

Meeting summary

The 234th meeting was held via conference call on July 26, 2017.

Present: *Peter Jacobs* *Lisa Koperqualuk*
 Daniel Berrouard *Putulik Papigatuk*
 Marie-Ève Fortin
 Stéphane Cossette

Executive secretary: *Michèle Séguin-Letendre*

PROJECTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION POINTS OR DECISIONS

Wind energy project at Katinniq by Raglan Mine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC) has decided to conditionally authorize the request to modify the certificate of authorization.
Parc National Tursujuq	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The decision was made to conditionally authorize the request to modify the certificate of authorization.
Ippialuk gravel pit project by the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation of Kuujjuaq	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To ensure compliance with the regulations relating to this project that are now in force, the Commission has agreed to address questions and comments to the proponent before continuing its analysis of this project and rendering its decision as to whether or not it should be subject to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.
New borrow pit project in Kuujjuaq, near the road to the marina, by the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To ensure compliance with the regulations relating to this project that are now in force, the Commission has agreed to address questions and comments to the proponent before continuing its analysis of this project and rendering its decision as to whether or not it should be subject to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.• The Commission will address its concerns about the environmental impacts of the increased number of borrow pits and of the construction methods used, given the backdrop of climate change. To do so, a letter will be written to the Makivik Corporation and to the Kativik Regional Government (KRG).
Contract rules compliance monitor (CRCM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Commission appointed by resolution Michèle Séguin-Letendre to act as the contract rules compliance monitor (CRCM), pursuant to Section 21.0.1 of the <i>Act respecting contracting by public bodies</i>.

1. Adoption of the agenda

An item was added to the agenda in the Varia section: Budget for public relations.

The agenda was adopted, and can be found in Appendix A.

2. Correspondence follow-up

Correspondence follow-up is presented in Appendix B.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the 231st, 232nd and 233rd meetings

The proceedings of the 231st, 232nd and 233rd meetings were approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4. Wind energy project at Katinniq by Raglan Mine

4.1. Project update: Modification of the certificate of authorization

The Raglan mining complex is located about 60 km west of Kangiqsujuaq and 115 km southeast of Salluit on Category III lands. Power is a significant cost item and is essential to the mine's operations. To reduce its dependence on diesel, Raglan Mine commissioned a 3 MW wind turbine pilot project in Katinniq on August 31, 2014, after the Commission's decision in favour of the project. This wind turbine is part of a hybrid electricity production system that also includes the existing diesel plant, whose purpose is to meet the electrical needs of the Raglan Mine. Since the pilot turbine was commissioned, it has been determined that wind strength and duration on the mine's property are highly favourable to the efficient operation of wind turbines. Therefore, Glencore has asked the KEQC to modify the certificate of authorization, to increase its wind-power capacity by building a second turbine in Katinniq.

The information they provided raised a few questions. Members note that the impact update performed for the current modification request seems perfunctory and could have been more in-depth. They also point out that, contrary to what the proponent says on page 13 of the document provided, it seems erroneous to state that there is no vegetation on the projected site of the second turbine at Katinniq. The absence of vascular flora does not mean that there is no vegetation, since non-vascular species such as lichens may be present.

Given the known environmental benefits of wind energy to that site, the Commission has decided to conditionally authorize a modification of the certificate of authorization for the current wind energy project. The KEQC asks the proponent to submit a report

for the Administrator's approval detailing the changes and updates made to the March 2013 impact study following the project's optimization, prior to deploying future turbines but following the operation of the turbines put in place. This report should include the expected environmental and social impacts that might change after operating the turbines, as well as the following: performance and efficiency of turbines in place, cost-effectiveness in a northern context and observations of the project's actual impacts versus its anticipated impacts.

Action: Send a letter to the Administrator.

5. Parc National Tursujuq

5.1. Request to modify the certificate of authorization

Tursujuq was created in 2013 by the Quebec government and is located near Hudson Bay and the Inuit community of Umiujaq. This project to clean up contaminated sites in the park was started in 2014 and falls under a broader cleanup plan (the Quebec government's environmental liability program). The project consists mainly of characterizing, evaluating, cleaning and decontaminating sites identified within the park's boundaries. Under this project, the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), in partnership with the provincial Department of Forests, Wildlife and Parks, wants to clean sites CLEANUP 4, LAECMIRAGE and LAECCLUBAVENTURE in 2017–2018.

The members agree to authorize the request to modify the certificate of authorization. However, it is agreed that the Commission expects that, six months after the end of the cleanup, the proponent will submit an informational report detailing the activities performed and the measures put in place to promote the return of vegetation in the disturbed sites.

