

Meeting summary

The 242th meeting was held in Montréal on January 23, 2019.

Present: *Pierre Philie* *Lisa Koperqualuk*
Daniel Berrouard *Joseph Annahatak*
Marie-Eve Fortin
Thérèse Spiegle
Cynthia Marchildon

Executive secretary *Michèle Séguin-Letendre*

PROJECTS AND OTHER MATTERS

DISCUSSIONS OR DECISIONS

Innavik hydroelectric project by Pituvik Landholding Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kativik Environmental Quality KEQC (hereafter the “KEQC”) reviewed the promoter’s answers to the fourth round of questions and comments. The members discussed the logistics of the public consultations scheduled to be held in Inukjuak on March 11 and 12, 2019. The KEQC held a preparatory meeting for public consultations with the proponent.
Raglan mining project by Glencore Canada Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were informed of updates to the Raglan Mine restoration plan. The KEQC’s comments in response to this document will be sent to the Administrator.
Relocation of the KEQC Secretariat to Kangiqsujuaq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was understood that the KEQC Secretariat will move to Kangiqsujuaq in February 2019 and will take care of the logistical arrangements for a temporary change of address from Kuujjuaraapik to Kangiqsujuaq.
Project to open a new borrow pit in Inukjuak by the Northern Village of Inukjuak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided not to subject the project to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.
Nunavik Nickel by Canadian Royalties Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members discussed the issues to be raised with the proponent in the context of a possible meeting with this latter and a visit to the mining facilities.
Application for judicial review and declaratory judgment in superior court by the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were informed of a request from the Ministère de l’Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques (MELCC), for the KEQC to forward to it any correspondence over the past five years with the Naskapi Nation or with Naskapi representatives or corporations, as well as for the same period.
Request for access to information from the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were informed that the KEAC had sent an access to information request to the KEQC. It was decided that Ms. Cynthia Marchildon will contact them to find out their specific needs and inform them of what can be made available to them by MELCC in terms of archives.

analyzing this dossier as part of the environmental and social impact assessment and review process.

4.2. Public consultations

The members discussed the program for the public consultations, as well as the logistics, which will be handled by the KEQC Secretariat.

It was agreed that the public consultations will be held during the week of March 9–14, 2019, at the recreation centre in Inukjuak, according to this schedule:

Saturday, March 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel to Salluit or Kuujjuaq for Nunavik residents
Sunday, March 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel to Inukjuak• 243th meeting of the KEQC (from 3 to 6 p.m.)
Monday, March 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of consultations in the afternoon (from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.)• Consultations continue in the evening (from 7 to 10 p.m.)
Tuesday, March 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultations continue on FM radio (from 9 to 11 a.m.)• Closing of public consultations (11 a.m.)
Wednesday, March 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departure for people from the south• Travel to Salluit/Kuujjuaq for Nunavik residents
Thursday, March 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departure for Nunavik residents

It was understood that Pierre Philie, president of the KEQC, will chair the public consultations. Simultaneous translation and recordings will be provided in all three languages: French, English and Inuktitut. The notes at the public hearing will be taken by Michèle Séguin-Letendre, executive secretary of the KEQC.

A letter of invitation will be sent to organizations likely to be affected by the Innalik project, with a view to encouraging their participation in the public consultations, as well as them submitting a brief.

Finally, a communication plan will be developed and implemented by the KEQC Secretariat.

Action: Provide logistics for the public consultations in Inukjuak; develop and implement a communication strategy.

4.3. Preparation session for the afternoon meeting with the proponent

Members discussed the main points they will cover during their meeting with representatives of Innergex and the Pituvik Land Corporation, with a view to the public consultations.

4.4. Meeting with representatives of Innergex and Pituvik Land Corporation, in preparation for public consultations

A meeting was held with representatives from the Pituvik Land Corporation (Eric Atagotaaluk and Paolo Nastapoka) and from Innergex (Jeanne Gaudreault, Louis Robert and François Morin).

Update on the Innavik project

Mr. Atagotaaluk informed the KEQC that research for a viable way to monitor fish habitat in the Inukjuak River and ensure no overfishing is currently underway. The proponent is working with a Kuujuaq-based company to this end.

Regarding the project schedule, it is expected that action on site (labour camps, bridge construction and access road improvements) will begin in the fall of 2019. The construction of the project is planned for 2020.

Finally, the proponent informed the KEQC that discussions with Hydro-Québec are underway in regards to sharing the costs and revenues of the Innavik hydroelectric project. A ruling on their *Power Purchase Agreement* is expected at the end of March 2019.

