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1 (PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED 9:05 AM)

2 THE CHAIR: Good morning. Welcome
3 back, everyone.

4 (INUKTITUT SPOKEN - NO TRANSLATION) Chairman of
5 Nunavut Impact Review Board. On behalf of the Board, I
6 would like to welcome everyone back to Day 12 of the
7 NIRB's resumed public hearing associated with its
8 assessment of Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's
9 Phase 2 development proposal related to the Mary River
10 iron ore mine project.

11 Welcome to everyone attending in Pond Inlet and
12 Iqaluit and those joining us on Zoom or on the phone.
13 Welcome, all.

14 Before we start our morning meeting, we'll have a
15 prayer -- opening prayer.

16 MR. ALOOLOO: Jayko Alooloo, let us pray.
17 Opening Prayer

18 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Jayko, for your
19 opening prayer.

20 As you know, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the
21 NIRB has put in place additional procedures for those
22 attending in person publicly to keep us safe. This in
23 compliance with local public health requirements. We
24 all require everyone to comply with these extra
25 requirements like wearing a face mask at all times so
26 that we can have 80 people join us in Iqaluit and a

1 hundred people here in Mittimatalik.

2 For those participants unable to travel to Iqaluit
3 or Mittimatalik, NIRB has provided the opportunity to
4 join us via video or audio links. Wherever you are and
5 however you are participating in these public hearings,
6 NIRB really appreciates you taking the time to join us
7 during these important meetings.

8 For all parties, no matter where you are, state
9 your name and please -- for me to turn the microphone
10 over to you as I am often giving the interpreters time
11 to finish before our AV technicians switch to your
12 feed.

13 When you speak, please state your name, identify
14 your organization that you will be speaking for and be
15 mindful of our interpreters as you go. When you speak
16 too fast, they may not keep up with you, so be mindful
17 so that we can ensure the Board has accurate record of
18 these proceedings during this hearing.

19 You already know the interpreters are available at
20 all times, and receivers are available from the sign-in
21 table at each in-person location, and the
22 language-specific information, the channels are
23 identified in both Pond Inlet and Iqaluit. Channel 0
24 is the floor; Channel 1 in English; Channel 2 in
25 Inuktitut.

26 If your receiver doesn't function or you're unable

1 to hear well, just tell one of our staff -- NIRB staff.
2 Those who are joining us by way of video, just tell --
3 just inform Keith Morrison. For those attending in
4 person in Pond Inlet, there are sign-in sheets at the
5 (NO ENGLISH FEED). Please make sure to sign in if you
6 haven't already done so. This will ensure that the
7 Nunavut Impact Review Board can provide an accurate
8 record of hearing participants and allow for adherence
9 to public health measures.

10 The Nunavut Impact Review Board is required to
11 gather contact information for everyone attending in
12 person in Iqaluit and Pond Inlet. This information
13 will only be used for contact tracing purposes.

14 Those participating on the online feed should have
15 pre-registered to receive the information, but if you
16 did not pre-register, please contact Cory Barker to
17 indicate your participation.

18 In addition to the video feed on Zoom and the
19 teleconference line, as you heard yesterday, the Board
20 is working with the Nunavut Independent Television
21 Network to arrange to broadcast the live feed from
22 Pond Inlet and Iqaluit through the Arctic Co-op and
23 Shaw Direct Cable TV, channel Uvagut TV.

24 Before I continue, staff, can I please get a
25 different receiver. This is not working.

26 These additional broadcasting measures are

1 intended to enable community members to view the
2 technical sessions and community roundtable of the
3 public hearing from their own homes. There are several
4 media outlets including CBC and Nunatsiaq News and
5 Press all following these proceedings via Zoom and in
6 Iqaluit. For any media attending the proceedings in
7 person, the Board ask the media to wear a press badge
8 or otherwise identify yourself so that all participants
9 know who you are and the media outlet you represent.

10 The Board appreciates the interest and
11 participation by the media covering these proceedings
12 and extending the proceedings to audiences within and
13 outside Nunavut.

14 However, the Board reminds the media that because
15 the Board is engaged in the decision-making process for
16 the Phase 2 development project, the Board and staff
17 will not provide comments or answer specific questions
18 while this matter is before the Board until the public
19 hearing record or public hearing report is issued
20 publicly.

21 Throughout these hearings, I will be chairing the
22 meetings from the hall here in Pond Inlet. To my left
23 is Catherine Emrick; to my right is Madeleine Qumuatuq.
24 We are the three-member panel responsible for
25 decision-making in respect of the Phase 2 development
26 project.

1 The Panel is supported in Pond Inlet, Iqaluit, and
2 on the phone by several members of the Board staff and
3 our legal counsel. If you need assistance from our
4 staff, please look for the people with the NIRB badges,
5 and they'll help you out.

6 Before we go to the community roundtable session
7 here in Pond Inlet, we have one more presentation from
8 the registered intervenors before we proceed. We have
9 already affirmed the presenters, so the World Wildlife
10 Fund, you may proceed with your presentation. Paul
11 Okalik.

12 Presentation by World Wildlife Fund Regarding
13 Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation Phase 2 Development
14 Proposal

15 MR. OKALIK: Welcome. Thank you, Madam
16 Chair. Paul Okalik, World Wildlife Fund.

17 Before I proceed, I was up in Mittimatalik. I
18 would like first of all -- thank the Elders that been
19 attending every day with concerns of their people and
20 the environment. Their words are powerful and strong,
21 and I hope their words will be our guide -- your
22 guideline during our proceedings. And if the words are
23 heeded, no doubt we will be progressive in the hearing.

24 I am the staff of the World Wildlife Fund.
25 Looking at your agenda, I was not prepared today -- I
26 was prepared to give presentation while I was up there.

1 Unfortunate, I could not. But while I was there, they
2 were a lot of changes to the agenda due to slow
3 progress. I hope my presentation will be received
4 positively. Next slide.

5 World Wildlife Fund is focused on wildlife. We
6 have an office here in Iqaluit, and we visit
7 communities in Nunavut to provide support. Our
8 organization, we have been involved in environmental
9 assessment. Since 2008, we have been involved in
10 various issues with NIRB when possible, and we like to
11 focus on something that will be sustainable for
12 everyone.

13 THE INTERPRETER: I don't have his presentation.

14 MR. OKALIK: The proponents have not shown
15 full and comprehensive assessment of the impacts.
16 World Wildlife Fund are unable to provide support to
17 the proposed 2 -- the Phase 2 project. The proposal is
18 lacking in areas. If they are going to increase what
19 benefits they may provide, looking at their
20 presentations, the monitoring and management program is
21 insufficient, and whether the project will have an
22 impact on the environment, and the assessment or
23 proposal seemed to lack in many areas. What
24 improvements will be made if impacts are becoming more
25 noticeable in the environment?

26 While the NIRB is conducting the hearing of the

1 proposed -- by NIRB in particular, the proponent have
2 to provide comprehensive report how the environment
3 have been impacted. The models is something we yet --
4 waiting for since 2015. The models, they -- the
5 assessment of the environmental impact because of the
6 mining, without the framework -- if the expansion is to
7 take place -- seems to be lacking.

8 The World Wildlife Fund do not fully agree and
9 would like to see more comprehensive details of the
10 proposal if the Phase 2 is to go ahead, that the NIRB
11 has to review and how the Phase 2 will impact the
12 caribou and, in particular, the marine life that people
13 depend on for -- for a food source.

14 Baffinland has said that for the operations -- for
15 Baffin Island caribou, there would not be much impact
16 on it and that even with the expansion of the
17 operations, there would not be much impact to caribou.
18 And that whatever monitoring or assessment, what
19 measures are taken would have little impact on caribou,
20 although there's not much caribou there, that's the
21 reason for it. It would not increase the impact on the
22 population, and World Wildlife Fund does not agree.

23 Baffinland, in terms of their reporting, doesn't
24 really talk about how the effects are going to be,
25 whether there would be impacts. Next slide, please.

26 So with this railway infrastructure, we need to

1 know that in Nunavut -- we've never seen that before in
2 Nunavut, and we don't know what kind of impact it would
3 have on caribou. So with this railway, that these
4 remaining caribou, the few caribou that are left,
5 perhaps they are 1 percent of the population, although
6 there's monitoring and assessments are done, so with
7 the remaining caribou that are there, how are they
8 going to increase? Baffinland has indicated that with
9 this railway, it would not have much impact to caribou,
10 and according to their project assessment submission,
11 this is what the proponent has said, and we need to
12 believe those that have the different story.

13 As the World Wildlife Fund, we are concerned these
14 remaining caribou, how are they going to behave?
15 They're the only ones left in Baffin Island, and the
16 residents of Baffin Island, how are they going to
17 manage? For this reason, our organization is urging
18 that there should be no expansion at this present time.
19 They have the -- Baffinland has not shown much on how
20 the caribou would be affected. Even today with their
21 current operations, we don't know what impact they are
22 having on the caribou. We don't know.

23 So we try to find out what sort of monitoring and
24 what impacts there would be and what sort of monitoring
25 would show those. So for Baffinland, for those that
26 have long roads, for example, in -- north of Baker Lake

1 they have a long road. If we look at it, when the road
2 is closed for a long time, the caribou cannot cross and
3 this -- things that -- Nunavut Impact Review Board had
4 a meeting on August 2019. If you look at page 596, the
5 Government of Nunavut, Pinksen was saying that in his
6 report when the road is closed for 2016 -- for the fall
7 of 2016 for two days, the caribou are moving on the
8 road. So even though they go on the road, they stop on
9 the edge of the road, then they start walking on the
10 edge of the road, they change and turn back -- start
11 walking back.

12 Their behaviour is like this on the road, so how
13 is that going to be different to a railway? For
14 example, making these things on the Baffin --
15 Baffinland proposal. It's a longer road; it's
16 mountainous; and it's an island. So we want them to be
17 able to increase the caribou. We know that when the
18 caribou are minimal, they are -- scare more easily when
19 there isn't that much of them. How are we going to be
20 managing in the future if this railway is constructed?

21 So the World Wildlife Fund, we are concerned,
22 and -- because of this remaining caribou that are left,
23 how they are going to be monitored? We don't want this
24 construction on the railway until we know how the
25 caribou will be impacted. Next slide, please.

26 Baffinland has indicated that there would be no

1 significant negative impacts to wildlife in the
2 environment. We don't agree. Baffinland has no
3 indicators in place and whether the impact -- and to
4 see how the impact has happened, Baffinland has -- has
5 not set thresholds. They don't really have an
6 indication of how it's actually operating.

7 So Baffinland, if they have those kind of
8 management things going on, so we are concerned that in
9 terms of their operations, there's an unknown on the
10 impact on the environment. And even the western
11 science, the stuff that the Mary River Project, if
12 that's going to be an example, it's not finished.

13 So in Pond Inlet -- the Inuit in Pond Inlet have
14 already stated that the wildlife have been impacted and
15 how they are impacted.

16 The Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization
17 have provided comments that the ships moving through
18 Eclipse Sound in Pond Inlet and Milne Port will
19 interfere with their harvesting activities. So
20 currently right now, it's 6 million tonnes. It's
21 creating an impact already. If that number doubles to
22 12 million tonnes, as proposed by Baffinland, how is
23 that going to be an impact for the wildlife and the
24 hunters, for presentation that we have given in 2019 by
25 Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers.

26 So if the current monitoring program cannot

1 indicate what is happening with the environment and the
2 impacts that it has, we don't know if there's a --
3 future project operations would have an impact and
4 although that Nunavut Impact Review Board monitoring
5 framework, they have not -- Baffinland has not really
6 monitored such impacts over the years and has an
7 ability to connect operations with measured impacts.

8 Baffinland has not demonstrated or measured
9 operational impacts from the project. Therefore, the
10 World Wildlife Fund cannot support Baffinland's
11 increasing production and the transportation proposed
12 based on this lack of information. Next slide, please.

13 For this project, on Phase 2, especially the ship
14 traffic travelling in different ways going back and
15 forth, they say that we will not have significant
16 impact on marine mammals, the ice, or Inuit harvesters.
17 So if it was to go ahead to maybe 450 to 500 ship
18 transits per season, and they would be going through
19 the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation
20 Area. It's inconceivable. We don't believe that this
21 type of activity would not have significant impacts,
22 especially for narwhal. They have migratory activity,
23 and they are being impacted, and they would be
24 scattered from their dwelling place.

25 When we're looking at shipping and mining
26 operations, the World Wildlife Fund, our organization

1 does not agree with Baffinland's no significant impacts
2 determination.

3 The communities need to be assessed outside of
4 their region -- within the region and outside the
5 community because of this migration of narwhal, because
6 the narwhal move from this region through the shipping
7 corridor. Even to Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq they go to
8 those waters to Qikiqtarjuaq and to Greenland. These
9 narwhal are -- if there was an impact monitoring and if
10 the region is not studied, they would be missing some
11 information because of their migration route and how
12 that impact is going to be.

13 If you look at this picture, there is four map
14 areas here. This yellow part is where the spring and
15 summer location of the narwhal, these are information
16 from the Fisheries and Oceans, and they indicate where
17 the narwhals are.

18 In the first on the left side at the top, in 1997
19 that was the -- the years for that. For the blue and
20 the red, this is where they winter, and on the top
21 right in 2003 into 2005 is where the narwhal was. And
22 on the bottom left, it shows where the narwhal is 2009
23 to 2012. And the last one at the bottom right is where
24 the narwhal is migrating from 2016 to 2018.

25 And I want to add as well, I grew up in
26 Pangnirtung. When it's springtime just before the ice

1 breaks up, the narwhal come in. We like it at that
2 period because it's very helpful for our harvesters.
3 Would they have an impact too?

4 But in the second year in 2009 -- in the second
5 year in this map to 2020 in the summertime -- we're
6 getting narwhals now in the summertime even though in
7 previous years we only had narwhal in the spring. Now
8 we have some in the summertime. Is that changing their
9 route? Their migration route?

10 So I tried to find out regarding Baffinland and
11 their shipping, and they are increasing their number of
12 ships that they have and their transits. I asked about
13 it, but I didn't have a chance to ask.

14 So for this reason, the World Wildlife recommends
15 that Nunavut Impact Review Board and other intervenors
16 to consider a plan, a marine plan, a special plan to
17 address impacts from the Mary River Project or other
18 competing uses like harvesting, ice use, and tourism,
19 shipping, and other uses.

20 World Wildlife Fund is concerned that the
21 potential for impacts to migrant wildlife will affect
22 communities outside this area and that these impacts
23 have not been adequately considered. Next slide,
24 please.

25 In terms of the fuel used by the ships, they are
26 most pollutive. If they were to spill, it would make a

1 big impact in our waters. So if we look at this fuel
2 used by the ships for the transit ships, it would be
3 almost impossible to clean up. We tried to find out
4 about the different things that had the oil spill.

5 In this particular example -- for Prestige, for
6 example, in 2002 in Spain, they had about 63,000
7 tonnes, 2 million gallons approximately. So the
8 shoreline, 1,900 to 3,000 kilometres was affected, and
9 200 to 250,000 birds were killed, and we don't know
10 if -- how much effect it has on the marine animals,
11 so -- because they are in that particular area. It
12 took them about 3 billion to clean up those -- with the
13 clean-up costs.

14 So these are the summary of what I have indicated.
15 It might be long for my presentation, so I'm just
16 summarizing this. There are other examples here. Next
17 slide, please.

18 And we know that in the fuel are -- that are used
19 are very contaminating, have extreme contamination when
20 it's being used by different -- this is -- not
21 different from anywhere, so we also tried to find out
22 that about 33 percent of the chance -- would be a
23 chance of spill.

24 And so for -- the World Wildlife Fund recommends
25 that Baffinland cease using this type of fuel, the most
26 heavy -- heavy fuel shipping. I suggest that the

1 Nunavut Impact Review Board to implement fuel type
2 restrictions on Baffinland's shipping operations. Next
3 slide, please.

4 So we're part of the different intervenors and
5 committees when Baffinland creates working groups, and
6 so we -- we have different working groups with
7 Fisheries and Oceans and other working groups that --
8 they tell us that these are just stories that we don't
9 need to comply by them. They say with the operations,
10 they need to change their -- their mindset.

11 World Wildlife Fund recommends that they need to
12 change a more responsive role, and they should be
13 accountable to the Nunavut Impact Review Board, that
14 whatever we are recommending would be used more in our
15 future. Next slide, please.

16 (NO ENGLISH FEED) was explained by the Department
17 of Environment that the fuel produces a lot more
18 pollution, that they should find alternative cheap
19 fuel, and they can use alternate fuel, that we urge --
20 the World Wildlife Fund urges Baffinland that your
21 ships should use an environmental-friendly fuel. We
22 urge Nunavut Impact Review Board, like, to recommend
23 Baffinland to use cleaner fuel to be used, and we know
24 that heavy fuel oil is not helping anybody, especially
25 our wildlife and environment.

26 Like, I will be wrapping up soon. I've been proud

1 that the five impacted communities are working
2 together, especially young people. They have some
3 concerns everywhere, especially in Pond Inlet, and they
4 are exercising their rights. As Canadians, it is up to
5 us, and we can voice our opinions, and I'm very proud
6 of the youth that they are exercising their rights in
7 expressing their concerns. And also, I am not in Pond
8 Inlet, but we know -- like, if Phase 2 were to proceed,
9 then -- then the communities will be impacted,
10 especially our caribou, marine mammals, seals, fish.
11 And the people of Pond Inlet has expressed their
12 concern that they are -- the marine mammals and fish
13 are being depleted, and they -- I'm very proud, my
14 fellow Inuit, and you try to express your concerns, and
15 I urge you, please, continue to work together about the
16 common goal. Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 THE CHAIR: Thank you. I thank all of
18 you, the presenters, the different organizations --
19 various organizations.

