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Mittimatalik Hunters And Trappers Organization
Regular meeting
May 24, 2022

Present;

David Qamaniq-DQ	Chairperson
Enookie Inuark-EI	Vice-Chairperson
Peter Aglak-PA	Board member
Jonathan Pitseolak-JP	Board member
Charlie Inuarak-CI	Board member
Namen Inuarak-NI	Board member

Staff:

Judah Inualuk-JI	Executive Secretary
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Delegates

Paul Quassa-PQ	Advisor to Baffinland President Penny
Joe Tigullaraq-JT	Northern Affairs Manager
Malaya Lucassie-ML	Baffinland IIBA Manager

David Qamaniq Chairperson (MHTO) Mittimatalik Hunters And Trappers Organization welcomes Paul Quassa and Joe Tigullaraq.

Paul Quassa thanked MHTO Board for welcoming us we just arrived tonight. We are here to inform Pond Inlet MHTO and to hear what you think about Baffinland Iron Mines plans?

First of all Phase 2 has not been approved by The Nunavut Impact Review Board, Joe can add anything as I go along.

Right now IIBA are still moving along as we speak they will not seize right away. Joe Tigullaraq will elaborate further as we go along and they are still going.

Hunters enabling program, Gas vouchers are still being distributed

We are going to beg you.

In 2018 Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (BIMC) was approved to mine transport 6mpta by the people of Pond Inlet, if you remember? We need your support to transport 6mpt We can stop the ore carriers from going to Milne Inlet port maybe purhaps within 5 years or less?

We are applying to the Minister that is how it is and ore carriers and stop hauling ore but, alternative route has been identified. BIMC has shift plans to Steensby Inlet Baffinland will give it a try and mine through Steensby Inlet, Ore carriers will no longer travel through Eclipses Sound due too many concerens on Narwhal population, we can haul transport 6mtpa if Pond Inlet approves actually by MHTO Board.

It can create employment there are a lot of people who wants to work, a works, lot of people from Pond Inlet works for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation not only here including Sanirajakmiut as well as Arctic Bay, employment can help.

Baffinland transported ore 6mtpa since 2019, it will not grow.

Baffinland requested and applied to build a railroad from Mary River to Milne Inlet port and called it Phase 2, this has now been scrapped Baffinland Iron Mine, we can scrap, let us forgot Phase 2, Baffinland wants to haul transport 6mtpa iron been ore for the next 5 years, so Baffinland can start build the railroad from Mary River to Steensby Inlet, MHTO is is the very first to hear this newsnobody has informed other then MHTO as this new information.

We (Baffinland Iron Mines) agrees with your concern, we just wanted to give you all this information.

We are currently approved to mine 4.2mtpa sometime in June 19 or further Baffinland , we will go back to will reach 4.2mtpa and some employees will need to be laid off in June we will go back to 4.2mtpa

MHTO concerns about Narwhal, Baffinland has Narwhal adoptive management plans, then there is dust audit committee and this is on going there are 2 individuals from MHTO who are involved and it includes Arctic Bay, Igloolik, Sanirajak, Clyde River. As I mention earlier IIBA still being implemented

IIBA ongoing Joe Tigullaraq will add comments, Baffinland Iron Mines wants support from MHTO.

Concerns from Pond Inlet residence as well others communities we (Baffinland) wants to scrap Phase 2 we (Baffinland) wants to build railroad from Mary River to Steensby Inlet

Joe Tigullaraq, We scrapped Phase 2 You guys are the very first to hear this, we haven't informed anybody else. Either tomorrow or the next day people will hear about this, you guys are the very first to hear about this, Pond Inlet was selected to hear the news first, that is why we here. Some commitments may be stopped, like for example hockey tournaments will be on hold until further notice, depending on whether we (BIMC) will make money or not.

MHTO requested BIMC vessels travel be reduced , right now they travel 9 knots they cannot go any slower then 9 knots, BIMC is trying to finout about how slow they can travel, if traveling too slow the ore carriers would have hard time to manuver the ore carrier, if they travel too slow they might run into ice we can find out? BIM is going ask Ore carier owners what is knots is safe travel.