Social impacts

KEQC members consider that the Innavik project is of great importance to the community of Inukjuak and thus reiterated the KEQC's request that the proponent carefully consider the social impacts. The KEQC strongly suggested the proponent set up a committee to ensure respect for the community's customs, social norms and habits, and that impacts be monitored. Mr. Atagotaaluk stated that the creation of such a committee is planned. Fishing and hunting impacts will also be monitored.

Ms. Lisa Koperqualuk, member of the KEQC, stressed that northern communities are dealing with major social issues and that it is important that preventive measures be implemented so that outside workers are made aware of these issues and thus behave in ways that are respectful of the community. In particular, the KEQC proposed the proponent hold an orientation session on Inuit culture and society for its workers.

As mentioned in its response to the fourth round of questions and comments, the proponent stated awareness of the social issues and disruptions that could be caused by the site and the arrival of outside workers. Thus, the proponent stated its plans to implement a series of actions and measures throughout the project to prevent unwanted consequences as much as possible and to mitigate negative impacts.

Program for public consultations

Mr. Philie presented the program for the public consultations to the proponent. It was suggested that the proponent make a visual PowerPoint presentation for the audience

and bring posters presenting the Innavik project, which will be displayed in the room where the public consultations will take place.

It was understood that the proponent would inform the KEQC Secretariat of which representatives from the Pituvik Land Corporation and Innergex would be present for the consultations.

Communications

The KEQC reminded the proponent that the community must be informed of the Innavik hydroelectric project prior to the public consultations. The proponent informed the KEQC that its last presentation of the project to the community of Inukjuak was made in November 2018.

It was agreed that the KEQC should take the lead in developing informational leaflets and posters inviting the public and various organizations to participate in the public consultations. A presentation of the KEQC, the Innavik hydroelectric project and the proponent will be included. It was understood that the KEQC Secretariat would develop, in partnership with the proponent, a strategy for the distribution of these pamphlets and posters, as well as community radio announcements.

5. Raglan mining project by Glencore Canada Corporation

5.1. Update of the mine restoration plan

On July 30, 2018, the KEQC received from the MELCC a copy of information on the updated restoration plan for the Raglan Mine.

The information provided raised several questions and comments. The members recalled that during the public hearings held by the KEQC for the Sivumut project (phases II and III), site restoration was a major concern for the communities affected by the project, particularly with regard to progressive restoration, climate change, updating of proposed technologies and long-term follow-up after the restoration.

Members discussed the issues surrounding the remediation of the tailings facility and ongoing monitoring with the selected method known as “HDPE geomembrane capping system.” The KEQC members expressed their wish to continue to be informed of the latest technological developments concerning this restoration method and its long-term follow-up.

Thus, to minimize the social impacts of the application of the restoration plan, the following elements will be addressed to the Administrator:

- The company should survey the affected communities’ perceptions of the restoration method, taking its lifespan and the short- and long-term maintenance into consideration;

- The company should develop ways to inform and explain the method to local people;
- A workshop on specialized terminology and translation could be organized to help people understand the issues;
- A visual simulation of the gradual and final restoration could be updated and included with each revision. This would provide better understanding of the elements to remain in place after decommissioning;
- Progress in discussions with local and regional authorities on the future of access infrastructure (roads, Deception Bay Port, Donaldson Airport) should be reported.

Finally, the members stated that they would like the proponent to take all these elements into account in its working sessions with the communities or their representatives, and the comments collected should be made available in the updating of future plans.

Action: Send a letter to the Administrator with the KEQC's comments.

6. Relocation of the KEQC Secretariat to Kangirsujuaq

6.1. Location of the Secretariat office in Kangirsujuaq in the short and medium terms

Ms. Séguin-Letendre, executive secretary of the KEQC, presented a document detailing the anticipated costs of a short- and long-term relocation of the KEQC Secretariat to Kangirsujuaq. Pierre Philie, president of the KEQC, presented to the board a request for rental of office space and housing to the Kangirsujuaq Land Corporation. A response is expected in February 2019 regarding housing.

After discussion, the board members concurred that an agreement could be signed with the Société québécoise des infrastructures (SQI) and the Nunaturlik Land Corporation of Kangirsujuaq to rent office space to relocate the KEQC's Secretariat. This space will be available in the spring of 2019. It was also agreed to formalize a temporary rental agreement with the SQI and the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) to house the KEQC Secretariat as of February 2019, until the office in the Land Corporation is available to the KEQC. The KEQC secretary will stay with her spouse until official accommodation is made available.