20 Thank you to all of the registered intervenors who
21 have presented over the last two days. The Board truly
22 appreciates your considerable efforts and ongoing
23 contribution to a very thorough technical assessment of
24 Baffinland's Phase 2 development project.

25 As the Board looks back over the three technical
26 meetings and two technical sessions held for this file

1 during November 2019 public hearing and over the past
2 two weeks of this public hearing, you have asked
3 thousands of questions and shared your expertise.

4 Before we continue into our community roundtable
5 session, we're going to take a 15-minute break, and
6 then I'll explain the process of the roundtable. Let's
7 take a 15-minute break.

8 (ADJOURNMENT)

9 THE CHAIR: Welcome back. Welcome back,
10 members of the community, people of Pond Inlet.

11 So we will -- welcome to our community roundtable
12 session for Pond. Today the community representatives
13 are seated. There will be a funeral today in
14 Pond Inlet after -- so we will continue at 1 and
15 take -- adjourn at 1:30 until 3:30, and we will resume
16 our meeting at 3:30.

17 So we want to respect the people of Pond Inlet
18 when they go to the funeral; that the community has a
19 funeral today, so we are going to adjourn the session
20 between 1:30 and 3:30. We'll reconvene at 3:30. When
21 we return at 3:30, we will adjourn at 5:30. Then
22 resume at 6:30.

23 Today the community representatives are seated
24 around the table with the Board. We have
25 representatives from women, youth, Elders, the hamlet,
26 and the hunters and trappers organization. And in the

1 audience, we have the interested members of the public
2 from Pond Inlet.

3 I thank you all for coming here to express your
4 views and concerns. The Board personally thanks each
5 and every one of you for taking time with us to share
6 your comments, questions, views, knowledge with the
7 Board.

8 You will notice that the format of the community
9 roundtable is quite different from the technical
10 sessions. The community roundtable is not as formal,
11 and the Board's focus today is on hearing the views,
12 concerns, and issues from the people of Pond Inlet.

13 The Board is here to listen, and Baffinland and
14 all the registered intervenors are available to answer
15 your questions. The registered intervenors are
16 available to answer your questions, Baffinland and
17 other intervenors.

18 As you can see from the agenda -- if you can see
19 on the agenda, the community roundtable session begins
20 with a very short summary presentation by the
21 proponent, recognizing that the community
22 representatives and members of the public in attendance
23 have already heard a great deal of technical
24 information about the Phase 2 development project over
25 the past eleven days.

26 Once Baffinland has provided their brief

1 presentation, we will get to questions and comments
2 from community members and members of the public who
3 have waited so patiently for today.

4 Tonight when we reconvene at 6:30, there will be a
5 30-minute video presentation made by James Simonee with
6 several Elders from Pond Inlet, and then we will
7 continue with our questions.

8 Anyone who wishes to ask questions, please let one
9 of the NIRB staff know that you wish to ask a question
10 or questions, and we will put your name on the list so
11 that we have your name on the public hearing record.

12 I will go through the list, and when I say your
13 name, please step up to the microphone, and you can ask
14 your question. Sometimes when you ask a question, I
15 may direct -- re-direct it to other parties in addition
16 to the party that you asked. I do that because there
17 may be other parties who have a regulatory mandate or
18 other responsibilities for that topic or provided their
19 technical expertise on that topic during the Board's
20 assessment and may be able to provide you with
21 additional information.

22 For all parties providing your answers, please try
23 to be concise and direct in your answers, remembering
24 that for community members, extensive referencing on
25 technical documents on the website is not helpful.
26 Like, when you have questions, I will re-direct your

1 questions to other intervenors who have -- for those
2 who have regulatory roles. Please be advised. So you
3 can ask any questions to any intervenor. (NO ENGLISH
4 FEED) hearing, we do have some ground rules to ensure
5 that everyone has a fair opportunity to participate and
6 their comments are noted on the record.

7 It is our tradition to give respect to our Elders,
8 therefore, at any time during the proceedings, we
9 invite Elders who are present in Pond Inlet to indicate
10 that they wish to speak. I may also prioritize them on
11 the list of participants wishing to speak. To ensure
12 your comments are properly recorded, please wait until
13 the Board gets a microphone to you before you speak.

14 For all speakers whenever you are speaking, please
15 speak directly into the microphone at a reasonable pace
16 and state your name before you provide your comments.
17 Please be respectful of other speakers and do not
18 interrupt. We also ask that even though you may have
19 strong emotions and disagree with the views of other
20 parties, remember to remain patient and kind with each
21 other. The Board appreciates everyone's commitment to
22 establishing a respectful and productive atmosphere on
23 this last day of our time here in Pond Inlet for the
24 public hearing.

25 And now we'll proceed with a very brief
26 introduction by the proponent. There will be a brief

1 introduction by the proponent.

2 Baffinland, Udlu Hanson.

3 MS. HANSON: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta. Udlu
4 Hanson, Baffinland.

5 Megan Lord-Hoyle will be leading the presentation
6 this morning. Qujannamiik.

7 THE CHAIR: Megan Lord-Hoyle. Before you
8 begin, people of Pond Inlet who wish to speak, if you
9 can inform our NIRB staff so they can record your name.
10 If you would like to speak, please let one of the NIRB
11 staff know because they'll be collecting names and
12 giving them to me as I go through the list.
13 Baffinland, Megan Lord-Hoyle.

14 Submissions by Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation
15 (Roundtable)

16 MS. LORD-HOYLE: Good morning. Madam Chair, I
17 will not be giving a formal presentation today, but it
18 is worth noting that there are copies of all the
19 presentations that have been given, including what we
20 had called the community roundtable presentation in
21 both Pond Inlet and here in Iqaluit for people's
22 reference. But I will be providing an overview of the
23 project with the assistance of two short videos and a
24 few photos.

25 My name is Megan Lord-Hoyle. I'm the vice
26 president of sustainable development for Baffinland.

1 Lou Kamermans, the senior director of sustainable
2 development will also be providing the end of the
3 presentation to talk about management of the project
4 and Inuit involvement in project decision-making.
5 We're looking forward to answering your questions
6 today, and thank you for having us.

7 Baffinland is currently mining from what we call
8 "Deposit 1". We're also exploring additional
9 properties that could be mined in the future.

10 The Phase 2 project will continue to mine from
11 Deposit 1, and it's projected or predicted that even if
12 we build both the Phase 2 project and the Steensby
13 project, the mine will have a life of 30 years.

14 When I say that we're exploring other properties,
15 it means that that mine life could be expanded in the
16 future if we began mining from those other deposits.
17 That's the reason why we call this a multigenerational
18 project.

19 We've been operating since 2015, and we have
20 learned a lot of lessons in that time. It's been a big
21 learning curve for everyone involved, and we have not
22 always done things the way that we have wanted or the
23 way that others would have wanted us to do, but we have
24 been learning from Inuit and learning through our
25 experiences, and we'll be applying these lessons to
26 Phase 2.

1 Our mining operations are still very vulnerable to
2 a lot of things that are not in our control. The
3 Phase 2 project is needed to ensure the long-term
4 financial stability of the company, and this will
5 provide stable and growing benefits for the North
6 Baffin region as well as across Canada.

7 Like all mines, we're dependent on a global market
8 price for the product that we sell. This is something
9 we don't control. In 2020 and so far in 2021, those
10 prices have been fairly high. This has been very
11 helpful for us, but these prices constantly change and
12 over the five years that we were operating have been
13 much lower. This is one of the reasons why we say we
14 need to expand and require the Phase 2 to be successful
15 in the long term.

16 We also believe that there is some advantages of
17 the Phase 2 proposal over the current project. It will
18 reduce dust and traffic along the tote road allowing
19 full community use of the road after construction is
20 complete. This is something the community of Pond
21 Inlet has been requesting since we began operations.

22 However, we know that the overall project will be
23 bigger, and so the communities closest to it will feel
24 that impact in their environment. Like our current
25 operations, we often talk about the Phase 2 proposal in
26 major components of where they're located, so the mine

1 site, the transportation corridor, Milne Port, or the
2 port site, and the marine environment, or the shipping
3 corridor.

4 A big change from current operations for the
5 Phase 2 proposal is moving from a trucking operation to
6 a rail operation. The rail line is going to be a
7 single track rail that is just over 100 kilometres long
8 and runs from the mine site to the port site.

9 Could Slide 1 of the additional photo deck that I
10 sent this morning be brought up on the screen, please.
11 Thank you.

12 These photos are from a workshop that we held
13 on-site and invited community representatives from
14 Igloolik and Pond Inlet as well as Government of
15 Nunavut staff and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.
16 What we did at the mine site was build a -- an example
17 of what the rail embankment or what the rail line could
18 look like so that people could see in person what we're
19 talking about in terms of the height, so how high the
20 embankment could be and the slope, or how steep the
21 sides of the embankment could be as well as what type
22 of material we're using.

23 So the rail line itself will be built from crushed
24 rock that's been gathered from quarries along the
25 project area. What you see in the top left corner and
26 the top right is the top of the rail embankment. So

1 sitting on top of this crushed rock will be wooden ties
2 and a metal rail line.

3 We've adjusted the type of rock that we're using
4 to build the embankment as a result of this workshop.
5 So in the right hand corner there, you'll see two
6 photos. The top is bigger crushed rock material, which
7 is what you can largely see along the sides of the
8 embankment and is what we originally proposed to use to
9 build the embankment.

10 Instead, as a result of this workshop, it was
11 determined that using a smaller material would be a
12 safer material for wildlife, if they were wishing to
13 cross. So that's more representative of the bottom
14 photo on the right-hand side.

15 So moving forward, if Phase 2 were approved, that
16 smaller material would be used. Could you please
17 switch to Slide 2.

18 (NO ENGLISH FEED)

19 THE CHAIR: ... so the interpreter can
20 switch the feed. You'll have to start that sentence
21 again. You may proceed.

22 MS. LORD-HOYLE: Megan Lord-Hoyle, Baffinland.

23 What you see in the top two photos here are
24 examples of what the rail track or rail line would look
25 like. It's wooden ties with a metal track on top, and
26 this is one of the reasons why we say that the rail

1 line will produce less dust than the trucks moving on a
2 gravel road.

3 Most of the rail line is going to follow very
4 closely to the tote road, within a hundred metres of
5 the tote road. However, there is one area, which is
6 about 26 kilometres in length that moves away from the
7 tote road at a distance of up to 7 kilometres away.
8 And the reason for this is to avoid a large hill that
9 presents a danger for the rail line to move over. We
10 need a flatter surface for the rail line to safely move
11 through. This area is often called the "deviation".
12 I've also heard it call the "dogleg" because of its
13 shape when we look at it on the map.

14 Through this review process, Baffinland has made
15 changes to the route in this area. We've heard from
16 community members that they did not agree with where
17 the rail line was originally proposed to go in this
18 area. Following a workshop that I described that was
19 held on-site, we investigated two other alignments and
20 ultimately decided to move forward with what we now
21 call "Route 3".

22 Route 3 is very close to where we originally
23 proposed, but it's moved to the other side of a river
24 and further away from a frequently used travel trail
25 between Pond Inlet and Igloolik.

26 We acknowledge that not everyone agrees with the

1 placement of Route 3 and that there still exists
2 concern with the routing in this area.

3 Introduction of the rail line is thought to have a
4 number of benefits. It will reduce the potential
5 interactions between wildlife or humans and vehicles.
6 It reduces the amount of fuel needed per tonne of iron
7 ore moved, and there will be less dust created along
8 the tote road area.

9 We say this because we will be replacing over 200
10 ore haul truck trips per day that's required to move
11 6 million tonnes with up to 10 round trips of the train
12 to move 12 million tonnes.

13 Although there will be an increase in traffic
14 along the road during the construction period, after
15 the rail is running, all the ore-haul trucks will be
16 taken off the road, and the road will only be used to
17 move water, fuel, supplies, equipment, and people along
18 the road.

19 There will be three trains with a total of up to
20 five train trips per day. Each train will have two
21 engines, so the engine is the example shown there, the
22 red locomotive. So there will be an engine at the
23 front and an engine at the back of the train and 64
24 rail cars in between. So an example of a rail car is
25 shown in the bottom right.

26 Each train will be under 1 kilometre long or

1 660 metres in length, and if you are standing in a
2 single spot, it would take just over one minute for the
3 train to pass you by.

4 The train will also be on a cycle. It will be
5 running continuously throughout the day, and it will
6 take about two-and-a-half to three hours to complete a
7 round trip. The speeds of the train will also be
8 controlled with a maximum speed of 60 kilometers per
9 hour with an average speed of 50 kilometers an hour for
10 a loaded train, but the speeds will also be controlled
11 by the landscape, and, in many areas, it will not be
12 able to travel at those maximum speeds.

13 We are also going to introduce areas of special
14 concern -- or special consideration that are
15 particularly sensitive for wildlife where even slower
16 speeds or other controls can be used. Could you please
17 go to Slide 3.

18 The rail line is going to have many different
19 areas to cross. In the design, we have included 13
20 large culverts, which are those examples shown on the
21 right side of this slide. These culverts are much
22 larger than the typical culverts that could be seen in
23 communities or that we have along the tote road, which
24 are similar to those shown on the left side, which are
25 used to allow water and fish to pass through. Could
26 you go to Slide 4. Thank you.

1 There will also be four bridges along the rail
2 line, and this shows an example of what that bridge
3 could look like. Both the bridges and culverts can act
4 as underpasses for wildlife and humans to get across
5 the rail line. The rail will also have dedicated
6 crossings for snow machines or ATVs for anyone
7 travelling through the area. Currently, we have 30
8 locations identified based on feedback we've received
9 at the past workshops, and we will keep working with
10 community members and Transport Canada to finalize
11 these numbers and locations. This work can be done
12 during construction of the rail line, and more can be
13 added in the future if needed. Baffinland has also
14 committed to construct an additional 20 kilometres of
15 snowmobile trails to assist hunters in the area with
16 travel.

17 We will now play a very short computer simulation
18 that shows the portion of the rail line that moves away
19 from the tote road. The animation is an illustration
20 of the proposed rail alignment. It has been sped up
21 for this presentation. The trains will not be moving
22 as fast as you see here. Could the video Route 3
23 please be played.

24 Video Played

25 Trains will normally travel at an average speed of
26 approximately 50 kilometres or 55 kilometers an hour.

1 This animation specifically covers the rail that has
2 been rerouted. The portion of the overall route seen
3 here covers a distance of 13 kilometres. It started at
4 Kilometre 70, and the loaded train is travelling
5 towards Milne Port. In the animation, the river is on
6 the left side in the distance. The previously proposed
7 rail route for this area was on the opposite side of
8 the river. Again, for the purposes of the animation,
9 the train was moving much faster than it would be in
10 reality.

11 At the mine site, the major changes will be to
12 build the infrastructure needed to load the rail cars
13 before they go to port. We will also be changing part
14 of the crushing process and moving secondary crushing,
15 which is crushing the larger blasted rocks from the
16 mine down to the sizes that we sell to our customers to
17 the port site inside of a building.

18 At the port site, we will build a new ore dock,
19 which will help us load two vessels at once as well as
20 constructing new buildings to support unloading the
21 rail cars in the indoor crushing facility that I just
22 spoke ever.

23 The stockpiles will increase in size, but we will
24 continue to use a new product, which we now use to
25 spray the stockpiles with and form a crust over the
26 stockpiles to reduce dust from blowing around. We will

1 also increase the camp at the port site and power
2 facilities.

3 In the marine environment, Phase 2 shipping will
4 follow the same route that it currently does for the
5 early revenue phase. There will be no changes to the
6 shipping route that we have proposed.

7 The proposed shipping season would extend from
8 July 1st to November 15th annually. However, we would
9 not necessarily be shipping during these dates. The
10 actual dates of shipping will be subject to ice
11 conditions, and the start of the season will be
12 determined around Inuit use of the floe edge in Eclipse
13 Sound.

14 So, for example, that means if Inuit were still
15 hunting off the floe edge at Eclipse Sound on
16 July 18th, we would not be shipping, even though our
17 shipping season starts July 1st. Baffinland will not
18 break land-fast ice. We will wait for ice to be broken
19 along the entire ship route. The Phase 2 would not use
20 more than --

21 THE INTERPRETER: Could you repeat the
22 previous -- previous, please. Previous.

23 MS. LORD-HOYLE: The Phase 2 will not use more
24 than 176 ore carriers in a season. It was our
25 intention that once full construction of the rail line
26 was complete, we would be ready to use the full amount

1 of vessels. We have since reconsidered that based on
2 input from the community of Pond Inlet who have
3 requested that we ramp up the shipping in a more slower
4 fashion. We have agreed to do just that.

5 Before I end, we'll show another short video that
6 is a computer simulation of the Phase 2 components I
7 just described. The audio is in Inuktitut with English
8 subtitles, so I will not narrate it. Could we please
9 play the overview video.

10 Video Played

11 MS. LORD-HOYLE: Thank you.

12 I'll ask Lou Kamermans to provide some very brief
13 closing comments. Thank you.

14 THE CHAIR: Lou Kamermans.

15 MR. KAMERMANS: Lou Kamermans, Baffinland.

16 Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 The Phase 2 final environmental impact statement
18 addendum was developed using Nunavut Impact Review
19 Board guidelines that were developed through multiple
20 rounds of public review.

