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Hi Cory,

It was nice to connect with you again here in Iqaluit. Thank you for helping me out and keeping me in the loop and connecting me with various people this evening. We talked about many things and as I write this email I'm trying to organize my thoughts and create an outline of the concerns/questions I brought forward. First and foremost, I'm frustrated and upset that I was not able to sit in this meeting here in Iqaluit. I am from Pond Inlet and studying in Iqaluit. I believe that it is important to include people from this community who are not in the community to take part in these events. However, I appreciate there are measures in place to contact NIRB via email and phone.

To reiterate the frustrations I brought forward, which I believe are shared frustrations within my community of Pond Inlet. The thing I am most upset about is QIA's lack of visibility and communication within the community of Pond Inlet.

The list below are the overarching issues that I observed as well as felt.

- QIA, lack of communication to the whole community of Pond Inlet (which I am aware of, I can't speak for the rest of the communities).
- The royalties that the QIA receives from the company (Baffinland) does not seem to go directly to the most affected communities.
- I understand there is the Wildlife compensation fund but it was rendered useless because the processing was time consuming and energy draining when the compensation did not mount to the lost and energy/time put into the application process.
- The community had no knowledge of the ICA nor were there any consensus which goes against our IQ values. How can the community hold them accountable for this? How can we ensure that future negotiations with the company that affected community members/representatives take part?
- There remains to be a lack of trust of our representatives and the community feels neglected thereby reinforcing the state of oppression Inuit are already in with poverty, lack of housing, and the rest of the Inuit social determinants of health.

The list below are my thought processes and questions for Baffinland.

- My impression was that Baffinland was rushing into phase II without consulting with the North Baffin Communities, which is now taken into consideration and being tackled now.
- Now, I am aware that Baffinland has many mitigations in place to ensure that measurements are taking place to monitor the environment, social economics, and everything else in between. And therefore from the findings on research monitorings they make changes to their operations.
- I guess my question for Baffinland is, are they taking into consideration researching and monitoring microorganisms for example algae. Increase in iron dust can disrupt the microorganisms thereby

affecting the rest of the food chain. Healthy ecosystems start from the health of microorganisms. Is the Iron Mine ready to do an environmental clean up which could disrupt the ecosystem. Are they aware that the increase in iron dust emissions creates room for growth for opportunistic microorganisms which are harmful for the animals that we harvest.

I can write a whole lot more which also seems to be the theme that has come up from the community members :)

I'm not sure what you will bring forward with these comments, questions and concerns but I would like to know before you go ahead and ask or bring forward to the community round table. You can either write back to this email or by phone

Thank you,

Jena