



Minutes of the 209<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission, held in Montreal on March 12, 2014.

Present: Peter Jacobs Eli Aullaluk  
Pierre-Michel Fontaine Lisa Koperqualuk  
Marie-Ève Fortin Putulik Papigatuk  
Daniel Berrouard Charlie Arngak  
Edith van de Walle

Absent:

Executive Secretary: Stéphane Cossette

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The 209<sup>th</sup> meeting of the KEQC was held in Montreal on March 12, 2014. The agenda was adopted after an addition. The minutes of the 207<sup>th</sup> and 208<sup>th</sup> meetings were also adopted. First, members resumed their discussion of Phase 2 of the Raglan Mine project. The proponent has provided a timeline for filing the necessary documents for the environmental authorizations. Also in relation to the Raglan mine, there was a brief update on the comments formulated by the Commission regarding the mine rehabilitation plan. Next up was the planned Ulittaniujalik national park; members discussed the value of sending an observer to the meeting of the working group that is planning to discuss, among other things, the acquisition of the outfitting camps at Helen Falls. The next discussion concerned the Tata Steel Minerals Canada iron mine project; the proponent has submitted its program for monitoring atmospheric emissions as well as proposals for fulfilling conditions 19, 20 and 21 in the certificate of authorization. Members wanted additional information from the proponent on all of these. Next on the agenda was the Katinniq wind farm project. After reviewing additional information, the members agreed that the project could be authorized with certain conditions. Next, members reviewed the 2012 environmental monitoring report from Nunavik Nickel. Although the report submitted covered all elements in the monitoring program, there were some shortcomings with respect to three conditions and more information on these must be provided to the Commission. The next item involved expansion of the apron at Inukjuak airport. The work to be carried out by the Quebec department of transport is necessary in order to meet the new Transport Canada safety standards and also to meet increased air traffic needs. Members agreed the project should receive authorization. The next item concerned Pingualuit Park. The proponent wants to expand accommodation capacity in the Sanguamaaluk sector. Members agreed that the information provided was complete and that the plan could be authorized. The following item concerned the northern landfill of Salluit. The Kativik Regional Government requested that the certificate of authorization be amended to include the actual surface area of the site, which is not consistent with the area that appears in the certificate of authorization. It was agreed that the request for an amendment should not be accepted. The next discussion was about the expansion of the fuel depot at Kangirsuk. After reading the information provided, members agreed that the project can be exempted from the social and environmental impacts assessment procedure. The 2014-2015 budget was then presented to the members and adopted. The final items included updating of the website, distribution of documents, hiring of a new Executive Secretary, the sustainable development plan, and the announcement by Édith van de Walle of her retirement.

## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted following the addition of a point to item 3 concerning the Ulittaniujalik park project.

## 2. Adoption of the minutes of the 207<sup>th</sup> and 208<sup>th</sup> meetings

The minutes of the 207<sup>th</sup> and 208<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted following some amendments.

## 3. Matters arising from the last meeting

- a) Phase II of Raglan Mine: At the last meeting, representatives from Glencore and SNC-Lavalin made presentations on Phase 2 of the Raglan Mine. For Glencore, the purpose of their presentation was to obtain guidance from the Commission on planning the next steps in the project and obtaining the required environmental approvals. In light of the information Glencore provided, members were of the opinion that they could not currently rule on whether the project would be handled as an amendment to the certificate of authorization or as a new project, which would require a new impact study. Since then, Glencore have clarified their needs and want to make a new presentation to members. The Commission's reply was that a second presentation at this time would not be adequate. However, Glencore has provided the following schedule for providing the Commission with documents:

- Summer 2014: Field inventories to provide the missing data needed to conduct the impact study. This follows on the full gap analysis Glencore has just conducted in order to address the environmental aspect as expeditiously as possible;
- August 2014: Filing of the project notice for Phase II to the KEQC;
- June 2015: Filing of the impact assessment for Phase II to the KEQC;
- June 2016: Receive new certificate of authorization of the Phase II project issued by the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement, de la Faune et des Parcs (MDDEFP) following the decision of the KEQC.

After the presentation, it was suggested that Putulik Papigatuk and Charlie Arngak should share with the other members their perceptions and those of their communities regarding the mining projects. It was proposed that this be done at a future Commission meeting.

