



## COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

<b>Project Proposal Title:</b> MEL Project	
<b>Proponent:</b> North Arrow Minerals Inc.	
<b>Location:</b> Qikiqtani (South Baffin)	
<b>Comments Due By:</b> February 4, 2019	<b>NIRB #:</b> 16EN062
<b>Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> no concerns  <input type="checkbox"/> water quality  <input type="checkbox"/> terrain  <input type="checkbox"/> air quality  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat  <input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat  <input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat  <input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat  <input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land  <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities  <input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation  <input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area  <input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area  <input type="checkbox"/> human health issues  <input type="checkbox"/> other: <u>ALL</u> </div> </div>	
<b>Please describe the concerns indicated above:</b>  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Please see attached .</div>	
<b>Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?</b>  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Please see attached</div>	
<b>Do you support the project proposal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Any additional comments?</b>  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Please see attached.</div>	
<b>Name of person commenting:</b> Community Res. of Hall Beach <b>Position:</b> _____ <b>Organization:</b> Hunters & Trappers Assoc. <b>Signature:</b> <u>MARTHA GIBBONS</u> <b>Date:</b> Feb. 4, 2019 MARTHA GIBBONS - Sec. Assistant.	



**HALL BEACH HTO RADIO SHOW**  
HTA Boardroom, January 31, 2019  
**Meeting #** HTA000 – Mel Diamond Project

**Present**

Radio - Community of Hall Beach, Nunavut.

Baffinland – 6:00 p.m.

Community Project - Danny Arvaluk, HTA Board

Elder - Timothy, Kuppaq – Hamlet Board

Mel Dimond – 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson - Jopie Kaernerker, HTA Board

Vice - Chairperson - Abraham Qammaniq, HTA Board

Land - Sam Arnardjuak, HTA Board

Secretary - Joyce Arnardjuak, HTA Manager

HTA Board Members, over radio.

Radio Assistant - Simon Kadlutsiak, Hamlet Recreation.

**Items**

**1. Call to Order, Community**

Radio show was called to order (?) 7:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, January 31, 2019.

**2. Opening Prayer, Community**

Not sure if prayer was provided. I couldn't find my radio, so I went there a little late.

**3. HTA Radio Show Agenda, Community**

a) Baffinland Phase 2 Project – Risk Assessment workshop update, Community.

Stated prior to radio show; recording, not necessary to update community of risk factors finding. Statement, how they feel at community's best interest/knowledge, as updated.

b) Mel Diamond Development Project – Community Risk Assessment, Community.  
NIRB Form; after form was presented over radio, it was opened for comments and whether you're in favor or not, share your opinions. These will be recoded in writing.

Caller #1

Not-In-Favor - As we might not be able to hunt anymore.

Vice-Chairperson

Welcoming another caller. Anything you want to say, say your concerns.

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Everyone nearby community are hunting now, exactly.

Caller #2

Not-In-Favour - Location is closer to Hall Beach and its location is in Repulse Bay and Nunavut is being noticed of good fortune. As it is in hunting ground, it isn't right.

Vice-Chairperson

Welcoming another caller. Caribou are limiting very noticeably and everyone is selling Caribou online, as it is a demand in Nunavut.

Caller #3

In-Favour - I am in favour, as we are with Government property. It's a good potential, good fortune and good opportunity. Our ways are changing and I'd rather be good with it; because of money and government of Nunavut.

Vice-Chairperson

Welcoming another caller.

Sam-hunter-board member

Not-In-Favour - All throughout summer was like this, there was no caribou. They were completely impacted and blocked from entering, they never made it up here this summer and last summer. Anangiarjuak (location in Inuktitut, needs to be defined; it isn't the Mel Project location. Farthest people go, I guess) end point had no caribou. They were being extremely impacted, blocked and had different pattern.

Vice-Chairperson

Welcoming another caller. They were hauling by helicopter daily.

Caller #4

In-Favour / Not-In-Favour - I am in support. Right now, she is in support for a moment. When the community is not in favour, we don't get heard, as an Inuk (Inuit). I am in full support of our hunters.

Vice-Chairperson

Explaining line from other community: Repulse Bay, Inuksukjuaq, Kivalliq line Nagvaa; line to others were tried with reasons of caribou. People from Inuksugjuak, Nagvaa, Igloolik, Hall Beach and Kivalliq all has a line. Because Kivalliq has a line; but caribou is

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there for them too. Explaining the Hall Beach line to the community, as HTA was not in-favour of this; thought that it was within the line, as it is our main hunting ground; but in reality, later found out it wasn't within the line. That is why, we'd like to hear from you.

Caller #5

Not-In-Favour - Things to consider, The Mel Dimond Project, I would be ok with them not being there anymore; with reasons, Baffinland will be running for 100 years, its enough. I don't want to see near Hall Beach area impacted or our hunting ground & It doesn't sound good to hear, it's not my intent. I am part of the community, in support of Hall Beach people, I am not in support.

Vice-Chairperson

The Mel Diamond Project started 2016, 2 years ago, this will be their 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Their plan that was approved is until 2024. They will have 12 Employees and would like to extend by addition of incinerator for disposable waste.

Caller #6

Not-In-Favour – We will not have a means of space for ourselves anymore. Im saying, no.

Vice-Chairperson

Usuarjungmi (hunting ground), me and my son. We hauled, and had to turned back. Usuarjungmi (hunting ground), ½ Day about 24km, we finally had caught a caribou, just bear-by that place; for example, Hall Beach to Simiutaq (ice-fishing area) is 35km. Just like what Sam said, there was hardly any caribou this summer.

