

## **KHTO Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2016 16:00**

**Location:** HTO Office, Rankin Inlet

**Attendees KHTO:** Peter Taipana, Nigel Kubluitok, Other Boards members could not attend (Medical, Hunting, Unknown).

**Attendees AEM:** Jeff Pratt, Manon Turmel, Jack Dutil

### **1. Introduction**

Agnico discussed about organizing a site visit with HTO Board members. HTO is interested. The site visit could be done jointly with KIA when they come for their monthly visit. Agnico also invited the HTO Board Members to come for a site visit during caribou migration to testify of mitigation's measures taken (stop work, road closure, etc.)

### **2. 2016 Nunavut Exploration Projects (Jeff)**

As per NIRB recommendations, Agnico consulted the HTO regarding exploration projects planned for 2016. Exploration projects at Amaruq, Meadowbank, Whitehills, Greyhound, Peter and Fox Lakes, Parker Lakes and Meliadine were introduced to HTO members. Below is a summary of their concerns:

- Peter and Fox lakes property – Some concerns were shared to HTO regarding this project as it is close to caribou calving ground. HTO would like to ensure activities conducted there are planned appropriately with Agnico. One local shared this concern to HTO who then showed emails sent by Agnico regarding road closures, stop work events and other wildlife monitoring and mitigation measures. Among the projects presented, this one is the biggest concern to people.
- Jeff asked about location of caribou calving ground. HTO said this area is moving. It is not always the same every year.
- Jeff informed HTO members that two sea cans with spill emergency kits will now be placed on the road (one in 2015).
- HTO enquired about the need for bear monitors while drilling at Fox and Parker Lakes. Grizzly bears are now considered a hazard in town and HTO wants to ensure safety of all and avoid property loss during drilling operations. Jeff said he would check with David Frenette.
- HTO asked who are our contacts at KIA when we said we are still negotiating with KIA regarding land use permits on IOLs. Jeff responded Jeff Tulugak and Craig Beardsell.
- No more concerns.

### **3 – Wildlife Monitoring (Jeff)**

- This was the main topic of the day. Agnico would like to involve the HTO during wildlife monitoring programs (this is currently conducted internally).
- Agnico brought two options as for road surveys:
  - o HTO to take on project fully;
  - o Joint effort between Agnico and HTO.

- Agnico is ready to start the program whenever the Board decides what it prefers. HTO is aware.
- Discussed appropriate hunting practices: HTO concerned with non-beneficiaries going down the AWAR and harvesting Caribou. HTO questions why there is not always a manned gate on the AWAR during the summer?? HTO would like the responsible parties email address so they can send a formal letter about this concern.

#### 4 – Meliadine Permit Situation (Jeff)

- Jeff discussed permits that are in place and upcoming steps. No concern from HTO members.

#### 5- Construction summary (Jack)

- HTO enquired about work to be conducted at Itivia this year. Jack replied not this year. Agnico might re-open a quarry around Itivia site. An HTO member said that some members (not attending) had concerns about work at Itivia site. Jack offered HTO to come do a presentation to present what will be done at Itivia. HTO to contact Pujjuut when they are ready.
- Jack also mentioned that only chemical products will be fenced as this was an issue last year.
- Agnico is planning to discuss with Hamlet about slope at Itivia site (too steep – hard to carry material) and about road from town to Meliadine's property. The road needs some repair.
- On site construction this year will include work some water management structures, on the industrial pad and on the main camp.
- An HTO member brought up the idea of organizing a talk show on local radio with Agnico to explain wildlife monitoring activities. Agnico is interested and will work with HTO at organizing it. Agnico also proposed to prepare information pamphlet on this topic.

#### 6 – HTO Concerns

- HTO asked when does work stop? Jeff explained that environmental technicians conduct three inspections every day (5AM, 12, 5PM). Results are sent to HTO, KIA and Agnico Management. If caribou is found around site – work is stopped. If more than 50 caribou are closer to 100 m of the road – road closure. HTO member mentioned that one of his friend texted him saying work was stopped at Meliadine due to caribou presence.

#### 7- Conclusion

Agnico thanked HTO and mentioned that another meeting can be planned anytime. Just make sure to mention what you want to discuss so we can bring the right people.

#### Follow-up Actions (Agnico):

- Send KIA Monthly visit schedule to HTO to Nigel. Nigel will check with the Board who wants to come.
- Where is Jennifer Tischer based out of? Provide response to Peter.
- Ask David Frenette if exploration team needs bear monitors for exploration work?
- Give email of responsible for manning the gate on the AWAR to HTO.

- Plan to come for a radio show to discuss wildlife monitoring
- Send copy of caribou maps to HTO.