- b) Raglan mine rehabilitation plan: Members were informed that the Administrator has forwarded proponent's reaction to the Commission's comments on the 2012 version of the Raglan mine rehabilitation plan. The proponent will address the Commission's concerns in the next version of the plan.
- c) Parc National Ulittaniujalik project: a representative from parks services at the MDDEFP had informed a Commission member that the park project working group will be meeting to discuss the Helen Falls sector and the possibility of including the

outfitting camps. Parks services offered the possibility that a member of the Commission could attend the meeting as an observer. Members agreed that sending an observer would not be useful, but that the Commission would nonetheless like to be informed of the results of the meeting by receiving a copy of the minutes.

#### **4. Tata Steel Minerals Canada – Air emissions monitoring program**

The Commission was sent the air emissions monitoring program as required in conditions 4 and 5 of the certificate of authorization. Members agreed that the document met the requirements, although they identified a missing component regarding the analysis of metals and the collection of data on wind speed and direction.

The correspondence from the proponent also contained their proposals for fulfilling conditions 19, 20 and 21. These conditions relate mainly to monitoring the social environment. The members decided that the information sent was incomplete. There was scant information on the program for informing citizens (Condition 19), and the proponent should at the very least submit a schedule for implementation and frequency. As for condition 20, the proponent indicated it wants to carry out a survey of local groups (hunters, fishers, band councils...). However, as it is impossible for the Commission to judge the survey quality, it wants the proponent to provide it with more information on the nature of the survey and the questions to be asked, as well as whether the survey questions will be the same for all groups. Finally, condition 21 refers to a Monitoring Committee. The proponent reported that the Community, Health, Safety and Environment Committee is already active and that the Kativik Regional Government and Makivik Corporation will be invited to join it in 2015. Commission members were of the opinion that the KRG and Makivik should be present at the next meetings and that a copy of the minutes should be sent to the Commission.

Action: Send the Commission's comments to the Administrator.

#### **5. Raglan Mine – Katinniq wind farm project**

Members reviewed the additional information the proponent had provided on the Katinniq wind farm project, and decided the project was acceptable and could be authorized. Members also reviewed an analysis identifying conditions for the authorization of the project. Members proposed some modifications to several of the conditions and in particular, the proposed the inclusion of the caribou in the monitoring program, and a provision for the establishment of a monitoring committee to be created based on existing structures. They also noted that the proponent should be reminded that plans for the decommissioning of installations and roads must be included in future versions of the mine rehabilitation plan sent to the Commission.

Action: Forward the decision of the Commission regarding authorization of this project to the Administrator.

## **6. Nunavik Nickel –2012 report on environmental monitoring**

Commission members reviewed the 2012 environmental monitoring report from Nunavik Nickel. The report covered all the elements that were to be monitored. However, members noted some shortcomings with respect to some of the conditions, particularly conditions 7.3, 8.1 and 8.2, which deal with, respectively, the assessment of training for Inuit, the production of an environmental management plan, and an assessment on work advancement, operational problems, and solutions implemented. This missing information must be provided to the Commission.

Action: Forward the Commission's comments to the Administrator.

## **7. Ministère des Transports – Expansion of the apron at Inukjuak airport**

The Ministère des Transports proposes to expand the apron at the Inukjuak airport. This work is required in order to meet the new standards set by Transport Canada for air transport, and also to meet growing needs. Ultimately the work will lead to the construction of a new air terminal. After reviewing the documentation provided, the members agreed that the project can be authorized. However, special attention must be paid to the aircraft fueling area to prevent any runoff and soil contamination that could affect the drinking water supply. The proponent plans to install a membrane if soil conditions require.

Action: Forward the Commission's decision on amendment of the certificate of authorization to the Administrator.

## **8. Parc national des Pingualuit – Increasing accommodation capacity in the Puvirnituk River sector**

Pingualuit Park wants to expand accommodation capacity in the Sanguamaaluk sector (Puvirnituk River). The project involves the construction of two new buildings and the renovation of the existing one. Members agreed that the information submitted was complete and that the project can be authorized.

Action: Forward the Commission's decision on amendment of the certificate of authorization to the Administrator.