Members also discussed the need to make boreholes safe, should the proponent discover any around site CLEANUP4. The KEQC also wants to remind the proponent that any modification relating to zoning or park development must be approved by the Commission and that a request to make such modifications to the certificate of authorization would have to be submitted.

Action: Send a letter to the Administrator.

NEW CASES

6. **Ippialuk gravel-pit project from the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation of Kuujjuaq**

6.1. Preliminary information

As part of a borrow-pit restoration project, the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation of Kuujjuaq wants to restore the Ippialuk I gravel pit to a compliance level with the regulations in force, as required by the regional directorate. The Ippialuk 1 gravel pit is located on Category I lands, on either side of a stream, on the road leading to Ungava Bay, about 17 km from the Northern Village of Kuujjuaq, and within the village's municipal boundaries. The overall area of operation is 8.12 hectares and the anticipated annual volume of gravel to be extracted is 20,000 metric tonnes. The gravel will be used for maintenance of the road leading to Ungava Bay. A portion of 0.5 ha of the area of operation has already been restored and there are plans to restore another 3.7 ha in 2017–2018.

The preliminary information provided raised a number of questions, which will be passed on to the proponent. The Commission wants to ensure that the regulations relating to this project that are now in force will be respected before it continues its analysis of this project and renders its decision as to whether or not it should be subject to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.

Action: Send a letter to the Administrator.

7. **New borrow-pit project in Kuujjuaq, near the road to the marina, by the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation**

7.1. Preliminary information

In order to meet the needs of the community of Kuujjuaq in terms of home construction and community and industrial development, the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation wants to open a new borrow pit near the road leading to the marina, north of the village of Kuujjuaq. The proposed borrow pit is located on Category I lands, two kilometres from the Northern Village of Kuujjuaq and within the village's municipal boundaries. The total area of operation would be 2.9 ha, and the anticipated volume of gravel to be extracted annually is up to 40,000 metric tonnes. The project would have an estimated lifespan of five years.

The preliminary information provided raised a number of questions, which will be passed on to the proponent. The Commission wants to ensure that the regulations relating to this project that are now in force will be respected before it continues its analysis of this project and renders its decision as to whether or not it should be subject to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.

Members also discussed the environmental impacts of the increased number of borrow pits and of selected home-construction methods, given the backdrop of climate change. It was agreed to voice the Commission's concerns in a letter to the Makivik Corporation and to the Kativik Regional Government (KRG).

Action: Send a letter to the Administrator.

Send a letter to the KRG and to the Makivik Corporation.

8. Contract rules compliance monitor (CRCM)

8.1. Request for the appointment of a CRCM from Quebec's Treasury Board Secretariat, pursuant to Section 21.0.1 of the *Act respecting contracting by public bodies*.

As requested by the Treasury Board Secretariat, and pursuant to Section 21.0.1 of the [Act respecting contracting by public bodies](#), the Commission appointed by resolution Michèle Séguin-Letendre to act as the contract rules compliance monitor (CRCM).

The resolution can be found in Appendix C of these minutes.

Action: Send the resolution to the Treasury Board Secretariat.

9. Varia

9.1. Budget allocated for public relations

The members agreed to allocate a budget for the KEQC's public relations and communications in its next application for funding.

10. Upcoming meetings

- Another telephone meeting may be planned in August 2017 depending on the Commission's needs.
- A meeting will be held in Montréal on October 3, 4 or 5, 2017.

Appendix A Agenda

234th Meeting

Conference Call

July 26, 2017, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

By telephone: 1-888-446-0445, conference #: 2913954

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Follow-up of correspondence
3. Adoption of the minutes of the 231st, 232nd and 233rd meetings

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4. **Wind energy project at Katinniq by Raglan Mine**
 - a. Project update: Modification of the certificate of authorization
5. **Parc National Tursujuq**
 - a. Request for modification to the certificate of authorization
Task: For decision

NEW CASES

6. **Ippialuk gravel-pit project from the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation of Kuujjuaq**
 - a. Preliminary information
Task: For decision
7. **New borrow-pit project in Kuujjuaq, near the road to the marina, by the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation**
 - a. Preliminary information
Task: For decision

8. Contract rules compliance monitor (CRCM)

- a. Request for the appointment of a CRCM from Quebec's Treasury Board Secretariat, pursuant to Section 21.0.1 of the *Act respecting contracting by public bodies*