It was understood that the KEQC Secretariat will move to Kangirsujuaq in February 2019 and will take care of the logistical arrangements for a temporary change of address from Kuujuaapik to Kangirsujuaq.

Moreover, it should be remembered that until the KEQC has a rental agreement for housing and office space in Kangirsujuaq, the lease in Kuujuaapik for the housing

and the current office must be maintained. The KEQC archives will remain there until a permanent relocation of the KEQC secretariat to Kangiqsujuaq is formalized.

Action: Take the necessary steps with the SQI and the KRG.

NEW DOSSIERS

7. Project to open a new borrow pit in Inukjuak by the Northern Village of Inukjuak

7.1. Preliminary information

On December 5, 2018, the KEQC received from the MELCC a copy of the preliminary information submitted by the Northern Village of Inukjuak as part of the application to open a new borrow pit in Inukjuak by the Northern Village of Inukjuak.

To meet future road resurfacing and other needs for infrastructure works in the community, the Northern Village of Inukjuak wishes to develop and operate a new borrow pit located approximately 2.5 km west of the village, near the road leading to the treatment basins. The project is located on Category I lands and within the village's limits. The total operating area is 2.99 hectares with an anticipated annual gravel extraction volume of 20,000 metric tonnes based on the needs of the Northern Village of Inukjuak until the authorized discovery area is reached.

After having reviewed the information provided, the members agreed not to subject this project to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.

Action: Send a letter to the administrator.

8. Updates to KEQC documents and procedures

8.1. Update of the KEQC's *Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct*

The members agreed to postpone this item to the next KEQC meeting.

8.2. Update of the KEQC's *Internal Rules of Management*

The members agreed to postpone this item to the next KEQC meeting.

9. Kativik Environmental Quality Commission's request for funding for the 2019–2020 financial year

9.1. Budget forecast 2019-2020

The board agreed to postpone this item to the next KEQC meeting.

10. Nunavik Nickel Project by Canadian Royalties Inc.

10.1. Potential meeting with the proponent and site visit

The KEQC is considering visiting the Canadian Royalties Inc. site. (CRI) in the fall of 2019. During Meeting 240, Mr. Pierre Philie asked the KEQC board members to draw up a list of the points the KEQC wishes to discuss with the proponent, as well as the specific elements and infrastructures that they wish to visit on the Nunavik Nickel (PPNi) site.

The members expressed their wish to be updated on the activities of the PPNi project, the environmental monitoring program and the Puimajuq deposit development project. These ties into how the issues around the proponent's communications with the local communities affected by the project will be addressed.

Action: Send correspondence to the proponent to arrange a possible meeting

11. Varia

11.1. Follow-up on the judicial review and declaratory judgment in superior court by the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach

The secretary of the KEQC informed the board that a request had been received on January 21, 2019, from the MELCC's legal affairs directorate, the Direction des affaires juridiques. The KEQC is asked to forward to the MELCC all correspondence over the past five years to and from the Naskapi Nation or Naskapi representatives or corporations. It was agreed that the KEQC Secretariat would forward the requested documents, to the best of its ability.

Action: Forward the requested documents, to the best of our ability, to the legal affairs directorate of the MELCC

11.2. Request for access to information from the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee

The secretary informed the members that a request for access to the KEQC archives had been received on January 22, 2019, from the Kativik Environmental Advisory

Committee (KEAC). The KEAC is currently involved in a study on how to deal with social impacts as part of the four assessment processes applicable in Nunavik. To carry out this mandate, the KEAC has tasked a consultant from the Secrétariat international francophone pour l'évaluation environnementale with this mandate. The KEAC is considering bringing the consultant to Kuujuaaraapik to consult the KEQC's archives, so that this person may study how the KEQC has handled social impacts in project assessments since its foundation in 1980.

The KEQC is not be obligated to publicly share all of its archives; some documents are confidential. The KEAC will therefore have to identify which documents it wishes to access and possibly submit an access to information request to the MELCC. This latter will have to obtain proponents' permission to share certain documents. After discussion, it was agreed that Ms. Cynthia Marchildon would contact the KEAC to determine their specific needs and inform them of what archives the MELCC could make available to them.

12. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Inukjuak on March 10, 2019, the day before the public consultations for the Innavik hydroelectric project.