## **9. Kativik Regional Government – Northern landfill of Salluit**

The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) has reported an issue regarding the northern landfill at Salluit. The certificate of authorization issued in 1986 describes the site as 1 hectare. However, after an analysis of the current status of the site, it appears that it covers 2.35 hectares. Thus, the KRG asked for an amendment to the certificate of authorization to allow for the current surface area. Members discussed the appropriateness of authorizing a project *a posteriori* to regularize the situation. They consider that the Administrator must be informed that under such circumstances, the KEQC will not issue a decision . However the Commission has taken note of

the situation and if work is needed in the future to modify the site, some changes could be made to the certificate of authorization. Meanwhile, the Commission reiterated that it is important that the proponent ensures the site is properly managed.

In the same correspondence, the proponent indicated that it intends to develop a site in Salluit for the disposal of old vehicles. Because the proponent reported that it had not decided on a location for this project, the members agreed that the proponent should come back to the Administrator when the project has been better defined.

Action: Forward the Commission's decision concerning the request for amendment of the certificate of authorization to the Administrator.

### **10. Kativik Regional Government – Northern landfill of Kangirsuk**

Members were told that the Kativik Regional Government had only just sent the documentation regarding this project to the Administrator. As a result, the discussion of the project will be deferred until the next meeting.

Action: None

### **11. FCNQ-Petro – Expansion of the fuel depot at Kangirsuk**

FCNQ-Petro has proposed an expansion of the fuel depot in the northern village of Kangirsuk. Work would involve enlarging the retention basin, adding a 1,590,000 litre tank, modifying an existing tank and cleaning the existing tanks. The project will generate waste, some of which will be shipped south at the project conclusion for recycling or disposal; the rest will be disposed of in the northern landfill of Kangirsuk. After reading the preliminary information, the members agreed that the project can be exempted from the requirement for a social and environmental impact assessment. However, the members wished to make clear that the proponent must take all measures necessary to ensure that residual construction materials that the community might be able to reuse are made available for them.

Action: Forward to the Administrator the Commission's decision that the project is exempt from the social and environmental impact assessment procedure.

### **12. Budget 2014-2015**

Members were provided the forecast of the Commission's expenditures for 2014-2015, which have risen to a total of \$219,000. Meeting costs (transportation, lodging and members' honoraria) account for \$186,000 of the total. Members approved the budget forecast and asked that the funding request be sent to the Administrator.

### **13. Website**

Members were issued a document outlining proposed changes to the Commission's website, which can serve as the basis of a call for tender to web design companies. The members were invited to review it and provide their comments at the next meeting.

### **14. Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee – Annual Report**

It was brought to the attention of the members that the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee had released its annual report for 2012-2013. Attention was drawn to the methods used to distribute the document, which could provide the Commission with inspiration for distributing its own documents.

### **15. Varia**

Three topics were covered in varia. First was the hiring of a new Executive Secretary. Some candidates have been interviewed, but none had the necessary experience. The Kativik Regional Government is going to post the position again. Next, member discussed the sustainability plan that the Commission has adopted, which focuses on reducing paper usage. There needs to be more effort in this regard, because there are still too many paper documents being sent to the Commission. Finally, Mrs. Edith van de Walle told members that she has retired from the MDDEFP. This means she will be replaced as a Commission member. The new appointment should be known following the elections of April 7.

### **16. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held April 24, 2014 in Quebec City.

Stéphane Cossette  
April, 2014



**10. KRG – Northern Landfill in Kangirsuk / ARK – Lieu d’enfouissement en milieu nordique de Kangirsuk**

*Task: Analysis of the document and prepare comments if necessary / Tâche : Prendre connaissance du document et formuler des commentaires si nécessaire.*

**11. FCNQ Petro – Upgrade of the tank farm in Kangirsuk / FCNQ Petro – Agrandissement du depot pétrolier à Kangirsuk**

*Task: Evaluate if this project must be brought under the environmental and social impact procedure / Tâche : Évaluer si le projet doit être assujetti à la procédure d’évaluation des impacts sur l’environnement et le milieu social.*

**12. Budget 2014-2015**

*Task: Adoption of the KEQC budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015 / Tâche : Adoption du budget de la CQEK pour l’année financière 2014-2015.*