21 Our assessment focused on the same valued
22 components established for the approved project, which
23 include the terrestrial, atmospheric, freshwater,
24 marine, and socio-economic environments.

25 For each of our assessments, we made use of the
26 most up-to-date information, including new modelling,

1 risk assessments, and Inuit Qaujimaqatugangit
2 gathering. The assessments also benefited from several
3 years of monitoring results from the early revenue
4 phase. Our assessments are conservative, meaning we
5 used the most intense version of the project to make
6 our predictions.

7 We could need up to 176 ships to come to Milne
8 Port to move 12 million tonnes. We don't want to use
9 that many, and we will try to push that number down as
10 much as we can. But without owning our own ships, we
11 can't guarantee that, so we made sure we based our
12 predictions on the right information.

13 Applying our existing and new mitigations was
14 another important part of our assessments, as these
15 have been designed to avoid or reduce as much as
16 possible the unwanted effects of project activities.

17 Based on all of this work, we have predicted the
18 project's potential effects and evaluated the
19 significance of those effects. While we believe our
20 project, if managed correctly -- and that's an
21 important point; it needs to be managed -- that it will
22 not cause any significant negative environmental
23 effects.

24 This doesn't mean no effects will occur, and we
25 will be responsible for monitoring the environment and
26 making changes if we find any unanticipated effects are

1 occurring. This is why our environmental management
2 system is so important, and this is why our
3 relationship with the communities will be so important
4 moving forward.

5 Thank you for giving me the time today to go over
6 this briefly, and I look forward to the many questions
7 we'll receive today and providing the best responses we
8 can. Thank you.

9 THE CHAIR: In terms of the assessments
10 and questions, we will be turning to Pond Inlet. These
11 are the organizations will be -- these intervenors will
12 be able to answer your questions as well.

13 So for Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Nunavut
14 Tunngavik Incorporated, Hamlet of Pond Inlet, Pond
15 Inlet Hunters and Trappers, Igloolik Working Group,
16 Igloolik Wildlife Organization, Sanirajak Hunters and
17 Trappers, Hamlet of Sanirajak, Hamlet of Arctic Bay,
18 Arctic Bay Hunters and Trappers and also in Clyde River
19 from the hamlet and the hunters and trappers
20 association, Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Association,
21 Government of Nunavut, the Federal Government, and also
22 World Wildlife Funding Canada, Environment Canada,
23 Health Canada, Parks Canada, Transport Canada, and also
24 Oceans North, World Wildlife Fund, Nunavut Independent
25 Television Network.

26 So in terms of those, they are the people that you

1 can ask questions as well, and also to mention for
2 those that are speaking for Pond Inlet, Caleb Sangoya,
3 Jayko Aloofoo, and Lucy Quassa. So they are appointed.
4 Firstly -- the first name I have is Elijah
5 Panipakoocho.

6 Community Roundtable Questions and Responses

7 MR. PANIPAKOOCHO: Can you hear me? Thank you,
8 Chairperson. You can hear me?

9 Elijah Panipakoocho from Pond Inlet. I'm also a
10 member of the hunters and trappers board, and I'm also
11 an Elder for the Board.

12 Just to clarify, in terms of the other communities
13 that they must understand how the operation needs to
14 be -- needs to have clear direction and the Baffinland
15 company and Qikiqtani Inuit Association staff about the
16 land. And also with the five communities, they need to
17 understand how we live up here in Pond Inlet, our way
18 of life.

19 For those that are -- when they first started --
20 when the first mine first started, we would be helping
21 them to try to make them understand how the wildlife
22 exists and whether it be caribou or wildlife and how
23 they would be affected, how the marine wildlife and the
24 narwhal would be affected, and we tried to help them at
25 the mine site, and we worked hard about the wildlife
26 based on the Inuit way of doing things and the southern

1 way of doing things, and we worked together.

2 We started in 2011 when they first started the
3 shipping, and we were talking about the impact. And we
4 also did training on top of Bruce Head while we were
5 using the scopes to teach them about narwhals, and we
6 would tell them how old the narwhal is, whether the
7 calves -- based on the southern terminology we would
8 teach them. I worked with Heather and Patrick. If
9 they would listen, I say hello to them, if by any
10 chance they were listening. They were my working
11 colleagues.

12 This big scope -- if you see the picture of the
13 big scope with somebody in it, that was me. I'm still
14 getting older. I'm that same person.

15 So I still sit with the hunters and trappers board
16 when they are meeting. I was a caribou hunter, perhaps
17 for every day use in that area when Mary River first
18 started. So I have written these things, but I'm a
19 slow reader so I prefer to just talk. If there's a
20 recording of my speech, so that I can record what we
21 are saying, and I recognize Megan. I met her in Ottawa
22 regarding the Mary River Project. So whoever
23 recognizes me that are watching.

24 What I want to state to say this, that the hunters
25 and the iron mine workers and also in Pond Inlet with
26 this project -- I'm trying to tell the truth here --

1 that people would have a good look about the negative
2 impacts and the issues, problems. Sometimes if we
3 don't have a good understanding, we come into
4 disagreements.

5 So for this project that we have in our community
6 and the hunters -- and the hunters organization working
7 through the hunters organization and also the World
8 Wildlife Fund, and the -- why the World Wildlife
9 organization would reduce the amount of tags -- I just
10 want to make it short here so -- because there's people
11 that want to talk here, and these hours seem to be
12 short.

13 So when we were -- when the mine was first
14 starting, we would meet them. We would have agreements
15 with them to discuss their proposals. We also would
16 discuss -- discuss our proposals with them. We would
17 give them counterproposals in 1960s because we were
18 waiting in the 1960s because we wanted to live in the
19 Milne Inlet area in the summertime because we would be
20 caribou hunting there in the summertime, and there
21 would be a lot of camps there at Milne Inlet. I can
22 affirm that. And it had good water, and it had lots of
23 caribou. We would not move so much away from the Milne
24 Inlet area because just within that area, there would
25 be enough caribou to satisfy our requirements, and it
26 would be before it started getting too cold. And we

1 know that at Milne Inlet when it starts to freeze, we
2 would be hunting there in that area.

3 When the ice is very thin, parts of it being
4 water -- open water, there would be lots of seal, and
5 some seal would be on top of the ice. You need to
6 visualize that, how much wildlife there was in that
7 area, and there would be a lot of caribou and a lot of
8 seals, especially when it starts to freeze up, and
9 there was enough wildlife such as seals.

10 So when the mining project proposals were done and
11 those agreements we talked about, and we would be -- to
12 have good agreement in their planning process at the
13 beginning, and the benefits they would be providing for
14 us, they would give us -- when they give us that --
15 their proposals, they would say that they would have a
16 road that harvesters could use, hunters could use. We
17 even drew a line where hunters would need to access the
18 road so that there would be no impediment when the
19 mining is still taking place.

20 We wanted to have the mine operating so we had a
21 good agreement. We picked out the trails that the
22 trucks did not -- to have to wait too long and the
23 hunters didn't want to wait too long either to make
24 sure that they caught them when there's a clothing
25 requirement for the caribou that they would be able to
26 catch the caribou when they're perfect for clothing in

1 terms of the skins.

2 There is nothing compared to the caribou skins in
3 terms of warmth. We have used southern clothing, and
4 we're trying to figure out how they could be any
5 warmer. For the southern clothing, although they are
6 warm, as Inuit, when we are working and are working
7 around and being outside and being active, they have a
8 tendency to condensate and they get cold afterwards.
9 Okay.

10 So caribou skins are incomparable. Even though
11 they may be a little wet, they're still warm. So in
12 this cold winter -- and we have warm periods, then
13 things get wet. And so when the ice is freezing and
14 the lakes are freezing and the snow -- even if you
15 don't have a tent, if there's good snow -- good snow to
16 be able to make iglooviga, so this is what we did.

17 And also for dogs, we would go -- travel by dog
18 team to Mary River to go caribou hunting there, and we
19 would bring dog food. Perhaps a week, maybe a month we
20 could spend our time there.

21 For those that are still having dog teams today,
22 at that time, they're trying to make sure that the dog
23 teams are consistent and still going. For some of us,
24 we don't have dog teams. I used to go travel by dog
25 team myself around Mary River area before the Ski-Doos
26 were available.

1 So we seem to have this opportunity to catch any
2 kind of wildlife at that time in that area, just to
3 show I'm telling this. And every summer around the
4 Mary River area, sometimes people would walk there
5 bringing their dogs with them to be able to catch the
6 caribou for their skins for their clothing. People
7 don't do that nowadays. They're not trying to get
8 clothing. Sometimes people would spend the whole
9 summer there just to collect enough skins for their
10 clothing because they were the only warm clothing
11 available, their skins. This is what it used to be
12 like.

13 And when the mining came while they were there in
14 that area, so we would have meetings and we would have
15 negotiations and we would have agreements to make sure
16 that we would work cooperatively, and this is how we
17 made our discussions.

18 So for these that have been discussed by
19 Baffinland, they are talking about creeks, and we would
20 tell them we can make creeks. We can help close to our
21 area because there's a lot of glaciers in this area,
22 and some of them are high -- with the high mountains,
23 they have glaciers on top of the mountains, and when
24 they are thawing, they're thawing too fast -- a little
25 bit faster each year, and they have a tendency to
26 change the top of the land when they melt -- even

1 though there's some valleys there, have been different
2 kind of topo -- tops.

3 When we're trying to travel, sometimes there are
4 some roads that we're not able to travel anymore
5 because they have been eaten away by the creeks and
6 rivers coming from the glaciers because -- when it's
7 first thawing. So this is a concern for us in the
8 future on how we would manage our way of life as we
9 live in this area. And for those that are unemployed,
10 although they need to have alternative ways of living,
11 sometimes they get into poverty because of all these
12 difficulties and changes to our land. So I wanted to
13 tell about that.

14 So today -- now we seem to be in a negotiating
15 situation that we have to be in agreement, that we need
16 to have a good plan, and we have been requesting to
17 Baffinland. We were told also that Qikiqtani Inuit
18 Association, we need to talk to them, but if we talk to
19 them, they still have not given to us any agreements
20 that the hunters in this area -- what we have learned
21 from this area.

22 It's a concern for the hunters here that there are
23 problems or potential problems coming from this
24 project, so we need to have a cooperative working
25 attitude, although we had that some time ago. We have
26 elected Qikiqtani Inuit Association. We try to choose

1 them to represent us, but the hunters know what it's
2 like in this area because they live in this area, and
3 this is the situation we are in in Pond Inlet.

4 So the mine wants to help with the Inuit and
5 probably southern people, and they want to go ahead,
6 but the hunters are getting very impatient now because
7 these original agreements that they had -- because they
8 heard and have listened to them, and they remember them
9 and that we are urging that Qikiqtani Inuit Association
10 to listen again because there was a promise of
11 cooperative working, but now we seem to have a stall on
12 where we are now.

13 The hunters need to be happy and the mine needs to
14 be happy. We try to make both of them happy, but it's
15 very difficult as a hunter to have any more patience
16 with the situation for all of these things because
17 there have been prior agreements before. So I wanted
18 to state that. I have no further comments.

19 As Elders here, we are getting less and less
20 physically able, and it's the young people, they would
21 be our helpers, and they're the ones that would be
22 hunting and helping us, and so we need to think about
23 this carefully how to move forward, this agreement.
24 When people agree -- when Inuit agree that -- whoever
25 they're agreeing with, they believe him, and they trust
26 him, and they may be trustworthy themselves. They try

1 to make sure that they stick to their agreement, but in
2 that way we seem to be different, that there's an
3 agreement that have been created. Although there are
4 some things, like, little things that -- you know,
5 benefits and things -- stuff, but it doesn't encompass
6 everything. If I'm not too fast? These are the things
7 that I wanted to discuss so that you have a good
8 visualization of our concerns.

9 So hello to all the people that are watching in
10 Clyde River and Arctic Bay and Igloolik. So we know
11 that in Clyde River and in Igloolik in our hunting
12 areas and Sanirajak as well, we have travelled to those
13 places when we're younger because we would be able to
14 travel with our good trails and stuff by snowmobile.
15 Thank you. I think that's it. I'm Elijah
16 Panipakoocho.

17 Thank you, Chairperson, from the hunters and
18 trappers organization. If you can understand me.

19 THE CHAIR: Responses from Baffinland,
20 Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Mittimatalik Hunters and
21 Trappers Organization organization, and, earlier this
22 week, Mr. Panipakoocho had questions to Government of
23 Nunavut. First Baffinland.

24 MS. HANSON: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta. Udlu
25 Hanson, Baffinland.

26 Qujannamiik, Elijah. Thank you, Elijah. Thank

1 you very much for your comments. Your -- what we would
2 like you to know is that our staff think very fondly of
3 you. They speak about you with great respect and all
4 your teachings. Learning from Inuit is truly our
5 staff's favourite part of their jobs. Thank you for
6 guiding our staff. We're committed to working with all
7 parties on honouring our agreements. You spoke very
8 well about cooperation, and we truly couldn't be able
9 to do what we do without cooperating in every sense.

10 Thank you for being very generous with your time
11 and your comments to help us do that. Qujannamiik.

12 THE CHAIR: Qikiqtani Inuit Association,
13 P.J. Akeeagok.

14 MR. AKEEAGOK: Good morning. My name is
15 P.J. Akeeagok, president of Qikiqtani Inuit
16 Association.

17 First of all, I want to thank the people of Pond
18 Inlet. We are welcomed here to talk about some major
19 issues, so I just want to start off with that. Thank
20 you for the fact that we are able to be here in
21 Pond Inlet, and this was our expectation for a long
22 time so we can hear from the communities.

23 Before I respond with an answer, I want to point
24 out because this major public hearing and the Qikiqtani
25 Inuit Association have not given Phase 2 any
26 consideration, even though it was mentioned I just want

1 to clarify that.

2 Like, the Board members want to listen to the
3 community concerns within the past two weeks, and we've
4 seen some very powerful words that were provided to
5 Nunavut Impact Review Board and that the Panel has been
6 listening to the comments here in Pond Inlet and
7 Iqaluit. I want to recognize the Board before I
8 respond to any questions from Mr. Panipakoocho.

9 I thank Mr. Panipakoocho for your great knowledge,
10 especially about using Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit as your
11 foundation, and we recognize that and the picture that
12 you were referring to, the Qikiqtani Inuit
13 Association -- I think it was 2011 -- they tried very
14 hard to -- because based on the comments we heard from
15 the communities, and it has been used when you are
16 counting, and I want to recognize the fact that you
17 were very helpful, and it was an Inuit-led monitoring
18 program that you conduct.

19 And the fact that there was a question about the
20 route. If you don't mind, Mr. Bathory, if you can
21 understand about the agreement about the hunters' route
22 that was to be built. So we will inform you well about
23 that. If you don't mind, Madam Chair, I want
24 Mr. Bathory to answer.

25 THE CHAIR: Stephen Williamson-Bathory.

26 MR. WILLIAMSON-BATHORY: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta.

1 Stephen Williamson-Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit
2 Association, and Qujannamiik, Elijah, for your
3 continued participation.

4 On the specific topic of hunter access on the tote
5 road, this has been raised consistently from the
6 Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers, and we understand
7 Baffinland and the hunters and trappers are working on
8 a specific route deviation, and QIA is willing to
9 support what has to be done to complete that work.

10 So this was also raised, for example, Madam Chair,
11 at our last meetings in Mittimatalik at end of
12 September, early October. Qujannamiik.

13 THE CHAIR: Mittimatalik Hunters and
14 Trappers Organization, Eric Ootoovak.

15 MR. OOTOOVAK: Eric Ootoovak, Hunters and
16 Trappers Organization in Pond Inlet. Thank you, Madam
17 Chair. And thank you, kadloo -- Elijah.

18 I did not hear any question in your comments, but
19 you were referring to the access road for hunters, and
20 the hunters and trappers organization. And Baffinland,
21 when they were talking -- discussing the -- we were
22 asking for an access road for hunters, and I do recall
23 and based on my understanding, the Kitinuaq [phonetic]
24 area there, like, has been worked upon. That's my
25 understanding, yes.

26 Ever since the project began, the hunters has been

1 asking for a better access road to be built, and our
2 route since -- even before I was born and, to date, we
3 have been using that access road. And Baffinland was
4 asked, and we always respond to them about how
5 improvements can be made to the access road used by
6 hunters.

7 And also hopefully we will not bother the -- we
8 have all -- on more than one occasion we always inform
9 Baffinland about this issue and have tried to improve
10 the access road here, and the hunters and trappers
11 organization have been telling Baffinland, but -- and
12 that is my understanding, that Baffinland will make a
13 design and send it to the Qikiqtani Inuit Association,
14 that they can write to the Qikiqtani Inuit Association
15 to ensure that the access road for hunters can be
16 improved. I think I responded to that -- and to
17 kadloo. Thank you, Madam Chair.

18 THE CHAIR: Government of Nunavut,
19 Jimi Onalik.

20 MR. ONALIK: Thank you, Madam Chair, and
21 qujannamiik, Elijah, for your question earlier.

22 From what I recall, it was related to a sample
23 that was brought into the wildlife office. We've sent
24 that sample to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans,
25 and we'll follow up in the next -- the very near future
26 with them and make sure that staff from the Department

1 of Environment gets -- gets back on that.

2 And, for the community, we want to make sure that
3 if there are concerns or samples or things you want to
4 show the department of environment or things you want
5 to show the department of environment, our door is
6 open, and we ask either John or the wildlife officers
7 will make themselves available.

