

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION CONCERNING

CONSTRUCTION OF AN OIL-FIRED POWER PLANT  
AT A NEW SITE IN KUUJJUAQ,  
HYDRO-QUÉBEC PROJECT

Kuujuaq, November 26, 2007

Minutes of proceedings of the public consultation held in Kuujjuaq on November 26, 2007, concerning the construction by Hydro-Québec of an oil-fired power plant at a new site in the village.

PRESENT: Putulik Papigatuk, KEQC  
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David Okpik, KEQC  
Larry Watt, Mayor, Northern Village of Kuujjuaq  
Martin Tremblay, Executive Secretary, KEQC

The public consultation concerning the construction by Hydro-Québec of an oil-fired power plant at a new site in Kuujjuaq was held over local FM radio airwaves (Appendix A). The public consultation lasted for one and a half hours. Between 15 and 20 participants provided feedback. The feedback focused mainly on the information about the project provided by the project proponent, the selected location for the new power plant, alternative energy sources, the clean-up of the site of the current power plant, and the recovery of the excess heat that will be generated by the new power plant.

First, participants indicated that they had received sufficient information about the power plant construction project and they voiced their support for the project. The majority of the participants were satisfied with the location selected for the new power plant, although one participant expressed concern that the new plant could one day find itself in the middle of the community, as it continues to expand. The municipal master plan should, however, ensure that no residential development takes place in that sector, since it is reserved strictly for industrial purposes.

A few participants spoke about the importance of alternative energy sources, such as wind power. Other participants stated that Kuujjuaq should be connected to Hydro-Québec's power grid from the James Bay region. In this respect, many participants noted that the dams constructed to divert the Caniapiscou River lead to a significant decrease in water level in the Koksoak River and to navigational difficulties. In the opinion of participants connecting Kuujjuaq to the power grid could be viewed as compensation for this situation.

Finally, one participant mentioned that the current power plant site should be properly decommissioned. Another participant suggested that the heat produced by the new power plant could be recovered to heat a greenhouse or a public pool.

## Appendix A

### Public Consultation in Kuujjuaq Construction of an Oil-Fired Power Plant at a New Site Hydro-Québec Project

#### *Agenda*

1. Opening of the consultation and presentation of the power plant project (1:30 p.m.)
2. Description of the KEQC's mandate
3. Description of the consultation process:
  - a. Questions (over local FM radio airwaves)
  - b. Receipt of comments (over local FM radio airwaves)
  - c. Adjournment of the consultation (around 3:00 p.m.)

#### Questions:

1. Information received by the community: Did community residents receive adequate information about the power plant project from the project proponent?
2. Site selection (1 km northwest of Kuujjuaq): Taking into consideration future growth of the community, is the selected site an appropriate location?
3. Energy: The new power plant will burn diesel in order to produce electricity. Do community residents approve of this energy source? Is the development of an alternative energy source important (wind, wind-diesel combination, etc.)?
4. Others: Do the residents of the community have any other concerns related to the project?