**13. Website / Site Internet**

**14. KEAC annual report / Rapport annuel du CCEK**

**15. Varia**

**16. Next meeting / Prochaine réunion**

## SCHEDULE 1 – ANNEXE 1

### Administrative follow-up – Suivi administratif des dossiers

- a) Raglan Mine: Wind farm project at Katinniq / Mine Raglan : Projet d'éoliennes à Katinniq.  
*Status: The Commission has sent comments to the Administrator (November 21, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a envoyé des commentaires à l'Administrateur (21 novembre 2013).*
- b) 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 certificat d'autorisation.  
*Status : The Commission has sent comments to the Administrator (November 27, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a envoyé des commentaires à l'Administrateur (27 novembre 2013).*
- c) Raglan Mine: Raglan mine Restoration Plan / Plan de réaménagement et de restauration de la mine Raglan  
*Status: The Commission has received information from the Administrator (November 28, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a reçu des renseignements de la part de l'Administrateur (28 novembre 2013).*
- d) Canadian Royalties: 2012 Environmental monitoring report / Canadian Royalties: Rapport annuel de surveillance environnemental 2012.  
*Status: The Commission has received the report from the Administrator (December 4, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a reçu le rapport de la part de l'Administrateur (4 décembre 2013).*
- e) Dahrouge Geological Consulting: Efficiency of measures taken to restore stripped sites / Dahrouge Geological Consulting : Efficacité des mesures de restauration des sites décapés.  
*Status: The Commission has sent comments to the Administrator (December 16, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a envoyé des commentaires à l'Administrateur (16 décembre 2013).*
- f) Canadian Royalties: 2011 Environmental monitoring report / Canadian Royalties: Rapport annuel de surveillance environnemental 2011.  
*Status: The Commission has received supplementary information from the Administrator (December 16, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a reçu des renseignements supplémentaires de la part de l'Administrateur (16 décembre 2013).*
- g) Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd: Documents sent for information / Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd: Documents transmis pour information.  
*Status: The Commission has received documents from the Administrator (December 16, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a reçu des documents de la part de l'Administrateur (16 décembre 2013).*
- h) Ministère des Transports: Request to amend the certificate of authorization for the Inukjuak airport / Ministère des Transports: Demande de modification au certificat d'autorisation pour l'aéroport d'Inukjuak.  
*Status: The Commission has received preliminary information from the Administrator (December 20, 2013) / Statut : La Commission a reçu les renseignements préliminaires de la part de l'Administrateur (20 décembre 2013).*
- i) Raglan Mine: Wind farm project at Katinniq / Mine Raglan : Projet d'éoliennes à Katinniq.  
*Status: The Commission has received supplementary information from the Administrator (February 4, 2014) / Statut : La Commission a reçu des renseignements supplémentaires de la part de l'Administrateur (4 février 2014).*
- j) Kativik Regional Government: Request to amend the certificate of authorization for the northern landfill in Salluit / Administration régionale Kativik: Demande de modification au certificat d'autorisation pour le lieu d'enfouissement en milieu nordique de Salluit.  
*Status: The Commission has received preliminary information from the Administrator (February 5, 2014) / Statut : La Commission a reçu des renseignements préliminaires de la part de l'Administrateur (5 février 2014).*
- k) Ministère des Transports: Request to amend the certificate of authorization for the Inukjuak airport / Ministère des Transports: Demande de modification au certificat d'autorisation pour l'aéroport d'Inukjuak.  
*Status : The Commission has received supplementary information from the Administrator (February 19, 2014) / Statut : La Commission a reçu les renseignements supplémentaires de la part de l'Administrateur (19 février 2014).*
- l) FCNQ-Petro: Upgrade of the tank farm in Kangirsuk / FCNQ-Petro : Agrandissement du dépôt pétrolier à Kangirsuk.

*Status: The Commission has received preliminary information from the Administrator (February 25, 2014) / Statut : La Commission a reçu les renseignements préliminaires de la part de l'Administrateur (25 février 2014).*

- m)** Pingualuit National Park: Request to amend the certificate of authorization for the construction of shelters / Parc national des Pingualuit: Demande de modification au certificat d'autorisation pour la construction de refuges.

*Status : The Commission has received preliminary information from the Administrator (February 26, 2014) / Statut : La Commission a reçu les renseignements préliminaires de la part de l'Administrateur (26 février 2014).*

- n)** Kativik Regional Government: Construction of a new northern landfill in Kangirsuk / Administration régionale Kativik : Construction d'un nouveau lieu d'enfouissement en milieu nordique à Kangirsuk.

*Status : The Commission has received the impact statement from the Administrator (March xx, 2014) / Statut : La Commission a reçu l'étude d'impact de la part de l'Administrateur (xx mars 2014).*