8 And I also want to take this opportunity to thank
9 you, Madam Chair, for allowing this session -- for
10 facilitating this session. The Government of Nunavut
11 believes in this process, and we're very thankful that
12 we have the opportunity before you make your decision,
13 because you haven't made your decision, to hear from
14 the people of Mittimatalik. Qujannamiik.

15 THE CHAIR: Paul Idlout.

16 MR. IDLOUT: Can you hear me?

17 THE CHAIR: Yes.

18 MR. IDLOUT: I'm originally from Pond
19 Inlet, but I no longer come here often. I was born in
20 Pond Inlet at Low Point, the Low Point area used to be
21 my traditional land, but I tend to live in Pond Inlet
22 more.

23 I am 84 years old. Even though I am 84, I don't
24 feel like I'm an Elder. That's the way life tends to
25 turn. I'm very grateful for the fact that I am able to
26 be in Pond Inlet, even though my cousin passed away

1 and, therefore, that's why I'm here. He will be buried
2 today, and he was ill for a long time, and we will no
3 longer be with him. I'm glad that I am able and that
4 only by the grace of God I am living and I'm okay.

5 Even though I am an Elder, but I don't look like
6 an Elder. I think all of you are younger than me, all
7 those who are here, I am 85 -- when you are 85 years
8 old, I think everyone else is younger when you're an
9 Inuk.

10 I was raised in Pond Inlet, and I started
11 remembering we were at -- near Curry Island. There's a
12 place there, and we call them -- on the west of Pond
13 Inlet when my parents were alive. My father's name was
14 Idlout, and my grandfather's name was Akumalik.
15 Akumalik was our Elder at Curry Island. I'm originally
16 from Curry Island, and we moved to Resolute Bay in
17 1955, and I've never returned to this area since but --
18 even though I visit the community, but I know for a
19 fact that I am traditionally from Pond Inlet even
20 though I have not been living in Pond Inlet for a long
21 time, but I'm -- proudest achievement that I was raised
22 here, and I want to comment on something that I found
23 out.

24 Ever since I started coming to Pond Inlet, the
25 people of Pond Inlet, it appears like they can readily
26 access wildlife now. Like, we used to go seal hunting

1 near Bylot Island, and we were able to harvest seals
2 all along the adjacent area when I was a young man, and
3 my uncle used to go carry me. Like, I was very small
4 and he used to carry me, and I helped him catch seals.
5 And when he told me to follow the lead, and when I find
6 a breathing hole, I think I sat at the breathing hole
7 for a long time. That was our lifestyle.

8 And I have an uncle, and he died young. My uncle
9 died young, so he was my cousin's father. Me and my
10 wife are okay. She is here in Pond Inlet with me.
11 Piujuq is her name. She is my wife. Piujuq is okay,
12 but can hardly walk because she's old. She's an old
13 lady. When they become old, that's how Inuit tend to
14 behave.

15 I never thought my wife would be an old lady, but
16 that's the way it is. It turned out that my wife is an
17 old lady so -- that's because of her age. I think I am
18 related to all of the people of Pond Inlet. I have a
19 son here. Joshua is my son.

20 I am well, but I can't run very fast because I no
21 longer run. It turns out you can't run when you're an
22 Elder. I don't really believe that I'm an Elder, even
23 though I am 85 years old. I can't label myself as an
24 Elder, so I'm acting like just a normal human being,
25 and I know the land very well. Like, the environment
26 is different than it used to be.

1 When I was living here during the summertime, we
2 used to go hunting on Eclipse Sound area, and we all --
3 you were always able to see some seal. That is not the
4 case nowadays, and there's been narwhals all the time
5 during summer and now all that is not the case, but the
6 people here who are -- been living here in Pond Inlet
7 for a long time, they're yearning for the wildlife
8 because it's that diet. They want narwhals, and they
9 used to hunt narwhals and seals, then during the winter
10 they would harvest the seals in abundance in the land.

11 And Bylot Island, it was the area where the people
12 of Pond Inlet used to go seal hunting, and the adjacent
13 areas have different names, place names. Inuit may --
14 Ikpiarjuk, (INDISCERNIBLE), Low Point, Qaurnak,
15 Qimivvik, and Curry Island. Like, they were all
16 occupied when I was living here, and all of them relied
17 on country food, each and every one, and there was
18 never really any hunger, but they were at Qimivvik, and
19 those were the ones, I think, who were near starvation
20 because of their hunting practices. They were hungry
21 for food because they were not trying to harvest
22 wildlife. But we, ever since we were young, like,
23 sometimes you don't really want to go out hunting, and
24 we were not prevented from hunting when we were young.
25 So as soon as we were capable and the weather was fine,
26 we had no choice but to go seal hunting to look for

1 food. Like, we were used to that lifestyle, which we
2 no longer live and that there were no lights. Like, we
3 relied on the oil lamp when we were in, so it was --
4 seemed very bright when the seal oil lamp was burning.

5 Like, I -- when I was -- I started remembering we
6 were living near Curry Island, Aulattivik. When I was
7 born, maybe I was seven years old, that I was living
8 outside of Pond Inlet, and Pond -- I totally believe
9 that Pond Inlet is my home because I used to live here.
10 I still think -- consider it as home, and I know the
11 adjacent hunting areas where we used to hunt -- I used
12 to go hunting, especially when I was a young boy, and
13 then when I became an adult, I got a wife and I moved
14 back to this area. And I was -- went out seal hunting
15 for seal by dog team outside of Pond Inlet. We used to
16 go hunting outside of Pond Inlet, and we -- hunting was
17 our lifestyle when we were young. That was our
18 lifestyle. As long as the weather was fine, we had no
19 choice but to go hunting.

20 Like, when I started to mature, on a Saturday when
21 the weather was fine, when I woke up I went out and
22 checked the weather. So, like, when I'm away, then I
23 am to blame because I'm not out hunting for -- to hunt
24 for food for seal. So that was our lifestyle when we
25 were young. We had no choice but to go hunting for
26 seal and when -- so seal hunting was our main

1 occupation. As Inuit, we hunt -- we trap foxes. We
2 hardly hunt for seals because in Pond Inlet area, there
3 were no caribou for the longest time, and there was no
4 seal -- no caribou when we were young, only when we
5 became adults did the caribou herds return.

6 And I know you have undertaken a major operation
7 in regard to shipping when I was living here, and I
8 totally believe that the mining company would not be
9 here if we were not here. Like, in the past when they
10 want to start the mining project, I don't think there
11 would be any mining companies if I were living in Pond
12 Inlet because I had one of the authority, and the fact
13 that I had authority. And I do recall my parents had
14 authority, and I don't think they would approve if
15 somebody wants to start mining in this area.

16 They were working with white people, but they had
17 their own task, and that's how they lived their
18 lifestyle, and I've been alive for a long time, but the
19 fact that I am okay, and I can still walk with these --
20 but I no longer hunt now. So that's something like is
21 my lifestyle. I am no longer hunting these days. When
22 I was young, I used to go out hunting all the time.
23 Hunting, when we were young, was our main occupation in
24 the -- like, in the past when -- if it were long time
25 ago then -- it's totally different now. Our lifestyle
26 is totally different now, and I think some of us are

1 getting used to being aged because it's preferable to
2 have a house.

3 I'm very grateful to all of you, and I love you
4 very much. I am the more -- one of the senior Elders.
5 I love you very much, and, like, all of the people here
6 are my relatives and that should be the case. I think
7 all of you are related to me, and I'm very glad about
8 it, so I'm very glad that when I come to Pond Inlet, I
9 am able to see my relative.

10 I visited your Elder Elisopi Ootoova yesterday. I
11 went to visit Elisopi yesterday, and she is doing fine
12 and still remembers everything vividly. I'm very glad
13 that I was able to see her, and that she was fine.
14 Yes. I am very grateful for fact that I am here, and I
15 will listen carefully. There is something that the
16 mining -- something that you do not want in your area,
17 and I know that cape-sized ships will be coming to our
18 area, and that's something that I totally don't want to
19 see. Yes. But we have no choice it seems. And even
20 though they tell Baffinland they don't listen to the
21 concerns of the community. Yes. Thank you very much.
22 That is it for now.

23 THE CHAIR: Yes. My condolences for your
24 loss of family member. Just some guidance for
25 intervenors and the proponent, sometimes when community
26 members provide a comment, it's an opportunity for you

1 to share from your mandate or the intervention that you
2 provided for this assessment. Just to clarify -- or an
3 opportunity to clarify based on their comment.

4 Next one, Caleb Sangoya.

5 MR. SANGOYA: Thank you, Madam Chair. First
6 of all to say those of you who have come here to
7 arrive, it's my condolences for you who have lost your
8 dear ones. I love you.

9 I was appointed to come here by Mittimatalik HTO
10 to represent them. I will have questions to
11 Canada's -- I don't know what you call it, cultural
12 affairs or -- and also Environment Canada and to
13 Baffinland. Thank you for this opportunity, Madam
14 Chair.

15 To start off, DFO and Environment Canada, I have
16 questions. Back to the comments earlier on heavy fuel.
17 When -- back when there was a meeting in London,
18 England on environmental impact on February 15,
19 February 21 and 22, heavy fuel contaminates the land,
20 the environment, and the waters, and it was said that
21 it should not be used, especially those that go to the
22 Antarctic area, and this was recommended to environment
23 and that it no longer be used -- heavy fuel no longer
24 be used in the Arctic, but it does a lot of
25 contamination to the environment.

26 With that -- and it was also an issue raised to

1 Nunavut Government that it no longer be used.

2 We know the barges that come up here use the heavy
3 fuel along with vehicles. My question: Those of us
4 who live in the high Arctic, is that not a worry?
5 There's no worry for us? There's no worry that this
6 heavy fuel is used up here? There's no concern of the
7 people? The environment is not of concern by DFO?
8 That is my first question.

9 If I can get a response to that question, and I'll
10 ask another question. And I want a truthful answer,
11 whether it -- whether it's positive or not. I'd rather
12 have truth be heard. If I can have a response to that,
13 Madam Chair, and I will ask another question.

14 THE CHAIR: Environment and Climate Change
15 Canada. Gabriel Bernard-Lecaille.

16 MS. GRAHAM: Anna Graham, Environment and
17 Climate Change Canada.

18 THE CHAIR: Anna Graham.

19 MS. GRAHAM: Anna Graham, Environment and
20 Climate Change Canada. I would like to call on Brian
21 Asher to respond to this question. Thank you.

22 THE CHAIR: Brian Asher.

23 MR. ASHER: Thank you for the question.

24 Environment and Climate Change Canada has
25 recommended that the proponent not use heavy fuel oil
26 within Canada -- Canadian waters, and our

1 recommendation is based on the emissions of black
2 carbon that is emitted from their shipping activities.
3 So our recommendation is that they use a lighter
4 distillate fuel within Canadian waters.

5 There is the idea that -- regarding spills and
6 potential impacts to marine -- the marine environment.
7 Canada is supportive of a ban on heavy fuel oil within
8 the Canadian Arctic and within the Arctic. Transport
9 Canada is the lead in negotiations on that ban with the
10 international marine organization, and that ban is set
11 to begin in 2024 with applicable -- the ships, as we
12 understand it, for Baffinland would be applicable to
13 begin not using heavy fuel oil in 2029. Thank you.

14 THE CHAIR: Brian Asher, can you please
15 repeat that last sentence.

16 MR. ASHER: The ships that Baffinland will
17 be using for this operation will be permitted to be
18 used -- use heavy fuel under the currently planned
19 heavy fuel oil ban with the International Maritime
20 Organization to -- but Canada is supportive of that
21 ban, and Transport Canada is the lead on the
22 implementation and negotiation of that ban. Thank you.

23 THE CHAIR: Brian Asher, it was the
24 information regarding the years.

25 MR. ASHER: The ban on Heavy fuel oil is
26 set to begin in the year 2024. In the year 2029 is

1 when -- there is an exemption, which would allow
2 Baffinland -- the ships that we expect Baffinland to
3 use to be permitted to be here 2029, after which all
4 ships will be required to not use or carry heavy fuel
5 oil. To reiterate, is that Baffinland not use heavy
6 fuel oil within Canadian waters to reduce black carbon
7 air pollution. Thank you.

8 THE CHAIR: Government of Nunavut, Jimi
9 Onalik.

10 MR. ONALIK: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta. Thank
11 you, Madam Chair.

12 The Government of Nunavut supports the ban on
13 heavy fuel, but, again, like many of these issues
14 it's -- there's a subtlety, I think. The way that the
15 ban is being proposed is a good thing. The ban on fuel
16 would be a good thing, but the costs of that ban would
17 impact Nunavummiut mainly. It's -- we want to make
18 sure that if this ban is introduced, that the federal
19 government is the one that recognizes that Inuit and
20 Nunavummiut would be paying for the increased cost of
21 shipping food and other goods to Nunavut.

22 So we are supportive of the general idea. We want
23 to work with Transport Canada and others to make sure
24 that it's not only Nunavummiut who pay the price for
25 that. I hope that answers the question. Qujannamiik.

26 THE CHAIR: Caleb Sangoya.

1 MR. SANGOYA: Thank you for the responses
2 they gave. We'd like to see the actual date when heavy
3 fuel would actually be disused. We will wait, and we
4 will expect as residents are in Mittimatalik and
5 hopefully this will be more recent from my
6 understanding from Environment Canada and Nunavut
7 government, and I do have a letter regards to this.

8 My other question is for NTI, Nunavut Tunngavik.
9 In the land claims agreement, the Nunavut Agreement, it
10 is stated -- I forget which article is -- it is in.
11 The dirt road in particular, that it was agreed to in
12 the agreement for reason that Inuit who are adjacent to
13 the road will also have access -- to the access road.
14 The agreement -- to date it's not used at all. It's
15 not a public road. Only the ones who are accessing it
16 are the loaders, but no access for public.

17 So my question to NTI was this: Why then to date
18 it has infringed the agreement? When will this be
19 rectified? Has this been agreed to by us? When will
20 we realize that? Is this an issue we will have no more
21 voice? My question to NTI.

22 THE CHAIR: NTI, James Eetoolook.

23 MR. EETOOLOOK: Thank you, good morning.
24 James Eetoolook, NTI. Caleb Sangoya's question, our
25 legal advisor will respond to this who deals with
26 agreements such as this one you raised. Thank you.

1 THE CHAIR: Arthur Yuan needs to be
2 affirmed. NIRB legal counsel.

3 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.
4 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact
5 Review Board.

6 Madam Chair, we do not swear in lawyers because
7 the expectation is their professional obligations
8 require them to tell the truth. Thank you, Madam
9 Chair.

10 THE CHAIR: Arthur Yuan.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me, Madam Chair.
12 Carson Gillis -- I believe Carson Gillis can respond to
13 that instead.

14 THE CHAIR: Nunavut Tunngavik
15 Incorporated, Carson Gillis.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me, Madam Chair, Paul
17 Irngaut.

18 THE CHAIR: Paul Irngaut.

19 MR. IRNGAUT: Thank you, Madam Chair. Paul
20 Irngaut, NTI. What we can respond is with different
21 agreements. The question in the -- in the agreement
22 called IIBA that QIA have signed, have to be included,
23 and they make agreements on land use so to -- the
24 question, I believe, can be directed to QIA
25 irrespective in our agreement that Inuit cannot be
26 obstructed into full access and accommodation must be

1 made if they -- if they want to have access to a
2 particular place and not obstructed under Article 5.
3 And Inuit are given access to wherever they may want to
4 pass through or cross. Thank you.

5 THE CHAIR: Qikiqtani Inuit Association,
6 P.J. Akeeagok.

7 MR. AKEEAGOK: Thank you, Madam Chair.
8 Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

9 Caleb's question in the agreement, five seven
10 eighteen, five seven twenty-seven that he referred to,
11 if I can -- I know we are involved in the IIBA
12 agreements that he referred to, but how it affects and
13 how it is worded in the agreement, I would like to give
14 it to --

15 THE INTERPRETER: I didn't catch the name.

16 THE CHAIR: Stephen Williamson-Bathory.

17 MR. WILLIAMSON-BATHORY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
18 Stephen Williamson. Thank you, Caleb. (NO ENGLISH
19 FEED) explained there is a right in Article 5 of the
20 land claim, and so what we have done is we've
21 interpreted that to create Article 13 of the existing
22 Mary River IIBA, and so the discussion this morning
23 raised by Elijah is one example of how we're working to
24 support Mittimatalik HTO and Baffinland to come to a
25 suitable outcome for how hunters can still use the tote
26 road and tote road area.

1 So we could speak to further on that outside of
2 the meeting as well. Qujannamiik, Iksivauta. Thank
3 you, Madam Chair.

4 THE CHAIR: It's almost 12:00. After our
5 lunch break we'll go back to Caleb's questions and
6 comments from the community. Just so everyone is
7 aware, we're reconvening at 1:00.

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9 PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED UNTIL 1:00 PM

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11 (PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT 1:02 PM)

12 THE CHAIR: Welcome back, everyone.

13 Recognizing that Caleb was unable to join us right
14 at 1:00, I believe he's joining us again later this --
15 today. I believe there are some comments that may have
16 been provided by community members through proxies.

17 NIRB legal counsel.

18 MS. MEADOWS: Madam Chair, Teresa Meadows,
19 legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

20 Madam Chair, the parties who were going to read
21 those comments in are not here as well. So perhaps we
22 should go to community members who are -- who are here
23 present right now. Thank you, Madam Chair.

