

We look forward to attending the upcoming Hudson Bay Summit in Montreal, February 27 – March 1, 2018 to discuss this initiative further.

Sincerely,

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Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attached: Appendix A: Declaration of Vision Statement and Guiding Principles for the Hudson Bay Consortium

APPENDIX A:
DECLARATION OF VISION STATEMENT AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOR THE HUDSON BAY CONSORTIUM

Vision Statement

Encouraging and facilitating cross-jurisdictional and cross-cultural communication, cooperation and collaboration in the pursuit of knowledge and means to protect, improve and steward the greater Hudson Bay/James Bay ecosystem for the primary benefit of the people, flora and fauna that live there.

Guiding Principles

As the communities, organizations, bodies of indigenous, local and regional governance and other interested partners of the greater Hudson Bay and James Bay coast, we are indicating our commitment to work together through the Hudson Bay Consortium for the benefit of present and future generations towards a shared vision and common goals for the environmental stewardship and sustainable development of the greater Hudson Bay/James Bay ecosystem. In this spirit, participants will conduct themselves ethically and fairly, with community well-being and environmental stewardship as our priorities. In particular, we will:

1. Respect different cultures, values, and the natural environment;
2. Work holistically to ensure the Hudson Bay and James Bay ecosystem are managed as a common entity from both physical and human perspectives;
3. Recognize Indigenous rights, self-determination and knowledge;
4. Communicate and share information towards the pursuit of knowledge and coordination, without impacting the neutrality or decision-making abilities of existing governance and land claim structures;
5. Allow all interested groups the opportunity to discuss mutual interests, goals, and responsibilities; and
6. Build strong linkages between Indigenous knowledge and scientific knowledge towards increased understanding and stewardship of the Hudson Bay-James Bay ecosystem.