



**NIRB File No.: 08MN053**  
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July 20, 2023

To: Mary River Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Additional details/clarifications regarding the Final Agenda for the Community Roundtable component of the Board's assessment of the Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s "Sustaining Operations Proposal" related to the Mary River Project (NIRB 08MN053) released in the morning of July 20, 2023**

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Dear Parties:

Please note that the Board has identified that some details were missing from the version of the Final Agenda for the Community Roundtable circulated earlier today. The Board has provided additional details/clarifications and highlighted these additions as underlined text.

On July 7, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued the draft Community Roundtable agenda for its assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s (Baffinland) "Sustaining Operations Proposal" (the Proposal), a proposed amendment to the Mary River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN053, Project Certificate No. 005). The Board also issued updated direction to parties on July 14, 2023, in its Disposition of Motion from the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Association which indicated that a listen line would be provided to more broadly allow community members to hear presentations and discussion from the Iqaluit sessions. [Appendix A](#) of this letter provides the *final* Agenda based on feedback from both processes.

The Community Roundtable occurring July 27-August 2, 2023, is an in-person opportunity for parties to share knowledge and perspectives with the Board in:

- Iqaluit - Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre, **July 27-29, 2023**: feedback from designated Community Representatives of the 7 potentially impacted North Baffin communities as well as an opportunity for Interested Parties to summarize written submissions for the Board and community representatives; and
- Pond Inlet - Atakaalik Community Hall, **August 1-2, 2023**: hear from public of Pond Inlet.

### **Presentations**

The following parties have provided presentations based on written technical submissions:

- Baffinland (Doc. ID: 346231)
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (Doc. ID : 346228)
- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (Doc. ID: 346225)
- Government of Nunavut (Doc. ID: 346223)
- Government of Canada
  - Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (Doc. ID: 346232)
  - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Doc. ID: 346233)
  - Environment and Climate Change Canada (Doc. ID: 346222)
  - Parks Canada (Doc. ID: 346227)
  - Transport Canada (Doc. ID: 346227)
- Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization (Doc ID: 346224)
- Oceans North (Doc ID: 346226)

In addition to the parties who filed written presentation materials as noted above, and will be able to make presentations as described in the Agenda during the Community Roundtable sessions, respecting Inuit oral tradition, the following two parties will also be making oral presentations as described below:

- Representatives of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 793, including Inuit employees in attendance in Iqaluit will be sharing an oral summary of their comments during the Interested Parties' Summary Presentations part of the Agendas; and
- Members of the Qarjjuk Elders committee from Pond Inlet in attendance in Pond Inlet will be sharing their oral comments during the Community Roundtable session on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Reflecting that Baffinland has filed a reply to parties' written comments that would be useful background to Community Representatives if presented after parties have made their summary presentations, the Board has added 10 minutes to the agenda for Day 1 of the Community Roundtable in Iqaluit for Baffinland to provide a brief summary of their reply to parties' comments, and this is reflected in the revised version of the Agenda that follows.

### COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE LOGISTICS

The NIRB has made the following arrangements for the Community Roundtable sessions:

- Interpretation:** Simultaneous English and Inuktitut audio
- Facilitator:** NIRB Chairperson
- Materials:** Access to the NIRB's Public Registry will be available at the meetings. The Board requests that Baffinland and interested parties provide enough printed copies of their presentation materials (translated into Inuktitut) for parties in attendance in both locations (~80 copies).
- Meeting times:** Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time and run until 5:00 p.m. with a 1-hour break for lunch and two 15-minute health breaks throughout the day. An evening session will be held in Pond Inlet.

**Format:**

In-person with listen line for the Community Roundtable sessions, one audio stream for English and one for Inuktitut. Parties are advised that if the audio feeds are interrupted or fail, the Board will not interrupt the in-person Community Roundtable proceedings and will proceed with the in-person proceedings as planned without the audio lines.

Online access to the **audio line** is by phone or Teams links:

English	
<b>Call:</b>	Phone <a href="tel:+16477497154">+1 647-749-7154</a> Conference ID: 471 881 877#
<b>Online Teams:</b>	Meeting ID: 226 872 604 705, Passcode: FqF7PN <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a>
Inuktitut	
<b>Call:</b>	Phone <a href="tel:+16477497154">+1 647-749-7154</a> Conference ID: 278 421 589#
<b>Online Teams:</b>	Meeting ID: 232 458 942 998 Passcode: gC65yR <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a>

If you have questions regarding the Community Roundtable for the NIRB's assessment of the Sustaining Operations Proposal, please contact Guillaume Daoust, Technical Advisor II at (867) 983-4609 or [gdaoust@nirb.ca](mailto:gdaoust@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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cc: Megan Lord-Hoyle, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation  
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Attachment: Appendix A – *Final* Agenda for Community Roundtable for the Board's Assessment of Baffinland's Sustaining Operations Proposal

## APPENDIX A – FINAL AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE FOR THE BOARD’S ASSESSMENT OF BAFFINLAND’S SUSTAINING OPERATIONS PROPOSAL

**NIRB File No.:** 08MN053 – Sustaining Operations Proposal

**Proponent:** Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

**Format:** In-person *with listen line for Iqaluit sessions*

English listen line	
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Inuktitut listen line	
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Online Teams:	Meeting ID: 232 458 942 998 Passcode: gC65yR <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a>

**Locations:** Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre, Iqaluit, NU  
Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet, NU

**Dates:** July 27-August 2, 2023

**Times:** Meeting times for day sessions are 9:00 am – 5:00 pm local time. All times are approximate and subject to change at the NIRB’s discretion.

### Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – Community Representative Orientation at 6:30 p.m.

Community Representatives attending the Iqaluit sessions are expected to participate in an orientation meeting to brief them on the format of the meetings and their role.

### Day 1 – Thursday, July 27, 2023 all day – Iqaluit

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*30 minutes*)
  - i. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc.
  - ii. Review of Agenda
  - iii. Housekeeping Items
3. Proponent Presentation – **Scope of Sustainable Operations Proposal** (*30 minutes*)
4. Interested Parties’ Summary Presentations on their Written Comments (*10 minutes each party*)
5. Proponent Presentation – **Response to Parties Written Comments** (*10 minutes*)
6. Questions and comments from Designated Community Representatives

Close of Day 1

### Day 2 – Friday, July 28, 2023 all day – Iqaluit

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*15 minutes*)
2. Questions and comments from Designated Community Representatives

Close of Day 2

### Day 3 – Saturday, July 29, 2023 morning only – Iqaluit

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*15 minutes*)
2. Continued questioning and comments from Designated Community Representatives
3. Closing Remarks from each Community (*10 minutes each*)
4. Closing Remarks from the Chairperson (*20 minutes*)

Close of Day 3

### Day 4 – Tuesday, August 1, 2023 all day (*evening session 7-9pm*) – Pond Inlet

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*30 minutes*)
  - i. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc.
  - ii. Review of Agenda
  - iii. Housekeeping Items
3. Presentation by the Proponent – **Introduction and Overview of Project** (*30 minutes*)
4. Questions and comments from interested members of the public in Pond Inlet

Close of Day 4

### Day 5 – Wednesday, August 2, 2023 all day – Pond Inlet

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*20 minutes*)
2. Continued questions and comments from interested members of the public of Pond Inlet
3. Closing Remarks from the Board (*20 minutes*)

Close of Day 5