24 THE CHAIR: Is Elija Nashook here?

25 Charlie is not here. Leah Koonark.

26 MS. KOONARK: Leah Koonark. I would like to

1 make a statement.

2 If I want to cry, I can cry. If I'm okay, I'm
3 okay. I just want to mention about these things here.
4 I'm sorry.

5 Yeah. It's the younger generation that are
6 working on my behalf who are considering their
7 generations and doing stuff because they are wanting to
8 protect the wildlife, and I support them, and I'm
9 thankful for them because they are doing more than what
10 we would be doing for -- in terms of wildlife, there is
11 less wildlife around here. We were born around here.
12 We had abundant wildlife, and that's the truth.

13 But now we don't seem to have much, and we still
14 have the birds, the ptarmigans. The eiders are a
15 little bit more abundant. But less from the seals and
16 the narwhals, although they have more birds now. So
17 this request about the caribou and the narwhals, we
18 seem to have less of those even though people are
19 looking for them more.

20 So for those that are working hard on my behalf, I
21 am thankful for them, and I'm happy for them. So part
22 of my comments are positive and not positive. So these
23 are the things that I wanted to say. These caribou,
24 when they talk about them in terms of the Mary River
25 area, it would be where the caribou stayed in previous
26 years, and it would be a common area.

1 And the trails, they would have more caribou
2 trails around that. Perhaps people driving by truck
3 can see them. Those current tuktu trails, we talked
4 about that these trails that -- when the trucks are
5 going too fast, if they don't have a place to cross,
6 perhaps they would have a -- have no choice but to
7 cross, and we talked about those things previously,
8 about the dog, and they would say, is there a
9 possibility -- they said that they would be stopping
10 their operations while they're waiting for the caribou
11 to cross during their migration.

12 But now we don't have to wait for the caribou to
13 cross anymore because we don't have caribou there
14 anymore without any terms of giving them that allowance
15 to cross. They will come back eventually because Inuit
16 Qaujima jatugangit states wildlife, they have a tendency
17 to be upended if there's a lot of discussions about
18 them. Many people that -- animals will get upended for
19 a number of years. They would eventually come back
20 after being away for many years, and we know that they
21 will come back.

22 But in all that time, if they're going to be
23 coming back, perhaps, when the project has quite a
24 down, it's non-existent anymore, they will not come
25 back right away. We know that. Even though that --
26 there's calving grounds. We know there -- they have

1 their dwelling place, but there's operations going on
2 there. So it's not possible for them to get to their
3 feeding grounds.

4 That I wanted to say, and the other thing I wanted
5 to mention about royalties. I'm 67 years old. I have
6 never been part of this royalty. So for us, this
7 royalty, it doesn't touch me. I don't know anything
8 about it. I haven't seen it.

9 So we have these housing issues as Inuit. So for
10 my children's father, in September 20, 2015, he was
11 there working there, and he died there at that site
12 because he was run over by a truck at that site. So
13 for that long time I've been sort of not being able to
14 get a home since he has passed away. It's very hard
15 for me to be living in other people's home because I
16 don't have a place of my own anymore, and people were
17 telling me that I have too many errors with housing.

18 Although we were not legally married, he was my
19 common law, but because he owed money to the housing
20 people, they could not give me a house. I wanted to
21 say that as well. If I'm going to cry, sorry about
22 that, so that's it.

23 THE CHAIR: So sorry for your loss. (NO
24 ENGLISH FEED). Baffinland, Government of Nunavut,
25 Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization, and
26 Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

1 Baffinland.

2 MS. HANSON: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta. Udlu
3 Hanson. I will have Lou speak to the breeding ground
4 issues. Qujannamiik.

5 THE CHAIR: Lou Kamermans.

6 MR. KAMERMANS: Lou Kamermans, Baffinland.
7 Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 Before I start, I also want to express my
9 condolences for -- for your late husband, and thank you
10 for sharing the knowledge you did.

11 I'm happy to say that, you know, what -- what
12 you've told us is -- is also what we've been told in
13 the past, and that has been considered in -- in our
14 work, that caribou breed in the -- the higher areas
15 around the project, and so we've mapped this out with
16 Elders and -- and knowledge holders over the years, and
17 this is something we are -- we're going to use to
18 manage the north railway. This -- this process is not
19 the end of -- of our plans in -- in -- in how we're
20 going to manage things. We're going to work with
21 everyone should this project be approved to -- to make
22 sure our operation is sustainable and it works for
23 everybody.

24 When it comes to the railway, we want to identify
25 the areas of importance along it. We have a good idea
26 now. We have the beginnings. But we know that -- that

1 there's more to do. We know that the caribou will come
2 back. That's what we've been told, and there will be a
3 time when caribou will likely be walking right through
4 the mine site. They used to walk right through Pond
5 Inlet, and we don't know why that wouldn't happen
6 again.

7 So we're going to continue to collect the
8 knowledge you talked about. We're going to use it to
9 manage our operations, and we're going to do that for
10 the life of the project. Thank you.

11 THE CHAIR: Government of Nunavut, Jimi
12 Onalik.

13 MR. ONALIK: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta, and
14 thank you for your comments.

15 I'd just like to start by saying the Government of
16 Nunavut recognizes the difficulties everyone faces
17 across Nunavut with housing. It's one of the major
18 challenges that we all have to address.

19 We're -- I don't have anything concrete I can
20 offer to that. It's something that I know we -- we
21 hear about and -- and we take very seriously. I think
22 it highlights the -- the challenges we all face in --
23 in all our communities in -- in Pond Inlet, especially
24 that -- that part of this process is meant to -- to
25 look at all the impacts, and we just hear your comment
26 on that. I'd like to ask Mr. Ringrose here to -- to

1 respond to the caribou comments. Qujannamiik,
2 Iksivauta.

3 THE CHAIR: John Ringrose.

4 MR. RINGROSE: Thank you. John Ringrose,
5 Government of Nunavut.

6 I just want to address your comments about the
7 impacts to caribou from the railway. So the GN is --
8 is concerned with many of the issues that you just
9 raised as well. Louder?

10 THE CHAIR: If you can speak louder so
11 that the interpreter can hear you.

12 MR. RINGROSE: Sure. I'll start over.

13 So the GN is also concerned with many of the
14 issues that you just raised. The GN has identified our
15 concerns with the railway creating a barrier to
16 movement of caribou. Many parties have identified that
17 there is uncertainty with how caribou will respond to
18 the railway.

19 The GN has worked with and continues to work with
20 Baffinland and other parties to suggest modifications
21 to the railway design to help mitigate some of those
22 impacts. Thanks.

23 THE CHAIR: Mittimatalik Hunters and
24 Trappers Organization, Eric Ootoovak.

25 MR. OOTOOVAK: Eric Ootoovak from the hunters
26 and trappers association. Thank you, Chairperson.

1 Thank you to the speaker. You are an Elder, and
2 you know about the wildlife, and you know their --
3 their behaviour. This tote road that we are talking
4 about, it has already gone over and crossed over the
5 trails that -- of the caribou going to Iqaluit and to
6 Tugaat and the other places. It's cut off the original
7 trail.

8 So because of its -- too many trucks are moving
9 along this road. Caribou do not migrate. But in the
10 Iqaluit Lake area, we don't see any caribou there. If
11 you go caribou hunting there, you're -- you're truthing
12 your statement.

13 And for the marine animals, the impact on the
14 marine mammals -- and you have felt them and have seen
15 them and the -- your statements are true, that there's
16 a reduction in the wildlife, especially with fish,
17 seals, and what the fish eat are also being looked at,
18 that they are reducing in numbers. Thank you for
19 mentioning this.

20 THE CHAIR: Qikiqtani Inuit Association,
21 P.J. Akeeagok.

22 MR. AKEEAGOK: Thank you, Chairperson. For
23 the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, P.J. Akeeagok.

24 And for those comments, thank you. It's
25 heartfelt. And -- about her loss.

26 So I hear two things. So the Nunavut Impact

1 Review Board has indicated that -- how we have
2 indicated and commented on these questions, and what we
3 do to assist in those situations, we have been looking
4 at the trails as well for the caribou and to reduce the
5 impact on the wildlife and in the land area, that we --
6 that you're basing your comments on those, and also I
7 want Richard Paton to comment and also about Stephen
8 to -- about royalties. Perhaps Mr. Paton can start.

9 THE CHAIR: Richard Paton.

10 MR. PATON: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta.

11 And I'm sorry for your loss. Losing a loved one
12 is certainly never easy.

13 The Qikiqtani Inuit Association agrees this is a
14 key topic and a concern about calving habitat for
15 caribou. We need to identify those areas and have more
16 protection for those areas. We appreciate the wisdom
17 of listening to you and this morning to Elija and to
18 Paul and to others who have been a key part of
19 Tusaqtavut either here in Pond Inlet or all the five
20 impacted communities for which we have undertaken that
21 study.

22 Community members are speaking about what they
23 know, and we are listening. They speak about the role
24 that they play into development and into understanding
25 how Inuit knowledge holders can play a key role in
26 sharing their views on Inuit culture and the resources

1 and land use in and around their communities, which
2 plays an integral part of understanding Inuit knowledge
3 and changes that can be made through the adaptive
4 management system as part of moving forward.

5 I see this, Madam Chair, as an opportunity to also
6 respond to a question we heard this week from the
7 Nunavut Impact Review Board on how Inuit
8 Qaujimajatuqangit will be used in establishing
9 objectives, indicators, thresholds, and responses.

10 Inuit knowledge holders are the ones who will lead
11 information collection through their understanding of
12 the lands and resources around them. Their collective
13 knowledge built through Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit on use
14 of traditional land and cultural sharing is knowledge
15 that will lead to understanding what is important to
16 Inuit as part of this process, which are called
17 objectives, and a significant part of past knowledge
18 has been built into the Tusaqtavut studies.

19 For Pond Inlet, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
20 undertook a Tusaqtavut study in 2019, and that
21 identified key objectives in terms of what we heard
22 that is important to Inuit. Objectives like caribou,
23 including calving grounds; terrestrial harvesting; site
24 restoration; the plants; birds; even predators;
25 insects; marine harvesting; marine mammals; and the
26 environment, including the sea ice; as well as

1 freshwater; fish; and our heritage are some of the
2 examples that Inuit have said is what's important to
3 include as value to Inuit that needs to be protected.
4 That knowledge transfer was part of the process through
5 the Tusaqtavut study.

6 Recently, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association also
7 undertook a freshwater study here in Pond Inlet that
8 included hearing from Elders like Elija and others that
9 was done in the fall of 2020. That study has yet to be
10 verified by this community, but it will also add to the
11 fulsome scope of Inuit objectives identified for
12 protection and promotion by the Mary River Project.

13 This ongoing process of collecting Inuit
14 Qaujimagatuqangit into ensuring changes where needed
15 occurs and will be through the Inuit lens. Inuit
16 monitors hired by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association will
17 report to an Inuit committee that is made up of members
18 of the impacted communities. That reporting will be
19 done on a regular basis on impacts observed as a result
20 of project activities.

21 The information provided will be supplemented by
22 other monitors like the Baffinland monitors, regulatory
23 monitors, and that of the Nauttiqsugtiit monitors from
24 Tallurutiup Imanga. It is through this knowledge
25 gathering that the Inuit committee will be able to
26 determine what is an acceptable level of change, which

1 are thresholds that will trigger a response that is
2 needed by the proponent in the adaptive management
3 plan.

4 So I thank you for sharing your knowledge today,
5 and know that we are listening, and we are looking to
6 incorporate that knowledge as we move forward.
7 Qujannamiik.

8 THE CHAIR: Stephen Williamson-Bathory.

9 MR. WILLIAMSON-BATHORY: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta.
10 Stephen Williamson-Bathory, QIA, and Qujannamiik, Leah.

11 Respecting that we're due to stop in several
12 minutes and that we anticipate there might be also
13 questions on the topics of royalties when we resume,
14 QIA would like to also acknowledge and respect that the
15 Mittimatalik HTO has raised a concern about speaking
16 about the topics of benefits in these sessions. So QIA
17 had filed some documents on the record about the
18 consultation process and a very high-level summary of
19 what we called enhancements to Inuit participation.

20 We filed those because we understood the Board
21 wanted a QI to speak to a number of the deferred
22 questions that have been raised in the -- in the past
23 several weeks. We also recognize it's not necessarily
24 within the Board's jurisdiction to discuss these topics
25 at length because the Board cannot itself make
26 decisions on these topics.

1 So, again, out of respect for -- for the request
2 of the MHTO, we are simply looking for some direction
3 from the Board as to whether or not you're comfortable
4 with us responding on the topics of royalties, and if
5 we do, we commit to keeping that very focused for the
6 sake of letting the meetings proceed and -- and discuss
7 all the topics people want to get to.

8 So, Madam Chair, I would defer to you and your
9 discretion, and we would be happy to speak to this
10 topic after the break, if you so direct. Qujannamiik.

11 THE CHAIR: That's also something that can
12 be addressed directly to Leah Koonark off the record.

13 I had forgotten that Leah comments -- the Hamlet
14 of Mittimatalik, will they be part of the discussions?
15 Yes.

16 MR. IDLOUT: Thank you. Paul Idlout
17 representing the hamlet.

18 The questions, in particular the caribou, there
19 are plans for caribou coming back and for monitoring,
20 looking at this for a number of years now while it's
21 been -- we've been waiting for a response.

22 The land, when they come back to the rivers and
23 the lakes, what the conditions will be when they come
24 back? If Baffinland can make a response to that
25 looking at the pictures, particularly what impact the
26 iron dust have had on the surface and -- and in the

1 sediments and the different -- these are some of the
2 issues that will have to be considered because it's an
3 important issue. Caribou are an important food source.
4 So how will the land be like? What will be -- the
5 conditions be like when they do come back? Thank you.

6 THE CHAIR: We will go back to public
7 hearing for Mittimatalik. It's now 1:30.

8 There will be a funeral, so we will stop now and
9 come back after the funeral. We have the list of names
10 who wanted to address the hearing, for your
11 information. We'll return at 3:30.

12 (ADJOURNMENT)

13 THE CHAIR: Welcome back, everyone.

14 Before we continue with questions to the proponent
15 and registered intervenors, I believe there's a
16 procedural matter that needs to be addressed. NIRB
17 legal counsel.

18 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.
19 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact
20 Review Board.

21 Madam Chair, this morning in advance of the
22 Baffinland presentation, I did not mark as exhibits the
23 presentation materials that were to be provided, and,
24 normally, that would be our practice, and so I would
25 request that Christine Kowbel, legal counsel for
26 Baffinland, walk us through those materials. It is my

1 understanding all of that material is material that has
2 already been filed with the Board or previously
3 presented. But I would seek clarification of that
4 before marking these as exhibits.

5 THE CHAIR: Baffinland, Christine Kowbel.

6 MS. KOWBEL: Madam Chair, Christine Kowbel,
7 legal counsel, Baffinland.

8 Yes, Madam Chair. The -- the photos from this
9 morning, nearly all of them are from a document called
10 the "Railway Alignment Summary Report". It was filed
11 previously with the Board with Baffinland's final
12 written submissions in October 2019, and I can follow
13 up with specific NIRB registry reference with Board
14 legal counsel.

15 There was one slide that was pulled from -- from
16 the internet as an example of a crossing, and that was
17 slide -- Slide 4. There's an image there that is new.
18 It's just from the internet, and, as Ms. Lord-Hoyle
19 made clear this morning, that -- that was just there as
20 an example. It's not actual construction or -- or
21 exactly what the crossings would look like here. Thank
22 you, Madam Chair.

23 THE CHAIR: Continuing with questions to
24 Baffinland and other registered intervenors. Elija
25 Nashook, are you here now?

26 Caleb. We'll go back to Caleb Sangoya.

1 MR. SANGOYA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank
2 you for your patience. The question I asked earlier to
3 Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, I didn't really get an
4 accurate answer. But I'm going to ask -- repeat the
5 same question. There are still two more questions that
6 I have, and I don't think they're partaking in this
7 public hearing -- agricultural -- department of
8 agriculture. Like, they totally defend certain rights
9 that were already used in the past.

10 And also here in the north, Inuit homeland, and
11 their traditions have to be protected as well, and
12 right now the tote road and the railway route that has
13 been marked. Like -- like, traditional camping sites
14 had been removed, and they built roads on top of these
15 traditional sites, the department of agriculture, and I
16 wonder how well do they protect these traditional
17 camping sites and routes, especially when they're
18 pertaining to Nunavut. That's my question.

19 How well are they protected, the traditional Inuit
20 routes and camp -- old campsites, and caribou hunting
21 areas down south? Those such traditional sites are
22 fully protected, and how come in Nunavut that is not
23 the case? Like, the Inuit traditional routes are not
24 being protected. That's my question, first of all.

25 THE CHAIR: First we'll go to Nunavut
26 Tunngavik Incorporated and then Government of Nunavut,

1 culture and heritage. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated,
2 James Eetoolook.

3 MR. EETOOLOOK: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank
4 you, Caleb. James Eetoolook, Nunavut Tunngavik
5 Incorporated acting vice chair -- vice president.

6 In regards to the question, like, traditional
7 campsites and the trails that were led by the Inuit,
8 based on my understanding and according to Nunavut
9 Agreement -- I just want to comment briefly about it.

10 Anywhere, like, even within the communities
11 themselves, when they're building roads and access
12 roads over a traditional campsites and whatnot, and
13 also flora and fauna, for example, like, the vegetation
14 would not be visible. Like, they can -- whoever is
15 constructing the road, they should monitor these
16 things.