MHTO also wanted BIMC to reduce number of ore carriers @ 4.2mpta the number of ore carriers are 58

@6mpta the number of ore carriers can go up to 84 BIM never fully reach 6.0MPTA

BIMC is trying to figure out if they can reduce the number of ore carriers

@6mpta between this summer we would except roughly between 75-80 ore carriers.

The ore carriers that BIM currently uses can carry 50-55mpta, the bigger ore carriers can carry 75-80mpta.

BIM trying to find ore carrier that is capable of carrying 93 thousand tons, if they can find one there would be less ore carriers.

240 tons Milne Inlet ore dock conveyer belt is too small, it was designed for smaller ore carriers, It would take forever to load bigger ore carriers and ore carriers will have to wait for their turn. We get close to 6mpta but never fully reach 6mpta.

As Paul Quassa had menentioned earlier. That Inuit Impacts And Benefits Agreement will continue to be implemented agreements outside the IIBA are uncertain.

BIM is trying to find out how they can make money or whether they are going to loose money, they are trying to find that out right.

We (BIMC) want a letter of support, if you support our project before Friday May 27, 2022.

If BIMC request to increase from 4.2mpta to 6.0mpta is not approved, BIM will stop crushing by the end of June, they will reach 4.2mpta by the end of June.

DQ-Will BIMC stop paying MHTO \$10,000.00 per ore carrier or will this continue?

PQ-It would continue this summer.

DQ-No more gas vouchers.

JT-BIM just recently paid the Hamlet gas vouchers as the Hamlet distributes them.

PA-You wanted us to reply by Friday Can you extend the deadline as both Chairperson and Viece-Chairperson will be out of town.

JT-It is an urgent matter Nunavut Impact Review Board and the Federal Minister will need to know soon from MHTO and if you support the Production Increase Proposal if that happens we will have to visit and inform the 4 other affected communities.

PQ-I just want to add that as we mentioned earlier that the workers will be layed off as 4.2mpta will be reached between June 20-25, 2022 the people who transport iron ore will have to be layed off. We do not want to layoff our employees that is why we are.

NI-We have alot to say and alot of questions to you but you are not dicisions makers for BIM, MHTO has been asking to meet with BIM but they only seems to meet with people who provides money for the project, BIM communication with MHTO seems to stall.

For along time BIM continues to threatened to lay off their employees BIM even make threats local people, even in a meeting BIM make threats,this is an on going.

You ask MHTO for urgent plans to be approved and you give MHTO something like very little money more like \$2.00 just shut us up BIM ignores us. Here you are distroying our land as much as you want, BIM's foundation is threatening, the employees will understand if the mine has to close, if it has to close down you two will loose your jobs I am sure you will understand, we understand you are making threats the mine will close, the mine will close, Yes, it will okay to close the mine, there are other mining companies who wants to start mining, if you are moving over there can't you move you employees there?

PQ-We have been given authority to talk about BIMC production increase propsal we spoke to Brian Penny we can make plans if MHTO wants to make plans with us that is how it is. We are not just servants. can make your decisions, you guys will have to these decisions. We are only here to talk about your requests we agree with your request, people want to work at the mine, especially the Inuit workers who works at the mine, when they are able to buy Hunting equipment they go hunting, it gives someone something to be proud ofThat is why we are here tonight to hear these, We will write down comments as well, We are not here as servents of BIM

EI-Thank you Chairperson and I also want thank BIM employees for being here to talk about Production Increase Proposal. The MHTO will wait for al etter, It is good to have verbal information, we been dealing with it for a number of years. Friday deadline is too close and some of us will be out of town. We will except a letter from BIM.

PQ- We will produce a letter for your organization.

CI- Thank you Chairperson and I thank employees as people of Pond Inlet heard on the news media that NIRB has Recommended not to approve Phase 2 we were happy about the news, and it is very big some elders might think Mary River project is going to stop mining, some of us thnk Mary River project will never stop there are different type of money making rocks.

When NIRB recommended not to approve Phase 2 we thought maybe we will see real benefits, maybe we will turn to Qikiqtani Inuit Association or maybe the People of Pond Inlet will be involved that is how we think, we want to have a say and perhaps we can be involved in operation of the mine, we can improve the IIBA documents, through NLCA we cannot get benefits, when NIRB said no to Phase 2, we thought we can talk to NTI directly to change the NLCA legal documents.

