

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

160TH MEETING

Kangiqsualujjuaq  
March 13, 2007

(ADOPTED)

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Minutes of the KEQC's 160th meeting held in Kangiqsualujjuaq on March 13, 2007.

PRESENT: Peter Jacobs, President  
Daniel Berrouard, Québec  
Mireille Paul, Québec  
Édith van de Walle, Québec  
Putulik Papigatuk, KRG  
David Okpik, KRG

ABSENT: Denis Bernatchez, Québec  
Eli Aullaluk, KRG  
Joseph Annahatak, KRG

OTHERS: Martin Tremblay, Executive Secretary

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The 160th meeting of the KEQC was held in Kangiqsualujjuaq on March 13, 2007, prior to the public hearings concerning the creation of the Kuururjuaq National Park in the same community on March 14 and 15. At its meeting, the KEQC discussed among other topics the main points of the last meeting, the Kuururjuaq National Park project, the wharf reconstruction project at Deception Bay by the proponent Xstrata Nickel – Mine Raglan, the increased concentrator capacity project by the proponent Xstrata Nickel – Mine Raglan, the project to construct an exploration road to the Expo mineral deposit by the proponent Canadian Royalties, and the expansion of waste management sites in Kuujjuaq and Quaqtak. The KEQC's next meeting was scheduled to be held in Rouyn-Noranda, with the precise location and date to be confirmed.

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### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The President, Peter Jacobs, presented the meeting agenda to the members of the KEQC. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

### **2. Adoption of the minutes of the 159th meeting**

The minutes of proceedings of the KEQC's 159th meeting were adopted unanimously by the members in attendance.

### **3. Main points discussed at the last meeting**

Quaqtaq marine infrastructure: A letter has been transmitted to the Administrator to request further information concerning the availability of materials at the quarry, the expected size of the quarry following operations, other potential sites with appropriate material, and finally the impact of the planned quarry activities on two nearby archaeological sites.

Adoption of the 2007–2008 budget: The related resolution has been prepared and will be transmitted to the Administrator shortly.

Kangiqsualujjuaq marine infrastructure: A letter has been transmitted to the Administrator recommending that the project be authorized subject to certain conditions related to quarry safety, environmental monitoring and protection measures during the implementation of the project, the production of extra material for future maintenance purposes and for the local paving project planned for 2007, the re-conditioning of road infrastructure, and the establishment of an environmental monitoring program following the completion of the project.

Increased lodging capacity at the outfitting camp Luco Caribou Adventure: A letter was transmitted to the Administrator indicating that the KEQC had decided to exempt the project from the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.

### **4. Kuururjuaq National Park**

The creation of the Kuururjuaq National Park will be examined at the public hearings scheduled to take place in Kangiqsualujjuaq on March 14 and 15. The KEQC discussed the mechanics of the public hearings, issues related to the boundaries and zoning of the future park, as well as public perceptions regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the future park.

### **5. Wharf reconstruction project at Deception Bay**

The wharf reconstruction project at Deception Bay proposed by the proponent Xstrata Nickel – Mine Raglan was analyzed by the KEQC. It was decided that the project would be authorized subject to certain conditions. The nearby archaeological site must be protected and the quality of the waters that leach from the contaminated sediment should be tested prior to being discharged

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into Deception Bay. A draft letter of the KEQC's decision will be submitted to the members for their comments.

#### **6. Increased concentrator capacity (Raglan)**

The project proposed by the proponent Xstrata Nickel – Mine Raglan to increase the capacity of its concentrator at the mining site has been submitted to the KEQC over the past few months. The KEQC requested and received certain supplementary information. The supplementary information provided was judged satisfactory by the KEQC, except with respect to the management of mine tailings. Even though the project proponent suggests that the proposed management concept is currently viable and that there is no need for concern, it has not demonstrated that the concept will be adequate in light of future climate change. It was decided to ask the project proponent to submit a management plan containing optimistic and pessimistic climate scenarios during mining operations and following the mine's closure.

#### **7. Construction of an exploration road to the Expo mineral deposit**

The road construction project proposed by the proponent Canadian Royalties would link the Katinniq road to the Expo mineral exploration camp, permitting air transportation costs to be reduced. The road project is subject to environmental impact assessment and the KEQC considers that the information provided is equivalent to an impact study. The KEQC is concerned with the impact of the proposed project on the fish habitat of one stream in particular. The proponent plans to install four culverts under the road to allow fish to continue unimpeded their upstream and downstream movements. The KEQC is of the opinion that the proponent should install one large culvert (four-metre diameter) at least at the stream with the fish population. The KEQC will draft a letter explaining its position.

#### **8. Expansion of the waste management sites in Kuujjuaq and Quaqtaq**

A letter has been prepared requesting supplementary information concerning the local waste management site expansion project proposed by the Northern Village of Kuujjuaq, in particular the justification for the project. The expansion project proposed by the Northern Village of Quaqtaq is under analysis. Among other details, the KEQC is uncertain that such a large site is needed for such a small community. The KEQC will request supplementary information from the project proponent in this respect.

#### **9. Varia**

No other topics were discussed during the meeting.

#### **10. Next meeting, to be determined**

The next KEQC meeting will held in May 2007 in Rouyn-Noranda to discuss projects that are under analysis. The location of the meeting remains to be confirmed further to the travel

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logistics and related costs for the members from Nunavik. At this meeting, representatives of Xstrata Nickel – Mine Raglan will be present to discuss on-going files and issues, including Inuit employment.



Martin Tremblay  
Executive Secretary  
Kativik Environmental Quality Commission  
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**Appendix A: Réunion de la Commission de la Qualité de l'Environnement Kativik (CQEK)  
Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC) Meeting**

Ordre du jour – Agenda  
160<sup>e</sup> réunion – 160th Meeting

13 mars 2007 – March 13, 2007

Début de la réunion – Opening of the meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Adresse – Address  
Hotel Coop de Kangiqsualujjuaq/Kangiqsualujjuaq Coop Hotel  
Kangiqsualujjuaq

1. Adoption de l'ordre de jour – Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption du compte rendu de la 159<sup>e</sup> réunion – Adoption of the minutes of the 159th meeting
3. Principaux points de la dernière réunion – Main points discussed at the last meeting
  - a. Infrastructures maritimes de Quaqtaq – Quaqtaq marine infrastructure
  - b. Infrastructures maritimes de Kangiqsualujjuaq – Kangiqsualujjuaq marine infrastructure
  - c. Adoption du Budget 2007-2008 – Adoption of the 2007–2008 budget
  - d. Augmentation de la capacité d'hébergement à la pourvoirie Luco Caribou Adventure – Increased lodging capacity at the outfitting camp Luco Caribou Adventure
4. Parc national de la Kuururjuaq – Kuururjuaq National Park
5. Projet de reconstruction du quai de Baie Déception – Wharf reconstruction at Deception Bay
6. Augmentation de la capacité du concentrateur (Raglan) – Increased concentrator capacity (Raglan)
7. Construction d'une route d'exploration menant au dépôt minier Expo – Construction of an exploration road to the Expo mineral deposit
8. L'agrandissement des sites de gestion de déchets de Kuujjuaq et Quaqtaq – Expansion of the waste management sites in Kuujjuaq and Quaqtaq
9. Varia – Varia
10. Prochaine réunion, à déterminer – Next meeting, to be determined