17 David Kunuk will explain further detail in regards
18 to Caleb's question. Thank you.

19 THE CHAIR: David Kunuk.

20 MR. KUNUK: Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 In regards to the comment that was by Caleb,
22 it's -- public access on the tote road is included in
23 the agreement, and it's -- it has been identified under
24 the land claims agreement. But when this agreement was
25 being negotiated, they did not identify the sites.

26 And, also, like, heavy equipment are used on the

1 tote road, and they're more looked after by the
2 designated Inuit organizations, and Nunavut Tunngavik
3 Incorporated protects these lands when they have been
4 appointed through Qikiqtani Inuit Association. So they
5 would've negotiated this with the proponent, and I --
6 we can't really answer that because we do not protect
7 them. Thank you.

8 THE CHAIR: Government of Nunavut, Jimi
9 Onalik.

10 MR. ONALIK: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta.
11 Qujannamiik, Caleb.

12 The department of culture and heritage has a
13 responsibility to monitor archeological sites. It is
14 my understanding that when any archeological sites are
15 encountered, this has to be reported to the department
16 of heritage and that the sites are not allowed to be
17 disturbed. Baffinland would probably have more detail
18 on how this has worked out in practice, but from the
19 Government of Nunavut perspective, the process between
20 culture and heritage and Baffinland has worked fairly
21 well. Qujannamiik.

22 THE CHAIR: Caleb Sangoya.

23 MR. SANGOYA: Thank you. That did not
24 really answer my question.

25 Right now the traditional archeological sites are
26 still being utilized and the traditional camping sites

1 have been -- roads have been built over, but the
2 heritage sites down south are protected by law, and
3 here are -- that is not the case in Nunavut. The
4 traditional hunting sites of the hunters -- are there
5 any plans to do something about this with Nunavut
6 government? Thank you.

7 THE CHAIR: Government of Nunavut, Jimi
8 Onalik.

9 MR. ONALIK: Quyanainni, Iksivauta, and
10 Qujannamiik, Caleb. I hope I (NO ENGLISH FEED) your
11 question here. The goal is definitely to protect
12 archeological sites. There are provisions from what I
13 understand in the land claim, and there are -- there is
14 legislation within Nunavut to deal with these.

15 But we, again, are willing to work more closely
16 with communities to identify and protect these
17 important sites, and in many of these cases, we will
18 defer to local communities and -- and looking for
19 feedback on this. Qujannamiik, Iksivauta.

20 THE CHAIR: Caleb Sangoya.

21 MR. SANGOYA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

22 Yes. More work definitely will have to be
23 undertaken under our plans.

24 And also my last second question to the proponent,
25 Qikiqtani Inuit Association. And Qikiqtani Inuit
26 Association have reached an agreement under the Inuit

1 Impact Benefit Agreement where a total number of Inuit
2 employed should be at least 25 percent, and the
3 contracts are readily available and also training
4 programs for employment, that there are all kinds of a
5 training program, and they have been agreed upon.

6 And it states that Baffinland and Qikiqtani Inuit
7 Association under the Phase 2 proposal, if there are
8 any -- if there are breach of promises, then they would
9 pay \$10 million for the breach, and, today, since 2000
10 to date, like, the total number of Inuit at the
11 workforce are less than 25 percent, and there are only
12 about 11 or 12 percent, and right now, are you going to
13 ensure that they're going to start paying \$10 million
14 for any breach, and -- or will you only pay \$10 million
15 under Phase 2? That's my question.

16 THE CHAIR: First we'll go to Baffinland
17 and then Qikiqtani Inuit Association. Baffinland, Udlu
18 Hanson.

19 MS. HANSON: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta. Udlu
20 Hanson, Baffinland.

21 Qujannamiik, Caleb, for your questions. You're
22 correct about the 25 percent, but that was before. It
23 has been -- those number -- that number has been
24 changed to reflect the different classifications of
25 work for Inuit for -- for all work at the mine and
26 elsewhere.

1 So what we call the minimum Inuit employment goals
2 have been split -- split out to unskilled labour,
3 semiskilled, skilled, professional, and management, and
4 in an -- so it's not a simple 25 percent calculation
5 anymore. It helps us cater training programs to -- or
6 for Inuit to the areas that we don't have as good
7 results in.

8 For example, if we were lacking in a semiskilled
9 category, then we would ensure that we have a training
10 program that would help Inuit get to those levels to
11 become semiskilled and -- and -- and meet our
12 employment goals that way.

13 The -- the breach of \$10 million, that's not
14 something that's ringing a bell with us, but we do
15 have -- we do have a commitment under the new Inuit
16 Impact Benefit Agreement where we would definitely be
17 paying penalties for not reaching our minimum Inuit
18 employment goals, and in some cases, the -- those
19 payments would actually go straight to the community
20 direct benefits fund. But it's something that -- that
21 will be worked out on an annual basis. Our minimum
22 Inuit employment goals will be figured out on a
23 three-year basis, and we have -- again, we'll be using
24 the different classification for Inuit working at the
25 mine.

26 I'd also like to quickly point out that the Hamlet

1 of Pond Inlet has in their application -- or their --
2 their conditional support have said that we need to
3 increase employment, and -- and we're in full
4 agreement. We understand that we're not where we need
5 to be. We really do need to increase our levels. Last
6 year was -- 2020 was -- was a very difficult year to
7 try and increase Inuit employment and to train. So
8 it's -- we have some catching up to do in 2021, but
9 we're -- we're ready for it. Qujannamiik.

10 THE CHAIR: Caleb Sangoya.

11 MR. SANGOYA: Thank you, like, for your
12 comments. But my question, no one will probably be
13 able to answer that. That's unfortunate.

14 My last question is to the department of
15 environment in Nunavut and Canada. Wildlife. When
16 wildlife populations are declining, the department of
17 environment usually can order the Nunavut wildlife
18 management board to limit hunting or harvesting, and we
19 recognize that. To the proponents, number of ships, or
20 trucks, when the wildlife are being dispersed
21 elsewhere, what kind of plans, mitigation plans, you
22 have to make sure that the animals return?

23 Whenever wildlife and sea mammals declining,
24 Environment Canada and Environment Nunavut --
25 Department Environment of Nunavut, they used to propose
26 to setting up the quarters for hunters, and they're

1 looking at it, their goals and recovery, how much the
2 population of wildlife and sea mammals, and, therefore,
3 what about the -- whatever the mining company's cost is
4 declining, wildlife or sea mammals, do you have a plan
5 to recover a strategy in that area, in the mining area?
6 Do you have a plan?

7 THE CHAIR: In regard to your question to
8 the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, let's go there first.

9 Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries
10 and Oceans Canada, (INUKTITUT SPOKEN), Government of
11 Nunavut, (INUKTITUT SPOKEN), Qikiqtani Inuit
12 Association, P.J. Akeeagok.

13 MR. AKEEAGOK: Good evening. Thank you,
14 Ma'am, and thank you, Caleb, for your very good
15 question.

16 In regards to contracts are available -- and I
17 want Mr. Bathory to answer that question in regards to
18 Inuit employment. Mr. Bathory.

19 THE CHAIR: Stephen Williamson-Bathory.

20 MR. WILLIAMSON-BATHORY: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta.
21 Stephen Williamson-Bathory, QIA, and Qujannamiik,
22 Caleb.

23 I believe Ms. Udlu Hanson at Baffinland gave a
24 very detailed response on some of what you had asked,
25 but what I would like to add is: What we are working
26 on is a change to the structure of how employment works

1 because we've learned from the past several years that
2 there hasn't been the type of improvement in terms of
3 training and employment that we -- we would all expect,
4 and so we have worked with Baffinland to change the
5 structure, and one of those structures is some
6 enforcement provisions.

7 And you're quite correct. It could result in
8 payments. You mentioned a \$10-million fund. We always
9 are pushing for improvements to activities. The best
10 change is something that happens immediately and more
11 people are trained.

12 But in the event actions can't be taken to fix
13 that issue, then there is now a financial structure in
14 place because opportunities are being lost, and that
15 means people in communities are not receiving those
16 benefits, and so we can speak to much more on this
17 topic separately, but I just wanted to be sure on the
18 NIRB record there is a change based on the things you
19 have raised. Qujannamiik, Caleb.

20 THE CHAIR: Environment and Climate Change
21 Canada, Anna Graham.

22 MS. GRAHAM: Anna Graham, Environment and
23 Climate Change Canada.

24 I will note, first of all, that the Government of
25 Nunavut has primary management responsibility for many
26 wildlife in the territory of Nunavut. However, I will

1 also pass this question to Krupesh Patel to elaborate.

2 Thank you.

3 THE CHAIR: Krupesh Patel.

4 MR. PATEL: Qujannamiik, and thank you,
5 Madam Chair. And thank you for the question.

6 Environment and Climate Change Canada monitors the
7 distribution and abundance of migratory birds in the
8 Arctic. (INDISCERNIBLE) Environment and Climate Change
9 Canada to identify their key habitats and contributes
10 to the development of protected areas and land-use
11 planning and decisions.

12 Environment and Climate Change Canada also
13 conducts research on the influence of climate change
14 and resource development on Arctic birds, their various
15 academic and industry collaborations. Environment and
16 Climate Change Canada has been an active participant --
17 has been an active participant in the terrestrial and
18 marine environment working groups since 2012.

19 Environment and Climate Change Canada is satisfied
20 with the current collaborative bird research with the
21 proponent in the marine and terrestrial environments.
22 Environment and Climate Change Canada is reassured that
23 any uncertainty and unanticipated concerns related to
24 migratory birds and avian species at risk can be
25 addressed through adaptive management via these working
26 groups.

1 As Anna had mentioned earlier, the Government of
2 Nunavut has primary management responsibility for
3 barren-ground caribou in Nunavut. The Government of
4 Nunavut, as well as its comanagement partners, are best
5 placed to comment on the adequacy of the proposed
6 mitigations and monitoring measures to minimize project
7 effects. Thank you.

8 THE CHAIR: Krupesh Patel, if you can slow
9 down a little bit for the interpreters when you're
10 speaking.

11 MR. PATEL: My apologies.

12 THE CHAIR: Fisheries and Oceans Canada,
13 Gabriel Bernard-Lecaille.

14 MR. BERNARD-LECAILLE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
15 Gabriel Bernard-Lecaille with Fisheries and Oceans
16 Canada.

17 So thank you for your question. Fisheries and
18 Oceans Canada were guided by the same principles when
19 it comes to recommending limitations on harvest and
20 recommendations related to shipping in regards to this
21 environmental assessment. Harvest management
22 recommendations are made in order to avoid local stock
23 depletion and to ensure the continued sustainability of
24 these populations. So what we mean by that is we want
25 to make sure that the narwhal will always be in the
26 area.

1 For the environmental assessment and the Phase 2
2 proposal, Fisheries and Oceans Canada through this
3 process made recommendations that are intended to
4 inform the Nunavut Impact Review Board on what we
5 believe are necessary mitigation and monitoring
6 measures to minimize impacts to marine mammals and
7 their habitats and to ensure their protection and their
8 sustainability.

9 And we hope that if Phase 2 is approved, it will
10 be done in a way that supports the long-term viability
11 of the marine mammal populations within the project
12 area, and we believe that this can be achieved only and
13 only if monitoring is done in an adequate way and there
14 is a robust adaptive management plan to ensure that
15 predictions and impacts are monitored appropriately.
16 Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 THE CHAIR: Government of Nunavut, Jimi
18 Onalik.

19 MR. ONALIK: Excuse me. Thank you, Madam
20 Chair. I'm going to ask my coworker, John Ringrose,
21 from the Department of Environment to answer this
22 question. Qujannamiik.

23 THE CHAIR: John Ringrose.

24 MR. RINGROSE: Thanks for the question,
25 Caleb.

26 The regulatory process, including this NIRB

1 process right now, is designed to prevent and reduce
2 impacts on wildlife from development. So all of our --
3 all the parties at the table have a role in this.

4 The Government of Nunavut has a mandate to manage
5 and monitor wildlife populations within Nunavut. My
6 response is limited to the terrestrial aspect since my
7 research is focused on caribou.

8 As noted earlier, the GN has identified our
9 concerns with the proposal and what impacts that may
10 have on caribou in North Baffin. Recently, we have
11 completed caribou collaring programs, abundance
12 surveys, and composition surveys on Baffinland.

13 We're committed to continuing to complete research
14 on Baffin Island caribou and work with communities and
15 HTOs to focus that research and incorporate Inuit
16 Qaujimaqatugangit into research objectives. Thank you.

17 THE CHAIR: Caleb Sangoya.

18 MR. SANGOYA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

19 In the plans and what should be in our plans with
20 respect to caribou, how the caribou will return is
21 worrisome and as well with narwhals and sea mammals.
22 With regulations focused on Inuit and quotas being set
23 up, why then the mining companies are not considered
24 how extensive can you go with respect to that? Thank
25 you.

26 THE CHAIR: Government of Nunavut, Jimi

1 Onalik.

2 MR. ONALIK: Thank you, Madam Chair and
3 Caleb. I apologize. Can you repeat the question,
4 please. Thank you.

5 THE CHAIR: Caleb Sangoya.

6 MR. SANGOYA: Okay. When wildlife reduced,
7 quotas are imposed on hunters to protect the wildlife.
8 Hunters are often blamed that they are the ones causing
9 it. Often we hear that. With -- if impacts are made
10 by mining on wildlife caribou and so forth, what
11 actions are you going to take as an example?

12 THE CHAIR: First I'll go to Government of
13 Nunavut and then Qikiqtani Inuit Association. No?
14 Government of Nunavut, Jimi Onalik.

15 MR. ONALIK: Qujannamiik. Again, I think,
16 as my colleague stated earlier, our goal is to continue
17 to work with communities, continue to work with HTOs to
18 identify plans and strategies to deal with impacts as
19 they arise with or without this project. So I think
20 this highlights the need for us to continue to
21 communicate with HTOs and communities as the situation
22 changes. I hope that answers your question.
23 Qujannamiik.

24 THE CHAIR: Caleb Sangoya.

25 MR. SANGOYA: Thank you.

26 Yes. That is a response in a way, but we have not

1 worked with you as HTO and Nunavut government with
2 respect to reduction in populations. We have not even
3 begun yet. There is no plans as yet. I will -- I will
4 be going on to my comments with no questions as others
5 need to have their comments as well.

6 THE CHAIR: Perhaps NTI can also respond
7 to your question. James Eetoolook, NTI, or perhaps
8 Paul Irngaut.

9 MR. EETOOLOOK: My apologies. Thank you,
10 Madam Chair, madame. James Eetoolook, NTI.

11 To Caleb's question with respect to wildlife and
12 the need to restore populations, it's part of the land
13 claims agreement. Paul Irngaut, who is our wildlife
14 director, will respond to the question. Thank you.

15 THE CHAIR: Paul Irngaut.

16 MR. IRNGAUT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 This have not been implemented as yet to recover
18 wildlife populations in our Agreement 5.8.4 with
19 respect to populations. In southern Canada, you have
20 wildlife sanctuaries or zoos that we don't have here.
21 Although we may have rights here, we don't really
22 utilize population recovery strategies as sanctuaries,
23 for example. Although we are enabled, but we have not
24 implemented as yet. I hope that answers the question.
25 Thank you.

26 THE CHAIR: Caleb Sangoya.

1 MR. SANGOYA: Thank you, Madam Chair and NTI
2 and government.

3 From what I hear -- I'll go to my comments.
4 Hearing the comments or responses, in the planning
5 stages, have not been implemented yet, although it is
6 in the land claims agreement how populations can be
7 recovered, and Nunavut environment have not made any
8 plans yet how populations may be recovered. As is
9 often called recoveries, that strategy they are in the
10 planning stages, as I understand it, and until then,
11 Phase 2 should be less worrisome. The need to
12 prioritize wildlife population must be priority.

13 My name is Caleb Sangoya. I was born here, and I
14 am a beneficiary of Nunavut. I grew up here, and Mary
15 River near the -- where the crusher is, I learned to
16 walk for the first time. Since I started growing up,
17 we continue to go up there and on annually I'm always
18 visiting the area.

19 Back in 2009, I began to document on areas where
20 animals cross because the Mary River is quite close to
21 the Milne Inlet. From 2009 to 2012, I think, I have
22 always documented what have been harvested from
23 terrestrial to marine, caribou, narwhals, caribou, and
24 I have documented how much harvest have taken place
25 from June 15 until end of August.

26 And hearing Environment Canada, Environment

1 Nunavut, have -- these have never been considered, how
2 much wildlife is had and how it continued to be
3 sustained. When animals reduce in numbers, Nunavut
4 government and federal government, the environment
5 departments, often blame Inuit only that, You are the
6 ones causing the reduction. We as hunters don't
7 practice that.

8 Back when we had dogs, we would harvest way more
9 narwhals, seals, and fish because dogs had nothing but
10 food to eat, and we hunt less animals today. In
11 2009 -- in 1996 when I set up a cabin up there, I began
12 to document these, but these start at 2009 that I will
13 summarize.

14 In 2009, we -- our harvest of narwhals was
15 healthy. We had an abundance of char, seals, and
16 walrus. That were the main hunting activity. Since
17 then 6 metric tonnes was removed. We saw huge
18 reductions in numbers of harvest. Last year in 2017,
19 2018, and '19, we had very few narwhals hunted,
20 harvested, and seals harvested. It's been at that
21 level, and no caribou being harvested.