Caller #7

Not-In-Favour – NTI Beneficiary, I want to say: Memory of my dad is dearly missed for this reason, where is caribou birthing habitat? HTA Members probably knows. We don't eat varieties of frozen food. Arviat and further up, what was the population of caught caribou? We will never be able to catch anymore caribou. Kangirlliniq, Kivalliq is based for purchase of meat, but it takes a month to get here, by the time it gets in, would spoil. I am not in support.

I don't know Diamond prizes.

Gold mind in television, the area gets roughly gets districted and for that reason, NIRB has to come in and explain exactly what they do there, to make us think with an awareness, instead of look for respond weather if we are in favour or not in favour. Or

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Chairperson would like to add: yes. Birthing area is located in Inuksukjua (land) up to Nagvaa (land). It is now today, what you spoke up was really good to hear.

How was summer like this year and last year: No caribou.

Vice-Chairperson

We are closing at 8 p.m. and it's not close to 8.

Heli were heavily used. I was there August few days, trying to impact Towards Nunarpariarvik (land) they had moved from there to area of Inuksugjua area.

Chairperson

Summer, they were flying very close to grounds, as if animals haven't already been impacted enough.

Caller #8

Not-In-Favour – I'd say, no. Atleast, it's animals there.

Vice-Chairperson

We would also like to speak about Polar Bear request, but if we keep getting callers for this, we can keep going. Alarnaarjuk (land), to give 1 TAH or not to give.

Chairperson calls for BREAK. The song Johnny Cash dedicated to my wife, lets break.

Caller #9

Not-In-Favour - They are directly at Caribou route, I was not in support when I saw heli while out hunting, all nearby the lakes. It was a huge impact and that they had completely blocked the route of the caribou these summers. I saw a hiker, I didn't want to come and welcome the hiker I found, but as an explorer, I will engage; but, the hiker turned and walked away. They really had ownership of the Land and the area, it was not good; we are from Nunavut and they are just visiting to get from Nunavut. Thank you for listening.

Board – Danny Arvaluk

They keep finding different types of diamond. We are here for you to fix the issues using your voice and what you think about the area. Even if I don't make addition of the questionnaire from NIRB, you can speak your voice. Reading questionnaire through the

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NWB can explain water won't be spoiled, including the soil. So, we can respond not in agreement with train of thought. Mayor can sign, we are affected, if we agreed.

I am in support of Baffinland, but leave Inuksugjuaq (land), we should have to be in the process as community prior to for each project, not when after the approval of the project or the process afterwards.

In Souther, anyone with an employment can drive 2,3,4,5 hours, just to go to work each day by vehicle, we can create road. Only if you will use vehicle, its more quite, hotel; if you can provide housing for people whose lost a family member. You should be able to go to work by vehicle; just like in the south.

Think: If they come from Nunavut, resources, no income in Hall Beach, it would be only means or money can be coming in from Baffindland, if it doesn't continue, for the land, we can't give back, we can't build back what has already been disturbed.

My kids will have to have jobs, jobs will not be available from our land in after 50 years past. What will the future generations do later in the future? For our kids, we have to take small steps, not to use all at once.

I want my hunters to provide fish. You have to be in support for our hunters.

Igloolik weren't able to catch any caibou this year and last year; when they come in, they used to atleast catch 1 or 2 for each hunter. We've noticed that they travelled further without catch and it was hard to see that, as Igloolik were not familiar of the patter changed and of area, even being there 2-3 weeks without catch was hurtful.

NIRB Board, it would be useful at this point, thank you.

Vice-Chairperson

In search of diamond, the process of it explained.

Air press into land, timberland pipes; after, no water necessary. Like, dipping out.

Repulse Bay would want to partner with Hall Beach with this issue. We would be laughed at. 9 km here to Suluraugak (land name). Even, they are not going to help/support Hall Beach, they wouldn't spoil or hard hardly affect land.

Your dad, I am in agreement, our elders aren't here anymore.

Welcoming another caller.

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radio again. Speak out your concerns. You can either write your concerns, come to the office and the form has a deadline of February 4, 2019. BIRB will screen, Hall Beach is nearby the project, so you have the strongest voice. Consider to list concerns of any types of animals, land and water.

Vice-Chairperson: introduced radio show attendee tonight.

Chairperson

Lived there at young age, your ancestors lived there, it was their home, it was our home; we have to support it and stay strong; otherwise, what do we have left.

Caller #10

Not-In-Favour - Calling from Elder's centre, 9 of our Elders didn't stop by; because, they did not hear. Had to drop off forms to seek further support. I don't want Inuksugjuaq (land) to be impacted, at any given cost or at any means.

Vice-Chairperson

That was our 10<sup>th</sup> caller for the night. We would like to move to TAH Polar Bear. Thank you for listening and providing your concerns everyone, stay tune after this break.

The community of Hall Beach had spoken about their concerns about the Mel Dimond Project from 7:00-9:00. Over radio, we had time to accept 10 callers with 2 In-Favour and 8 Not-In-Favour. The HTA Board are not in favour and cannot entertain the idea of what kind of impact it has affect to our culture heritage, ancestors, land, animals and Inuit. Nearby areas are coming in to Hall Beach to hunt and selling of the caribou online, everywhere all over cannot be entertained. Hall Beach HTA receive high numbers callers asking to purchase caribou. We have a lot to say concerning Caribou.

Motion # HTA000

Moved By:

Seconded By:

Chairperson:

Board: All in Favour

c) Inookie Iqittuq – Polar Bear TAH Request – Tourist Business, Community.

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Board: All in Favour

**4. Adjournment, Chairperson**

The adjournment of the Radio Show accepted, have a good night everyone!

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Moved By:

Seconded By:

Chairperson:

Board: All in Favour

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