APPENDIX A

AGENDA

242nd meeting

January 23, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Du Conseil Room, Maison du développement durable
50 Sainte-Catherine W
Montréal, QC H2X 3V4*

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Correspondence and follow-up
3. Adoption of the minutes of the 240th meeting

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4. **Innavik hydroelectric project by Pituvik Landholding Corporation**
 - 4.1. Responses to questions and comments - 4th round
Task: For discussion
 - 4.2. Public consultations
Task: For discussion
 - 4.3. Preparation session for the afternoon meeting with the proponent
Task: For discussion
 - 4.4. Meeting with representatives of Innergex and Pituvik Land Corporation, in preparation for public consultations
Task: For discussion
5. **Raglan mining project by Glencore Canada Corporation**
 - 5.1. Update of the mine restoration plan
Task: For discussion
6. **Relocation of the KEQC Secretariat to Kangirsujuaq**
 - 6.1. Location of the Secretariat office in Kangirsujuaq in the short and medium terms
Task: For decision

NEW DOSSIERS

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7.1. Preliminary information

Task: For decision

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8.1. Update of the KEQC's *Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct*

Task: For discussion

8.2. Update of the KEQC's *Internal Rules of Management*

Task: For discussion

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9.1. Budget forecast 2019–2020

Task: For discussion

10. Varia

11. Next meeting

DOSSIERS UNDER ANALYSIS

1. Raglan mining project by Glencore Canada Corporation

1.1. Update of the mine restoration plan

Task: For information

2. Project to open a new borrow pit in Inukjuak by the Northern Village of Inukjuak

2.1. Preliminary information

Task: For information

3. Project to construct a new hybrid power station (thermic and solar) to serve the Village of Tasiujaq by Hydro-Québec

3.1. Preliminary information

Task: For information

4. Innalik hydroelectric project by Pituvik Landholding Corporation

4.1. Proponent's response to the request for additional information in response to questions and comments - 3rd round

APPENDIX B
Correspondence and follow-up
November 22, 2018, to January 15, 2019

DRAFT	FROM/TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
New borrow pit project in Inukjuak by the Northern Village of Inukjuak (3215-03-013)	From the MELCC to the KEQC	Preliminary information Request for an attestation of exemption	Received December 12, 2018	--	<i>Decision on whether the project is subject to the assessment and review procedure</i>
Regulation respecting compensation for adverse effects on wetlands & bodies of water	From the KEQC to the Makivik Corporation	The KEQC's position	Issued December 10, 2018	As discussed in Meeting 240, on November 29, 2018	--
Innavik hydroelectric project by Pituvik Landholding Corporation (3215-10-005)	From the KEQC to the MELCC	Request for additional information in response to questions and comments – 3rd round	Issued December 19, 2018	As discussed during the telephone conference on December 13, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt received on 2018-12-21	--
	From the MELCC to the KEQC	Responses to questions and comments - 4th round	Received January 23, 2019	--	<i>For comment</i>
Extension of an existing quarry for the resurfacing of the runway at the airport of Kuujjuarapik by ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité durable et de l'Électrification des transports (3215-03-012)	From the KEQC to the MELCC	Questions and comments – Preliminary information	Issued December 19, 2018	As discussed in Meeting 240, on November 29, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt received on December 21, 2018.	--

DRAFT	FROM/TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
Raglan mining project by Glencore Canada Corporation (3215-14-019)	From the KEQC to the MELCC	Follow-up on conditions 5 and 6 of the modification of July 11, 2017, of the certificate of authorization issued on May 5, 1995.	Issued December 19, 2018	As discussed in Meeting 240, on November 29, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt received on December 21, 2018.	--
	From the KEQC to the MELCC	Questions and comments – Annual Environmental Monitoring Report 2017	Issued January 15, 2019	As discussed in Meeting 240, on November 29, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt received on 2018-01-16.	--
Direct shipping of iron ores, Project “2A,” in Nunavik, by Tata Steel Minerals Canada Limited (3215-14-014)	From the KEQC to the MELCC	Questions and Comments – 2017 Annual report	Issued January 10, 2019	As discussed in Meeting 240, on November 29, 2018 Acknowledgement of receipt received on January 15, 2019.	--
Project to construct a new hybrid power station (thermic and solar) to serve the Village of Tasiujaq by Hydro-Québec (3215-10-011)	From the MELCC to KEQC	Preliminary information Request for an attestation of exemption	Received January 14, 2019	--	<i>Decision on whether the project should be subject to the procedure</i>