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Comité consultatif de l'environnement Kativik  
Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee

**MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL ON APRIL 14, 2021  
(ADOPTED)**

**PRESENT:**

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

Michael Barrett, Vice-Chairperson

Mary Pilurtuut

**Appointed by the Government of Canada**

Alexandre-Guy Côté

Caroline Girard

**Appointed by the Government of Québec**

Vanessa Chalifour

Paule Halley

André-Anne Gagnon

**Executive Secretary**

Benjamin Patenaude

**Environmental Analyst**

Nancy Dea

**Policy Analyst**

Annie Lamalice

**ABSENT:**

Tunu Napartuk, Chairperson, KRG appointee

Mélanie Lafèche, Government of Canada appointee

### **1. Adoption of minutes of the 166<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The members reviewed feedback on the minutes of the 166<sup>th</sup> meeting. The adoption of the minutes was postponed to the 168<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **2. Annual report, 2020–2021**

The members reviewed the draft bilingual version of the 2020–2021 annual report. It will be submitted to the Québec National Assembly following modifications.

### **3. Canada Water Agency discussion paper**

The environmental analyst presented an overview of the discussion paper concerning the creation of the Canada Water Agency. The issues covered included the objective regarding the management and protection of freshwater resources and ecosystems, the enhancement of policies, the development of a freshwater database to improve understanding of climate change and define adaptation strategies, the use of Indigenous knowledge, economic development, the enhancement of scientific collaboration, data, technology and infrastructure for freshwater ecosystems, as well as a public engagement strategy for their management and protection.

#### **Action item**

- **Contact representatives of the Canada Water Agency to request that the KEAC be kept informed of policy developments that could affect Nunavik.**

### **4. *Bill 88, An Act to amend the Act respecting the Conservation and Development of Wildlife and Other Legislative Provisions***

The policy analyst presented an overview of the recently tabled *Bill 88: An Act to amend the Act respecting the Conservation and Development of Wildlife and Other Legislative Provisions*. Bill 88 introduces modifications to the penal provisions under the *Act respecting Hunting and Fishing Rights in the James Bay and New Québec Territories*. It is based on three main themes, which include protection of human and animal health and safety, preservation of wildlife heritage and promotion of the quality of life in local communities, increased actions to reduce threats to wildlife habitats, as well as the modernization and streamlining of administrative processes.

### **5. Canada's Blue Economy Strategy**

The policy analyst presented a summary of the Blue Economy Strategy by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the elements that apply in Nunavik. The Strategy consists of three main parts: focusing the Blue Economy on growth and prosperity for all, positioning the Blue Economy for growth and success, as well as advancing sustainable and prosperous ocean sectors in Canada.

#### **Action item**

- **Draft a letter with KEAC feedback on the Blue Economy Strategy.**

### **6. Québec plan for the development of critical and strategic minerals, 2020–2025**

On November 2, 2020, the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles (energy and natural resources, MERN) released the *Québec Plan for the Development of Critical and Strategic Minerals: 2020–2025*. The objective of the Plan is to secure the supply of certain minerals essential for industrial, energy and service sectors. A number of deposits of these minerals are located in Nunavik.

**Action item**

- **Invite a MERN representative to present the Plan at a future meeting.**

**7. Update on the BAPE consultation on final waste management**

The members were informed that, as part of consultation on the status and management of final waste conducted by the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (environmental public hearings committee, BAPE), a workshop has been scheduled for April 23, 2021. The workshop will target issues specific to northern Québec as well as remote areas and isolated communities related to the planning, operation and financing of residual materials management. It will also cover the challenges of current mechanisms and explore avenues for improvement. In addition, the environmental analyst presented an overview of the first public hearing for northern Québec, remote areas and isolated communities held on April 1, 2021.

**Action item**

- **Contact the BAPE to request clarification on the KEAC's role at the April 23 workshop.**

**8. Miscellaneous**

The members were updated on the development of the new KEAC website as well as the purchase of software licences for secretariat staff.



Benjamin Patenaude  
Executive Secretary  
September 29, 2021