22 For that reason, as environment departments,
23 because you deal with Nunavut or environmental impacts,
24 these are -- can be verified how much reduction we have
25 seen in harvest. Baffinland says no change have taken
26 place. From our observation, no way.

1 When there's ship traffic, mammals start to move
2 away, and we often -- we see constant hovering of
3 helicopters from 1999 to 2000. Caribou migration
4 patterns started to change immediately, and, today,
5 marine management and rivers and lakes, hunters are
6 hesitant to drink water because there is too much iron
7 dust accumulating, and according to their
8 instruments -- you probably have seen them in part of
9 their slides -- the dust is accumulating from the air,
10 not from the ground.

11 The dust from Tookaya [phonetic] to Pingumaya
12 [phonetic] along the Mary River, the drinking water is
13 becoming worrisome. How is it going to be like in
14 Phase 2? It's going to be even worse. Perhaps twice
15 worse.

16 And going back to my comments, the government,
17 Nunavut government and federal government and NTI and
18 Qikiqtani are saying they're in planning stages, and
19 until we realize that, nothing will be true. Whether
20 it's negative or positive, if contaminations are
21 accumulating, if that was not case, if Baffinland was
22 truthful, I will be grateful, but when there's lies
23 going on, it's -- it's not great.

24 We continue to continue our traditional practices,
25 continue to harvest at any time. To date, when I go to
26 Mary River where I learned to walk, I'm not even

1 allowed to walk or tread the Mary River mountain. You
2 have to know as -- NIRB, that we are unable to walk.
3 In fact, I cannot get out of the buildings up there to
4 walk in the area.

5 Only the ones doing the mining activity can tread
6 the area. This is very -- this is taken very
7 negatively. You ask NIRB -- and the minister should
8 hear us, that the most affected community here, you
9 should see whether we're telling the truth or not.
10 These documentations are true. From our observations,
11 narwhals calving were often a daily site. The
12 6 million tonnes, when it was upon its approval, we
13 haven't seen any calving, and we haven't seen any
14 mating, and we haven't seen any narwhals playing. We
15 see it totally reversed.

16 If they had a collision with a narwhal, even
17 before collision take place, they're being affected two
18 or three days prior to the ship arriving. If you're
19 going to give recommendations, you have to -- you have
20 to consider Inuit Qaujimagatugangit in front of you.

21 I'm an Elder now, and we have to see this realized
22 in Mittimatalik, and I am proud of Mittimatalingmiut
23 and the younger generation who are working very hard in
24 their protest. I am not opposing development, but we
25 need to see closer collaboration even if -- I would
26 like to see QIA moving up here because we should be in

1 close collaboration, not from -- not from distance.

2 North and South Baffin are totally two different
3 regions. North Baffin have longer cycles, and -- and
4 the snow stays here much longer. We have seen birds
5 moving away. In Milne Inlet, we used to see abundance
6 of geese, but more are moving away towards Sanirajak
7 area, and we are -- and a number of char are
8 disappearing. That used to be so abundant once. If
9 you can realize that too, if you looked into it -- and
10 we are affected by these. We don't want to see this.

11 We had anticipated earlier that we see jobs for
12 our young and our future generation, and, apparently,
13 we're -- the focus was on only 25 percent work --
14 labour force, and we can't even achieve 10 percent
15 labour force. Thank you. I'm not against you, but I
16 would like your due diligence in your decision that is
17 appropriate for us. Thank you.

18 THE CHAIR: Is Elija Nashook here?
19 Charlie Inuarak.

20 MR. INUARAK: You can hear me now? First of
21 all, I want to just mention to his grandchildren in
22 St. John's and my buddy -- yeah. I can see my buddy
23 over there in Iqaluit, Andrew Moore. So I am hope you
24 had a good dream last night. Thank you for this
25 meeting.

26 So I have a few things to mention. I'll try to

1 summarize it. I want everybody to speak here because
2 they have good discussions. I just want to mention to
3 clarify for these Elders that I saw before in Hall
4 Beach -- I mean, Sanirajak, Danny Arvaluk and also
5 Peter Awa, also in the line of my ancestry, I want to
6 mention this to them.

7 I note that I don't mind what you said, but it is
8 uncomfortable for me that you seem to be trying to push
9 this project. Because you are my same age, I can talk
10 to you this way because they said that all the animals,
11 in terms of animals, we know that they -- perhaps
12 they're good hunters, better hunters than I am. They
13 are more knowledgeable about the walrus. Please be
14 cognizant and be careful.

15 I'm talking about the tiny little wildlife, the
16 plankton, maybe the clam eats it, or maybe the mussel
17 eats it. They're at the bottom of the ocean, tiny
18 little species. So we get walrus from you, and that
19 walrus eats those things. If they were to ask them, I
20 would ask them -- I'm having a good meal with mussels,
21 but if I was to say to the walrus around here, the
22 walrus around here, eat seal. What does that mean? So
23 the walrus around here eat seal. Just to indicate that
24 this area is too deep, that they are not able to get
25 the bottom feed animals.

26 If I was to go to Igloolik, why are you -- why is

1 the walrus catching a lot of clams or mussels? They
2 would say, Because I can reach the bottom of the sea.
3 So that's why I ate there. So these are two different
4 environments for the walrus.

5 When we talk about the ships, when people talk
6 about the ships, that they have heavy fuel on them, and
7 some of the fuels are not good, and we know that by the
8 expertise, what is heavier and what is lighter. They
9 mentioned those. This heavy fuel is being used by
10 Baffinland. So Baffinland must ask why were they like
11 that? And they say, Quite sometime ago we cannot
12 control the ship owners what sort of fuel they use.
13 They didn't say whether it's good or not. They didn't
14 mention it.

15 So those ships uses this kind of fuel, and the
16 expertise say this heavy fuel not good fuel. So when
17 it goes into -- to the bottom of the ocean, it creates
18 acid. So in acid, they're very strong. Acid is very
19 strong, and you're not able to live in it.

20 So with this current in the -- in behind the
21 propellers, it makes a whirlwind kind of thing in the
22 ocean. So when they have these acids are turning in
23 the wake of the ship, they can be dispersed anywhere
24 even though that different types of animals, even
25 though they may not be affected, but this acid might be
26 dispersed so long that the wildlife might be feeding

1 from that, and Steensby area is very shallow in -- in
2 that water, so I'm telling the Elders that were talking
3 that you need to have a good plan for Steensby and to
4 be able to have a kind of -- these kind of knowledges.

5 Also further, Chairperson, I'm a Pond Inlet
6 resident. I grew up in Arctic Bay. My brothers and
7 younger brother -- my oldest brother is living in
8 there, and he's at the meeting, and I will listen to
9 him because he's my older brother. But he's not -- you
10 know, he doesn't really say much, but I know that he's
11 wise and will only speak if he has to. But my younger
12 brother, I can tell him what to do. So I have family
13 there, and I have moved over to this area. I found a
14 very good wife here in this area. So I'm here.

15 So I live here, and I have grandchildren, lots of
16 grandchildren, and I have children -- and I have great
17 grandchildren, and so because of this family, so if
18 they -- in terms of the Baffinland and iron mines, I'm
19 not, like, really, against -- I'm not, like, worrying
20 against them, but we want to be able to have a
21 cooperative working relationship. That's what we
22 thought we were going to be doing. But in these times
23 of trying to have a good working relationship, we never
24 reached that stage, and although there were some
25 questions and sort of, you know, what do you think,
26 kind of questions? The kind of questions are not

1 really important questions.

2 So there was this letter on this, that the leaders
3 will lead. That's what it said. They would be the
4 managers of Baffinland. So -- and we agree and the --
5 they had an agreement with the lawyers, that they also
6 said that they would -- if they're going to show them
7 with the small committees, that they would listen to
8 the small working committees, that they would be the
9 people who would advise on matters. But when they were
10 meeting, they -- so there were questions asked to them.

11 And, you know, it was -- are they going to be
12 utilized? Are they really going to utilize those?
13 Would they have that authority? But there was a big
14 question mark whether whatever they say would be
15 utilized.

16 I want to say that the hunters and trappers
17 organizations, that they should be involved, and they
18 should be in the expertise, that their expertise would
19 be involved, and that the hamlets could be involved in
20 regarding this iron mine proposal, that these two
21 letters, if they are to go ahead, it is very dangerous
22 and risky. What Baffinland has proposed and planned,
23 they would be the managers because they're the people
24 with the money. So if they -- if the Phase 2 goes
25 ahead, Pond Inlet will disappear because they would be
26 the ones making decisions, and our way of life will

1 disappear.

2 So I'm trying to put it in the writing on your
3 documents that this big iron mining project, according
4 to this letter, if they agree and these conditions will
5 be adhered to and that -- only that Baffinland will be
6 the only ones managing these conditions and agreements,
7 and for this reason, I'm declaring that I'm not going
8 to be in agreement with this proposal, and although not
9 to say that all the details I don't agree with, but for
10 the organization that they're trying to organize
11 together, I don't agree with that at all. I just want
12 to clarify that.

13 So I don't mind getting an answer. I have a
14 question to the Government of Nunavut. I don't mind
15 not having a good answer to the federal government as
16 well. When there would be sometime that they might
17 have to answer my question. And also I have a question
18 to Nunavut Tunngavik.

19 So in terms of the proposals -- this proposal is
20 very big now. So it used to be smaller before, and now
21 they're talking about a world-wide type of biggest
22 project, and because of this hugeness of this project,
23 it should be different, that Nunavut -- Government of
24 Nunavut and the Government of Canada, if -- the things
25 that you're talking about in your mitigations and
26 planning are very weak. They should come to Pond

1 Inlet. They should talk to people of Pond Inlet, ask
2 them what they want to do. There has to be that move
3 that --

4 The Government of Nunavut and the federal
5 government, yes, there are legislation, and there are
6 regulations that we may be bumping against, but in
7 terms of Nunavut Tunngavik or the Qikiqtani Inuit
8 Association can assist with those type of things. But
9 when it's such a huge project, it has to be treated
10 differently, and the impact may become very large. It
11 would be very hard to try and return things as they
12 were before. So even if you don't answer this
13 question, I'm requesting you that you need to have
14 people delegated to do all of this work.

15 And also a question to Nunavut Tunngavik. It is
16 very apparent. They -- they submitted a letter that
17 was something that we could wake up to. It said all of
18 these reasons. They indicated why they were -- they
19 were showing the hunters and trappers organization
20 letters. If we really think about them, one would not
21 be able to sleep. What is Tunngavik going to do in
22 this situation?

23 So a question is to Tunngavik -- Nunavut
24 Tunngavik. Are you just going to say there's a law
25 here and there, and we are just following laws here and
26 there? So are those things that people have said

1 before, even though they say, Well, we're going to
2 listen to what the Inuit want, but Tunngavik has never
3 any -- generated any kind of meetings or consultations
4 regarding this big proposal, and they don't look at the
5 details. Nobody looks at the details.

6 What is Nunavut Tunngavik doing? Who do we appeal
7 to? You are the only ones that we can appeal to, and
8 these rules need to be changed. How do you change
9 them? So those big discussions, are you looking at it
10 and saying, Yes, yeah, let them go ahead with the
11 project and finish what they were about to do. This is
12 what -- isn't that what you're kind of thinking?

13 These are big, important things, physical things.
14 They're doing real things when they talk about these
15 things for their children and their generations after
16 them. People are talking about real things, big
17 discussions on what is important to them. So I want to
18 give this to you -- give it to you.

19 Also, lastly, I wanted to mention all these
20 meetings regarding the Inuit, there has to be a
21 movement. Is there going to be a movement? Are we
22 just waiting for somebody to do something? So for this
23 reason and the most important thing, I want to ask a
24 question. I'm here to ask a question.

25 For those people that are dealing with the
26 shoreline, people talk a little bit on the beach. They

1 speak a little bit on -- in Inuktitut. Can you help
2 with Pond Inlet? Can you come and help with the people
3 of Pond Inlet? I'm not sure if -- the other ones, I
4 don't mind if they don't answer. If there's a further
5 hearing, they can respond to those, but there's a lot
6 of people asking for those that are working in the
7 beach area. That's what I wanted to ask.

8 THE CHAIR: So the question is to Oceans
9 North.

10 MR. DEBICKI: Thank you, Chairperson. Can
11 the question be repeated to me, please?

12 THE CHAIR: Charlie Inuarak.

13 MR. INUARAK: My question is: Can you help
14 us in Pond Inlet to the people of Pond Inlet? Can you
15 help me? Can you come and help us because of this big
16 project with the iron mine? Can you help?

17 THE CHAIR: Oceans North, Christopher
18 Debicki.

19 MR. DEBICKI: I'm going to apologize. I had
20 trouble with my feed. One more time, please (AUDIO
21 FEED LOST) the question.

22 THE CHAIR: Charlie Inuarak.

23 MR. INUARAK: Maybe I'm too loud here. No,
24 it's not. So the question -- I recognize you. The
25 question is for you, Oceans North. Can you help us?
26 That's my question. Can you help us or not for all the

1 people of Pond Inlet, all -- to the oldest woman, to
2 the youngest person.

3 THE CHAIR: Oceans North, Christopher
4 Debicki.

5 MR. DEBICKI: Thank you, Charlie.

6 Oceans North is a small organization, but we have
7 a long commitment to Nunavut, its people, and its
8 wildlife. As many of you know, I have a relationship
9 with Mittimatalik that goes back to before I worked for
10 Oceans North. I was a lawyer with Maliiganik
11 Tukisiiniakvik for -- for many years, and through that
12 experience, I was very fortunate to -- to get to travel
13 around Nunavut, and -- and I spend a great deal of time
14 in Mittimatalik both for work but also because I -- I
15 have great friendships in the community.

16 And one of the things I learned from my time
17 working with Maliiganik is that many families are
18 struggling with trauma that goes back generations, and
19 there aren't any easy solutions or quick fixes for some
20 of these challenges, and I know that there is no family
21 in Mittimatalik not connected to very sad stories
22 and -- and tragedies.

23 But I also learned from my friendships with people
24 in Mittimatalik that there are many families who are
25 still doing very well, and there is great joy and great
26 happiness --

1 THE CHAIR: Chris Debicki.

2 MR. DEBICKI: -- amongst -- yes?

3 MR. INUARAK: I don't want to know about the
4 history. I just want to ask you whether you are able
5 to help us or not to the people of Pond Inlet. It's a
6 quick question. "Yes" or "no" is fine. I'll be
7 satisfied.

8 MR. DEBICKI: Sorry for the -- the long
9 answer. What I wanted to say was that it's clear to me
10 that the families and community members who are
11 spending time still in the natural environment,
12 spending time harvesting and hunting are the families
13 that are doing the best, and, yes, we are committed to
14 working with the community of Pond Inlet with an open
15 heart, and we are committed to pushing for more
16 transparency in this process. So the answer is yes,
17 Charlie.

18 THE CHAIR: Charlie Inuarak.

19 MR. INUARAK: Thank you. That's a good
20 answer.

21 So for those people that are here, I'm asking
22 them: Do you want help? So I'm talking to the people
23 behind. Do you want help from me? Thank you.

24 THE CHAIR: Is Nina Kautaq here?

25 MS. KAUTAQ: Thank you. I'm Nina Kautaq.

26 I live in Pond Inlet. Thank you for Lucy thinking

1 about having this videoconferencing, and the people
2 can -- from other communities can see us and for all of
3 these people that have come here to hear what we think,
4 and there's questions, and we hope that these comments
5 and questions are noted. I don't know where to start
6 first. So once I'm standing here, I'm kind of lost
7 now.

8 If I want to be able to say to Baffinland, we want
9 you to slow down. This proposal that you have, we're
10 not -- we're not agreeing with it now. Can you wait a
11 little bit? Your operations are okay, and the impact
12 that we have and the impacts that we're going to have
13 are being commented by the Elders here, and even by the
14 youth I hear. And for the high -- students in the
15 schools, they want to have the ability to go hunting.
16 They don't go to school because they want to go on the
17 ice to go hunting.

18 Can you wait? When we are ready, if we are able
19 to say that, yes, you can submit your proposal again.
20 It feels like -- it just keeps thinking that somebody
21 is going to be -- else is going to be buying the iron.
22 It's like somebody else is going to take it away. It's
23 not going to go away. It -- the iron will still be
24 there.

25 I was at Mary River with the hunters and trappers
26 organization, and I would hear that our Elders, our

1 ancestors before us, would have land around Mary River
2 and at Milne Inlet, and I never saw -- and I never
3 visualized what it was like for them. So while I was
4 there in that area, it was also hard for me because I
5 would be crying inside because they went through
6 difficulty situations in that area. So the actual
7 community is not there anymore, but it looks like a
8 town. So I'm asking you: Can you slow down? We're
9 not trying to close down Mary River, but can you slow
10 down your proposal?

11 If we try to close it -- and perhaps we would not
12 be in a -- we might not be in a bad situation, but even
13 with continuing the operations, I know that there are
14 negative impacts to it right now. For last summer, I
15 noticed -- I noticed clearly that our hunters would go
16 narwhal hunting because -- around this area.

17 So because in Pond Inlet, the narwhals would pass
18 by as well. We absolutely hardly saw any narwhals last
19 year in this particular spot in Pond Inlet. Perhaps
20 it's for the ships because people say it's calm, the
21 water. And there are divers who go underwater around
22 the Pond Inlet area, and they say it's very calm
23 underwater, and the narwhals that would pass by, they
24 would be just floating. Some of them were just moving
25 slowly, but we see them. As soon as they pass by,
26 they're gone.