Task: For decision / resolution

9. Varia

10. Next meetings

Matters under analysis

1. Puimajuq deposit mining operations / Nunavik Nickel project by Canadian Royalties

- 1.1 Project update: Modification of the certificate of authorization

Task: For information

2. Wind energy project at Katinniq by Raglan Mine

- 2.1 Project update: Modification of the certificate of authorization

Task: For information

3. Parc National Tursujuq

- 3.1 Request for modification of the certificate of authorization

Task: For information

4. Ippialuk gravel-pit project from the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation of Kuujjuaq

- 4.1 Preliminary information

Task: For information

5. New borrow-pit project in Kuujjuaq, near the road to the marina, by the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation

- 5.1 Preliminary information

Task: For information

Appendix B
Follow-up of correspondence for June 9 to July 25, 2017

PROJECT	TO/FROM	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
Project to improve the passageway for Arctic char from Lac Detombe to Ungava Bay, by the Nunavik Landholding Corporation of Aupaluk (3215-17-008)	from MDDELCC to KEQC	Preliminary information	Received June 9, 2017	--	<i>Decision regarding whether the project is subject to the procedure</i>
	from KEQC to MDDELCC	Certificate of exemption	Issued June 20, 2017	As decided at the 233rd meeting on June 15, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt received 2017-07-05	--
Katinniq wind energy project by Raglan Mine (3215-10-007)	from MDDELCC to KEQC	Responses to Conditions 2 and 6 of the certificate of authorization delivered on April 7, 2014 Request for decision on modifying the certificate of authorization	Received June 21, 2017	--	<i>Decision on modifying the certificate of authorization</i>
Nunavik Direct-shipping iron ore project (Project 2A) by Tata Steel Minerals Canada Limited (3215-14-014)	from KEQC to MDDELCC	Responses to Condition 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 12 of the certificate of authorization	Issued July 4, 2017	As decided at the 232nd meeting on May 17, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt received 2017-07-05	--
Raglan's Sivumut mining project – Phases II and III, by Glencore Canada Corporation (3215-14-019)	from KEQC to MDDELCC	Conditional authorization for the Sivumut Project Commission's decision	Issued on July 6, 2017	As decided at the 233rd meeting on June 15, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt received 2017-07-06	--

PROJECT	TO/FROM	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
Parc National Tursujuq (3215-18-004)	from MDDELCC to KEQC	Request to modify the certificate of authorization Additional information	Received July 14, 2017	--	<i>Decision on modification of the certificate of authorization</i>
Ippialuk gravel-pit project from the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation of Kuujuaq (3215-03-010)	from MDDELCC to KEQC	Preliminary information	Received July 14, 2017	--	<i>Decision regarding whether the project is subject to the procedure</i>
Nunavik Nickel Project by Canadian Royalties Inc. (3215-14-07)	from MDDELCC to KEQC	2016 Environmental Monitoring Report	Received July 14, 2017	For information	--
New borrow-pit project in Kuujuaq, near the road to the marina, by the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation (3215-03-011)	from MDDELCC to KEQC	Preliminary information	Received July 18, 2017	--	<i>Decision regarding whether the project is subject to the procedure</i>
Puimajuq deposit mining operations / Nunavik Nickel project by Canadian Royalties (3215-14-007)	from KEQC to MDDELCC	Request for detailed and complete report on public consultations held with the affected communities in order to pursue project analysis	Issued on July 18, 2017	As decided at the 233rd meeting on June 15, 2017 Acknowledgement of receipt received July 25, 2017	--

Appendix C

RESOLUTION 20170726-01

Resolution to appoint the executive secretary, namely, Michèle Séguin-Letendre, to act as the contract rules compliance monitor (CRCM), pursuant to the *Act respecting contracting by public bodies*.

WHEREAS Michèle Séguin-Letendre has been the executive secretary of the KEQC since April 3, 2017;

WHEREAS Section 21.0.1 of the [Act respecting contracting by public bodies](#) requires that the chief executive officer of a public body designate a contract rules compliance monitor;

WHEREAS the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC) wishes to appoint Michèle Séguin-Letendre, executive secretary of the KEQC, to act as the contract rules compliance monitor, pursuant to the *Act respecting contracting by public bodies* and as requested by Quebec's Treasury Board Secretariat;

IT IS PROPOSED by Marie-Ève Fortin, member of the KEQC,
SECONDED by Lisa Koperqualuk, also a member of the KEQC,
AND RESOLVED that Michèle Séguin-Letendre be appointed the contract rules compliance monitor, pursuant to Section 21.0.1 of the *Act respecting contracting by public bodies*.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEMBERS on July 26, 2017.

Peter Jacobs
KEQC President