCC Residual Materials Branch contacted the KEAC in response to its letter dated August 17, 2017, concerning an amendment to be made to the *Regulation respecting the*

*Landfilling and Incineration of Residual Materials* as well as the issues raised by the members at the 153rd meeting. Mr. Juneau reiterated that the current regulation does not obligate northern communities to carry out weekly open-air burning and that alternative methods may be used. Mr. Juneau explained that the MDDELCC is open to exploring alternative disposal methods. If such methods prove to be more effective, the MDDELCC may be willing to amend the Regulation. Mr. Juneau also indicated that the MDDELCC has expressed interest in reactivating the Nunavik residual materials working group and requested that the KEAC and KRG contribute to identifying priority measures for Nunavik and the required resources.

The members continued to discuss the difficulties related to obtaining funding to implement residual materials management pilot projects. It was decided that a letter would be sent to the ministers of Environment and Climate Change Canada and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to express KEAC concerns. Copies will also be sent to the Makivik Corporation and the KRG.

b) Techniques for the management of residual materials in the north , Université du Québec à Chicoutimi

The environmental analyst presented a summary of the report by the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC) on techniques for the management of residual materials in the north. It was decided that Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami should be contacted to obtain its feedback on residual materials management programs in other northern regions of Canada. A letter will also be sent to the MDDELCC Residual Materials Branch to draw its attention to the proposals contained in the UQAC study and to encourage the reactivation of the Nunavik residual materials management working group.

c) Extended producer responsibility

The members were updated by the environmental analyst on the projects implemented in Nunavik further to extended producer responsibility.

d) Aluminium can collection and recycling

The members were informed of a letter sent by RECYC-QUÉBEC to the Northwest Company to remind it of its legal obligation to accept aluminium beverage cans for deposit refund. Furthermore, a cost estimate was presented for the production of a public awareness poster to encourage Nunavik residents to recycle their aluminium beverage cans. Examples of the public awareness poster should be presented at the next meeting. It was also decided to send a letter to the Federation of cooperatives of Northern Québec to recognize its initiative to collect and recycle aluminium beverage cans and its involvement in the collection of products covered under the *Regulation respecting the Recovery and Reclamation of Products by Enterprises* at a few of its stores in the region.

e) Mid-Canada line radar stations

On October 16, 2017, a conference call was held with MDDELCC and KRG representatives to discuss the direction to be taken with the Mid-Canada line clean-up project. The members were informed of the characterization studies carried out by the EnGlobe Corporation in the fall of 2017.

f) Funding sources for the implementation of the *Nunavik Residual Materials Management Plan*

The members were informed that the KRG participated in a series of meetings with regional and government bodies to explore different funding sources for the implementation of pilot projects under the *Nunavik Residual Materials Management Plan*.

#### g) Single-use plastic bags

The members discussed the current situation concerning the distribution of single-use plastic bags in Nunavik communities. Currently, only the Northern Village of Kuujuaq has a bylaw obligating businesses to distribute biodegradable and re-usable bags. It was decided that letters should be sent to the other northern villages to spread awareness about the situation and to encourage each municipality to follow Kuujuaq's example.

### **10. Meeting with the Société du Plan Nord**

Robert Sauvé, president and chief executive officer of the Société du Plan Nord (SPN), delivered a presentation to KEAC members on projects planned in Nunavik and provided an update on SPN objectives. Mr. Sauvé began by introducing the SPN, its vision and its strategic direction. He explained that the SPN's projects and objectives are carried out in accordance with the principles of sustainable development and environmental protection, in part through the creation of protected areas and biodiversity reserves. The success of SPN projects depends on the creation of partnerships for developing infrastructure and green energy, as well as for conducting scientific research in Nunavik. Mr. Sauvé then provided a description of the main SPN projects in Nunavik and concluded his presentation by reiterating the SPN's objectives, role and partnerships.

Following the presentation, the members discussed SPN projects as well as its handling of the issues related to residual materials in Nunavik. It was decided that a letter would be sent to the SPN to thank Mr. Sauvé for the presentation and to express KEAC concerns.

### **11. Climate change**

The members were informed that the study on the status of knowledge of climate change adaptation in Nunavik conducted by OURANOS has been adopted and the contract with the KEAC is now considered to have been fulfilled. Furthermore, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada has provided funding to create a Climate Change Adaptation Community Liaison Officer position for Nunavik. An individual was recently hired for this position and a number of projects have been proposed.

### **12. Miscellaneous**

#### a) Green Corner Article, *Makivik Magazine*

It was decided that the next article for the Green Corner in *Makivik Magazine* would address the issue of single-use plastic bags in Nunavik as well as highlight the efforts of residents who work to keep their communities clean.

#### b) Water tank cleaning program, KMHB

The members were updated on the Kativik Municipal Housing Bureau (KMHB) water tank cleaning program.

#### c) Sustainable mobility plan for the Nord-du-Québec region

On October 25, 2017, the KEAC sent a letter to Marc Lacroix, deputy minister of the Ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité durable et de l'Électrification des transports (transport, sustainable mobility and transport electrification, MTMDET) to request an update on the sustainable mobility plan for the Nord-du-Québec region. A response was received on November 27, 2017, from Philippe Lemire, a director at the MTMDET regional office. Mr. Lemire explained that the MTMDET is committed to adopting the first sustainable modality plan by the spring of 2018 and that it intends to carry out airport infrastructure projects in Nunavik. He stated that the KRG and the northern villages will be consulted as the file progresses and that the KEAC will be invited to provide feedback at the appropriate time.

It was decided that the MTMDET regional office should be contacted to request that the KEAC be consulted during the preparation of the mobility plan.

d) *Consultation Policy for Sustainable Forest Development and Forest Management Orientations*

The members discussed the current status of the *Consultation Policy for Sustainable Forest Development and Forest Management Orientations* being prepared by the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (forests, wildlife and parks). It was noted that there has been no further progress on this file since the KEAC submitted its comments in May 2017.

e) Hudson Bay environmental consortium

The members were informed that the next meeting of the Hudson Bay environmental consortium is scheduled for February 27 to March 1, 2018, in Montreal. It was decided that the environmental analyst would attend.

**13. Dates and locations of the next meetings**

It was decided that the 155<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place on March 14, 15 and 16, 2018, in Kawawachikamach. The dates and location of the 156<sup>th</sup> meeting will be confirmed at a later date.



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December 5, 2017