Some people work for Baffinland and some will never work for Baffinland, there will be a lot of people working at the NIRB, you mentioned that you think there are some communities in Nunavut that get benefits from a mining company, there are others even Qallunaat who get benefits.

I am reaching a certain age I will have to stop running for office as I am getting older. We want Inuit to get benefits, we even thought about talking to NIRB about Phase 2 proposal to get more benefits, either NTI or QIA some sections have to be reworded, we thought if it was changed and if the affected communities are benefiting what we wanted to see, we thought we were going to talk. Under NLCA if there is going to be a change in scope of a project they have to go through NIRB, you have mentioned that you have requested directly to the Federal Minister for the production increase 6.0mtpa proposal, maybe you can try and ask NIRB to talk to MHTO, BIM has been transporting 6.0mtpa iron ore for a while now. 6.0 does not need to be increased, it is okay to keep it at 6.0mtpa as long as BIMC is making money and the BIMC is always saying it is too cheap and the BIMC may be right?

As per NLCA it is not proper way of dealing with production increase proposal and the people who know this probably do not care at all? I want a letter from the NIRB, and say we the people of Pond Inlet think this way.

DQ-While we are thinking, you mentioned 6.0mtpa, I do not know who started talking about the North Baffin Training centre, BIM, MHTO, Hamlet and MLA met in closed door meeting.

I think Charlie Inuarak mentioned about BIM and QIA the Inuit Certainty Agreement, BIM I think wanted to revisit the ICA but the interim President of QIA did not want to revisit the ICA, this ICA was not good for Pond Inlet residents, if BIM switches to Steensby Inlet I do not think Igloodikmiut will see any benefits as long as QIA is the land owner.

QIA executive committee never visit Pond Inlet, Levi Barnabas used to visit once in a while but, we haven't seen him for a while when phase 2 was being discussed.

People of Pond Inlet always want jet capable airstrip, if we can get a letter in English and Inuktitut North Baffin dialect

PQ-Our Production Increase Proposal is urgent we would like a response by Friday May 27, sorry we did not bring it with us right now. We will have to inform our employees that they will have to be laid off and the people who want to work. You guys are the very first to hear our Production Increase Proposal, we can abandon Phase 2 if we can use 6.0mtpa while we are planning for Steensby Inlet that is how it is, we no longer think about railroad to Milne Inlet port,

we are now concentrating to Steensby Inlet, we will have to visit Igloodikmiut and Sanirajakmiut as soon as possible. Steensby Inlet was approved in the beginning, we will just go ahead it is quite urgent the employees will have around June 25, 2022, if we don't get approved for 6.0mpta

JT- If this 6.0mpta does not go ahead as planned, it will not affect our employees, BIM contractors are watching and waiting they are thinking if they will be paid for their contract work, BIM is sceptical not only for our employees, money is the only way to operate a mine, if there is no money to operate it cannot continue this iron ore haulage.

Been informed DQ- You mentioned that the Federal Minister has 90 days to decide, even if gives BIMC a greenlight will BIM still going abandoned as per your Production Increase Proposal, even if the Federal Minister says yes. Will BIMC say to the Federal Minister I am sorry we abandoned Phase 2 proposal, when we went to Pond Inlet to inform about the Production Increase Proposal?

JT- We will tell the Federal Minister that we abandoned Phase 2 after we informed Nunavutmiut to hear this. You guys are the very first people to hear about this Production Increase proposal. QIA, some communities and MLAs identified under IIBA, the Federal Minister will be informed, he has not yet been informed. BIMC has abandoned Phase 2. The Federal Minister will no longer have to approve, once the Federal Minister has been informed we can just go ahead with Steensby Inlet as mining certificate 005 was approved by the NIRB.

EI-BIMC said they want to ship iron ore through Eclipse Sound, BIMC said they can pay for Steensby Inlet Railroad at 4.2mpta, BIMC experts made a mistake, I guess 4.2 cannot pay for Steensby Inlet railroad and you are proposing 6.0mpta which is Production Increase Proposal. What about you guys will you keep your jobs and layoff your employees, or are you two going to lose your jobs too?