

Minutes of the 207th meeting of the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission held in Montreal on October 15, 2013.

Present: Peter Jacobs Putulik Papigatuk
Pierre-Michel Fontaine Eli Aullaluk
Daniel Berrouard Lisa Koperqualuk
Charlie Arngak

Absent: Édith van de Walle
Marie-Ève Fortin

Executive Secretary: Stéphane Cossette

The 207th meeting of the KEQC was held in Montreal on October 15, 2013. The agenda was amended to add a point to item 10 and the minutes of the 206th were postponed. The meeting began with a discussion of activities at the Nunavik Nickel mine, the transport of their concentrate south, and their maritime infrastructure project. The next topic concerned the Commission's secretariat. For the time being, the position of Executive Secretary will be vacant following Stéphane Cossette's departure from Kuujuaq, but he will continue to follow up on files from Quebec City. Next was a discussion on the budget of the Commission. Funds have been received for the 2012-2013 year, but the amount is \$6,000 less than was requested. The next discussion concerned the Tata Steel Minerals Canada project. The company has submitted an application to amend its certificate of authorization, along with documentation regarding fulfillment of conditions in their certificate of authorization. Analysis of the request and the documents is not yet complete, so the subject was postponed to the next meeting. The next discussion involved the wind farm project at Katinniq. Members were in favour of the project, but thought that additional information was needed. A document containing questions is being prepared and the new version will be presented at the next meeting. Next on the agenda was the 2011 environmental monitoring report from Nunavik Nickel. The Commission has some questions, but members did not have many comments to make as this was the first monitoring report from the company. Finally, under other business, circulation of the minutes was discussed. It was suggested that they be distributed more widely, and that a list of recipients should be produced.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was amended to add a point to item 10 regarding distribution of the minutes of KEQC meetings.

2. Adoption of minutes of the 206th meeting

Adoption of the minutes from the 206th meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting

Members discussed the Nunavik Nickel project, particularly the loading of concentrate onto ships in the absence of maritime infrastructure. They agreed that a letter to the Administrator on this subject is to be prepared, stating that the proponent needs to come back with a new schedule for completing its planned maritime infrastructure, along with any modifications.

4. Executive Secretary of the Commission

The Executive Secretary reported on the hiring of a new Executive Secretary. A candidate had been selected, but then withdrew their application. KRG will post the position again, but this time it will be for a full-time position with the Commission. No deadline has been set for a hiring date, but in the meantime Stéphane Cossette will continue to handle files from Quebec City.

Action: None

5. Budget

An amount of \$219,000 was deposited into the Commission's account on September 18, which is \$6,000 less than the amount requested in our letter sent May 17, 2013. It was pointed out that the cheque was late in arriving, especially as the letter of transmittal was dated July 17, 2013. It was suggested that the next request for funding be sent before the vacation period begins.

Action: None.

6. Tata Steel Minerals Canada – Request for amendment to the certificate of authorization.

A request was received from Tata Steel Minerals Canada to amend their certificate of authorization. Basically, the request involves changes to the deadlines for sending certain monitoring reports, the locations of the monitoring stations upstream from mining activities and monitoring of caribou. As the analysis concerning the monitoring stations and the caribou monitoring is not yet complete, a draft decision on this application will be prepared for the next meeting.

Action: None

7. Tata Steel Minerals Canada – Technical reports received for information.

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The analysis of the documents provided by the proponent is not yet complete. An analysis document will be ready for the next meeting.

Action: None

8. Raglan Mine - Wind farm project at Katinniq

Each member present was asked to provide their opinion on authorizing this project. On the whole, the members approved of the project, but thought that some clarifications are needed before it is given a green light. A draft document of questions was passed out to members for their review. Members proposed some changes, deleting questions that would add little to understanding the project or assessing the magnitude of the impacts, and grouping the questions into categories. The main concerns involved various aspects of the access road, safety concerns regarding the hydrogen storage unit, and various elements of the dismantling and rehabilitation plan at the end of the project.

Action: Make the necessary changes to the document and submit the new version at the next meeting.

9. Nunavik Nickel Mine –2011 environmental monitoring report

The company's 2011 environmental monitoring report was submitted to the Commission in February. This was the first year of monitoring, and it was carried out while the operation was still under construction, so there are no other reports for comparison, and members did not have many comments. A document addressed to the Administrator containing questions and comments from the Commission was distributed to members for discussion. They had no particular concerns to add.

Action: Send the questions and comments to the Administrator.

10. Other business

It was brought to the attention of the members that the Commission receives copies of the minutes of other committees created under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. The frequency of distribution varies by committee. Members were asked whether they thought the Commission should do the same. Members approved the idea, and agreed that a distribution list should be created. In addition to the KEAC and the HFTCC, the list should include the landholding corporations and the Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission responsible for examining impacts.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Montreal on November 20, 2013. The Hotel de Fort is shutting its doors as of November 1, 2013, which means that a new location must be found for meetings in Montreal.

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SCHEDULE 1 – ANNEXE 1

Administrative follow-up – Suivi administratif des dossiers

- a) FCNQ Petro: Upgrade of the tank farm in Akulivik / FCNQ Petro : Projet d'amélioration du dépôt pétrolier à Akulivik.
Status: The Commission has sent its decision to the Administrator (September 4, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a envoyé sa décision à l'Administrateur (4 septembre 2013)
- b) Qaqqalik Landholding Corporation: Burning of used oils for energy purpose in Salluit / Corporation foncière Qaqqalik : Projet d'utilisation d'huiles usées comme source d'énergie.
Status: The Commission has sent its decision to the Administrator (September 5, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a envoyé sa décision à l'Administrateur (5 septembre 2013)
- c) Tata Steel Minerals Canada ltd: Documents sent for information and request to amend the certificate of authorization/ Tata Steel Minerals Canada ltd: Documents transmis pour information et demande de modification au certificate d'autorisation.
Status: The Commission has received documents from the Administrator (September 9, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a reçu les documents de la part de l'Administrateur (9 septembre 2013)
- d) Nunaturlik Landholding Corporation of Kangiqsujuaq: Exploitation of a borrow pit in an avalanche zone / Corporation foncière Nunaturlik de Kangiqsujuaq : Exploitation d'un banc d'emprunt dans une zone d'avalanche.
Status: The Commission has received a letter for information (September 30, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a reçu copie d'une lettre pour information (30 septembre 2013)
- e) Ulittaniujalik Park project – Request for a certificate of authorization regarding the creation of a park / Projet de parc Ulittaniujalik – Demande certificat d'autorisation concernant la création d'un parc.
Status: The Commission has sent its decision to the Administrator (September 12, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a envoyé sa décision à l'Administrateur (12 septembre 2013)
- f) Raglan mine: 2012 Environmental monitoring report / Mine Raglan: Rapport annuel de surveillance environnemental 2012.
Status: The Commission has sent questions to the Administrator (September 23, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a transmis des questions à l'Administrateur (23 septembre 2013)
- g) HFTCC: 2012-2013 Minutes and resolutions of the HFTCC / CCCPP: Procès verbaux et résolutions 2012-2013 du CCCPP.
Status: The Commission has received the CD for information (September 30, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a reçu un cd pour information (30 septembre 2013)