1 Even with one narwhal, even with just one narwhal,
2 lots of hunters are trying to just get that one
3 narwhal. We -- we have -- are meat eaters, and
4 although we are able to buy groceries, they are still
5 very important to us, and I don't want to say this, and
6 I don't want to be going through it, but it's very
7 important for the hunter. People are still
8 experiencing that today.

9 The families, they go out. They go fishing or
10 caribou hunting, narwhal. Not just today. So
11 sometimes they would be aging the meat because it would
12 be saved for the winter. We think it's good to have
13 that kind of meat, and we like it. But people are not
14 able to have aged narwhal anymore. People don't give
15 away that meat anymore because they don't have the
16 ability to share because every day, every day the ships
17 are moving. Some are stopping. Some are waiting for
18 the next load, and you still say that we're not being
19 impacted while we can see the ships going every day.
20 One coming -- travelling one after the other.

21 And for the hunters, we think the hunting is
22 important. We go hunting. I'm not trying to be
23 self-pitying here. So I'm just trying to state how
24 important hunting is. I don't want anybody to be, you
25 know, self-pitying me, pitying me. When we were
26 narwhal hunting, my brother and his children and my

1 nieces and my children and my husband, when we're out
2 narwhal hunting -- because we go hunting, and this is
3 our usual way of life. While we were narwhal hunting,
4 we had a big accident. They all died.

5 I have one child left. He's a young boy right
6 now. I want to see him -- I want to see him hunting.
7 I want to see him to have the ability to hunt. When
8 I'm still believing that there's no impact, but every
9 time we see the impact, and we don't see what we don't
10 see before, so I'm urging you, slow down.

11 So for those that are on the Ski-Doo and on the
12 Honda, you know, youth go fast, you know, enjoying
13 their ability to drive, and I heard that maybe they
14 need to go to the washroom when they're going too fast.
15 That would be my comment.

16 The Mary River iron is still there, and we're not
17 trying to stop it. We're asking you to wait because
18 what -- your impact is having such a big impact. At
19 that time when I was talking about the -- my daughter
20 had one fish, caught one fish. I didn't realize they
21 were going to die. So I made dried fish out of it.
22 We're so happy to catch one fish because she caught it
23 herself. I made a pitsi out of it, dried fish.

24 In Clyde River, my family was -- well, his family
25 was from Clyde River. So that -- they're going to
26 break it up. My mother was going to have some. My

1 older sister was going to have some, and also the
2 family in Clyde River was going to have some. So all
3 of these -- our ocean is post -- full -- and the
4 wildlife are used to that. Maybe they're used to all
5 the activity in the southern waters. There's a
6 difference, and I don't believe people will get used to
7 this kind of environment.

8 What about our ice? What about the ice that
9 freezes? Are we going to be in a peaceful environment?
10 Are they not going to be impacted? So for our Elders,
11 they understand about the wildlife, and they're telling
12 the truth. So you can -- I wanted to ask about the
13 Elders. I wanted to ask about -- because they
14 understand because it belongs to Inuit. Thank you.
15 That's it.

16 THE CHAIR: Baffinland. Udlu Hanson.

17 MS. HANSON: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta. Udlu
18 Hanson, Baffinland. Thank you, Nina.

19 You're a beautiful speaker. Very passionate. You
20 have a lot of passion for your community and your
21 family, and it -- and it shows. Thank you for sharing.

22 We are happy to hear all perspectives. It's very
23 important to hear from everybody in the community, and
24 I know in some cases it takes a lot of courage. It's
25 very difficult to go from these beautiful stories and
26 sharing to business and economics.

1 The Hamlet of Pond Inlet submitted a proposal to
2 Baffinland asking for the very same thing, asking for
3 us to go -- to take this in a phased approach. We have
4 agreed. We see the value in using the new adaptive
5 management plan to monitor for impacts. But before we
6 even do that, Baffinland has committed to doing a
7 baseline study, so we'll have all the necessary
8 information to know exactly when there will be new or
9 more impacts.

10 The proposal looks -- really tries to find a way
11 to ensure that Inuit are the ones who are monitoring,
12 that there's going to be a plan for that monitoring to
13 be reviewed by everybody, that it holds the same value
14 as science because we're -- we're learning -- we're
15 learning that it's very important to make sure that
16 all knowledge -- all different kinds of knowledge are
17 considered at the same time with the same weight.

18 So with this phased approach, we'll have -- we'll
19 slowly increase the shipping, and we'll be -- Inuit
20 will be monitoring and will be doing the western
21 science, and we'll be having these conversations every
22 time Inuit notice impacts. It could be recorded and
23 brought forward through the Inuit committees, which the
24 Qikiqtani Inuit Association will be playing the -- the
25 lead role with to ensure that this information is
26 carried with the same weight as the western science.

1 It won't be for a number of years before we get to
2 the full amount of shipping for 12 million tonnes, and
3 we may need to make changes along the way. Baffinland
4 may need to figure out how to do things differently to
5 minimize impact or to avoid it altogether, and we're
6 committed to that.

7 I could only hope that -- that that provides a
8 little bit of comfort. It's -- it's -- it's new. You
9 know, it's not -- it's not as though we're going to
10 pretend that we've been doing it before because we
11 have -- these are going to be brand new monitoring
12 programs that will be led by Inuit and feeding into a
13 new plan, a new stewardship plan, and, again, there
14 might be some changes that are required along the way,
15 but we're -- we're committed to making them happen.

16 THE CHAIR: Jena Merkosak.

17 Shelly Elverum.

18 MS. ELVERUM: Thank you, Madam Chair.

19 (NO ENGLISH FEED) part, but I will try to keep it
20 short in the interest of time. I also do want to say
21 that adjourning the community roundtable and moving it
22 to Iqaluit puts everyone in this room at a
23 disadvantage, especially the youth participants and
24 people with children who could never be able to go down
25 and have their views and opinions heard. I would like
26 to ask NIRB to reconsider and -- and have the community

1 roundtable extended here so that the people that are
2 most impacted can have the most say.

3 I was supposed to speak during the MHTO
4 presentation, and due to time, I could not. What I
5 would like to do is, first of all, thank -- I want to
6 thank Eric Ootoovak who had introduced me as an IQ
7 expert. However, I am far from that. I think, though,
8 I am an expert in how qallunaag don't necessarily
9 understand what IQ is and how to use it.

10 I would also like to say I'm very grateful to go
11 after Nina and after the comments from Baffinland
12 because I think it's going to help to explain some of
13 the things that I say.

14 For 15 years, I've been in these meetings
15 watching, listening, participating, and for 15 years,
16 the conversations have just been going like this. I
17 truly believe everyone is doing the best job that they
18 can. I think Baffinland is doing a tremendous job in
19 trying to hear and listen and understand.

20 I think the community members are doing the best
21 that they can to stand up and be heard. But there's
22 still a fundamental flaw in this process, and it seems
23 to all centre around an understanding of what IQ is.
24 I'd like to offer that the work that I do is actually
25 situated right in that middle ground, figuring out how
26 science and Inuit Qaujimagajatuqangit can work together

1 to -- to be stronger together, not to separate things
2 out.

3 However, on Day 1 of these hearings, Lou Kamermans
4 from Baffinland said that Baffinland's interpretation
5 of IQ is not up for debate. This set a very bad tone,
6 and I think it's that negative feeling that comes in
7 that allows this -- this conversation to keep going
8 past each other. I do believe that Baffinland has done
9 the best job that they can with IQ, but I think it is
10 on a faulty assumption that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is
11 environmental data.

12 And it makes sense to me. If you are growing up
13 down south, you look at evidence as something that you
14 can see and count, and so when researchers have come to
15 the north, they often ask Inuit about Inuit knowledge,
16 but they interpret it as how many animals and where
17 they are. Things that you can draw on a map. Things
18 that you can count.

19 Madam Chair, I have another way that I explain IQ
20 to people that are trying to understand it, and it's
21 like: If you took a rock and you wrote the word "seal"
22 on the rock and then you threw it at a window, you can
23 see an impact. You can see a hole in the window. And
24 so non-Inuit can look at that rock and say, Yup, that's
25 a seal. Yeah. There's a hole. There's an impact.

26 And so far we're all together. We all understand

1 that there's an impact. The way I understand it,
2 though, is that IQ does not stop at the hole in the
3 window. It's all the cracks and all the spiderwebs
4 that shatter out from that point, and this is where --
5 sorry, Titus. I'm excited.

6 I would invite Baffinland to consider that the use
7 and understanding of IQ has got to the point where you
8 can see the hole. So when community members are
9 talking about whales or seals or caribou, we're all
10 following to that point. We see that there's an
11 impact.

12 I'd invite you, though, to consider that a lot of
13 the frustration here comes from Inuit trying to help
14 the regulators, the NGOs, the NIRB, to follow those
15 cracks as they go through the window. So when an Elder
16 stands up and tells you about making mitts, I've
17 watched people at the table start checking their
18 phones, start typing notes, because they don't know why
19 she's talking about mitts. We're talking about
20 shipping. Why are you talking about mitts?

21 Just like Nina, when she spoke, she helped take
22 you from that point of impact all the way through to
23 how this affects people 's lives in the community. Her
24 life as a mother; her life as a wife; being at that
25 campsite, knowing that her family was there to do the
26 thing that Inuit have always done, which is harvest;

1 her life standing out here protesting saying, Slow
2 down. I want to make sure that my one remaining child
3 can learn this.

4 I think the connection to IQ has been lost because
5 we're all focusing on impacts. I understand from the
6 regulatory side that's what you've been trained to do.
7 But so much of this could be smoothed out and improved
8 if we allowed communities such as Pond Inlet to be the
9 ones to tell you how they interpret the use of IQ and
10 what it means to them in determining not only impacts
11 but their significance.

12 I really appreciate the idea of the adaptive
13 management, but unless we can come back and truly make
14 sure we're all on the same page with IQ, I think that
15 it will just be 15 more years of frustration with
16 Baffinland trying to do their best to do adaptive
17 management and the communities not feeling heard.

18 So if there's one thing that I can offer is that I
19 believe that there's solutions that would reduce the --
20 the tension and the arguing and the things that are
21 happening in the community that you guys don't see
22 after you leave. There's tensions in this community
23 from people taking sides and people believing one thing
24 or another, and it's wearing this community down. So
25 following IQ would help to smooth all of this out, but
26 you have to let Inuit decide what using IQ means. And

1 I -- I don't need any responses to it because I want
2 other people to be able to speak.

3 I've also been asked by Verna Strickland to read
4 her submission, and these are her words. I'm not sure
5 if she requires an answer. She writes: (as read)

6 There are many, many Inuit values that we try
7 to follow and incorporate. From these NIRB
8 hearings, I've been able to pick up
9 dictatorship coming from the proponent. Let
10 me make this clear. For many years, Inuit
11 have been assimilated, contemplated,
12 colonized. If no one has realized it yet, we
13 have our own government which took years and
14 years to obtain. Geographically, Nunavut is
15 the biggest land mass in Canada. We know our
16 land is rich in minerals and rich in culture.
17 When it comes to mining, we know we won't go
18 back to all the old ways again, and I'm all
19 for economic wealth. However, it has to be
20 within our wants and needs because we are the
21 ones that are going to live in these
22 communities far longer than the existence of
23 the mines. Saying that, listening to NIRB
24 hearings, I am disappointed in Baffinland's
25 presentations and responses to intervenors.
26 I want to say that it is important to know

1 facts in any given circumstance. If the
2 company wants to continue leasing our rich
3 land to make profits -- and these profits are
4 huge -- the companies need to comply and
5 comply with IQ, most importantly, and
6 generally answer all questions asked rather
7 than bringing up excuses. This hearing
8 wouldn't be hard on Baffinland if they just
9 respect and cooperate with the landowners.
10 Whatever the result may be, I hope it's a
11 win-win outcome. In any case, our land is at
12 stake.

13 Under the question: (as read)

14 Do you have any suggestions or
15 recommendations for the applicant?

16 Verna writes: (as read)

17 I was raised in Pond Inlet, and my roots are
18 from there. I understand our generation will
19 continue to explore new ways of living in
20 terms of culture and traditions and will
21 continue to change and that we most likely
22 won't go back to the old ways. However, a
23 lot of us continue to use the land and sea in
24 order to maintain our traditions and culture.
25 The knowledge passed down to us by our
26 ancestors is as important to us as it is to

1 Baffinland. However, Baffinland needs to
2 adjust their mindset to be more
3 accommodating.

4 Again, those were the words of Verna Strickland, and I
5 just -- I want to close with a real solid example of
6 how Inuit knowledge hasn't been well used. In the
7 socio-economic analysis, Baffinland states that
8 parenting has been improved with the project because
9 there is income to the people working at the mine, and
10 there's a lot of people who agree with that very much.

11 However, in social media recently, there was a
12 chat of young mothers. They've given me permission to
13 share this story with you. A former student of mine
14 recently had a grandchild, and she's holding this
15 newborn child, and she's said, We've decided we're not
16 going to teach him how to hunt, 'cause with Baffinland
17 Phase 2, it's -- he's -- he's just not going to be able
18 to hunt. I was pretty shocked to see that.

19 The comments that followed from other young
20 mothers were things like, Yup, I'm not going to give my
21 kid inuksiutiniq, country food, because I don't want
22 them to get a taste for it. Our lives are changing too
23 much. I don't want my child to crave country food.
24 And another mother responded you, Uh-ah, which is pain,
25 thinking that young mothers with little children are --
26 are feeling that this is actually an outcome of

1 parenting.

2 I think rather than measuring teenage pregnancies
3 and drunk driving, it would be really wise for
4 Baffinland to reevaluate socio-economic indicators from
5 the perspective of the people who live here, allowing
6 Inuit to decide what the important indicators are,
7 whether it's eating country food or wearing traditional
8 clothing or as many people here pointed out, being able
9 to have caribou skin clothing so that you can go seal
10 hunting at this time of year.

11 I just see so many opportunities for a better,
12 smoother way forward, and I believe Baffinland is
13 really listening. I see it in your eyes, especially
14 Udlu. Like, it's -- it gives me a lot of hope. I just
15 would like to invite you to consider that right now
16 there would need to be some serious adjustments,
17 especially considering your understanding of what IQ
18 is. Thank you.

19 THE CHAIR: Baffinland. Udlu Hanson.

20 MS. HANSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. Udlu
21 Hanson, Baffinland. Thank you, Shelly.

22 Maybe this isn't going to be a popular thing to
23 say, but I think it's important to note that I don't
24 know that -- or nobody has ever said to me at
25 Baffinland that we think we know it all with Inuit
26 Qaujimajatuqangit. There is an understanding within

1 the organization that we need a better understanding,
2 and, you know, it's that we're -- we're -- we have to
3 figure out how to do it properly, collect it properly,
4 you know, share it properly.

5 I mean, there's all sorts of things that we need
6 to do better. Most definitely. And I think what
7 Phase 2 will do is give us that opportunity to spend
8 more time in the communities, hire more Inuit, hire
9 Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit specialists. I don't know if
10 there's such a thing. I mean, that term. Like, that
11 position. But people who can spend their time helping
12 bridge between the Inuit knowledge in the communities
13 and the corporate world. Find a way to ensure that
14 we -- we -- we do it -- you know, speak the same
15 language when we're making decisions. So I'll leave it
16 at that. Thank you very much for your comments. I
17 believe Lou has something to add.

18 THE CHAIR: Lou Kamermans.

19 MR. KAMERMANS: Lou Kamermans, Baffinland.

20 Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 I just want to address the -- the statement that
22 was raised and attributed to myself at the beginning,
23 and I know it's been a long couple weeks, and the
24 translation might not always capture what I'm intending
25 for everyone to hear, but -- but how it was just
26 presented was not at all what I -- what I said or meant

1 to say.

2 During that exchange, I was -- I was only saying
3 that we had done the collection and that it had been
4 recorded and it had been put in the addendum, that the
5 information was there. We often hear -- and perhaps
6 it's an oversimplification -- that we haven't done
7 anything, and that is not true. And -- and I think
8 Shelly acknowledged that in her comments a number of
9 times. We -- we are doing everything we can to try to
10 gain a better understanding of our project.

11 And I -- I think we have put forward the system
12 that she described to, I think, to the word -- she said
13 along the lines of Inuit should be able to decide their
14 own indicators. We -- that's exactly what we're
15 proposing. We're taking ourselves out of that process
16 where we're a layer that needs to interpret what's
17 heard. Under the Inuit Certainty Agreement, Inuit lead
18 monitoring, and they develop their own indicators,
19 their own thresholds of acceptable change, and those
20 will be tied to our adaptive management plans and
21 require action from us. We agree to them, but we're
22 not developing them. We're not interpreting them.
23 That is with Inuit, not Baffinland. That's the system
24 we're proposing under Phase 2.

25 So I just wanted to be clear on that point.
26 This -- this has all been considered. We've taken it

1 to heart. I think we have a very good system that's
2 been put forward. Thank you.

3 THE CHAIR: Shelly Elverum.

4 MS. ELVERUM: I'll respectfully disagree
5 with you, Lou. There was no translation issue. You
6 spoke in English, and I heard you in English. It was
7 in response to Lori Idlout, questioning you on your
8 definition of IQ, and I believe the transcripts will
9 show that.

10 I think the best way to end this rather than
11 arguing -- because as I understand IQ, you don't argue
12 about things, especially around food -- is just to say,
13 if this was being done properly, we wouldn't be having
14 the same questions and concerns for the past 15 years,
15 and that you'll know when you get it right because
16 these guys will let you know when you get it right.

17 THE CHAIR: Baffinland. Udlu Hanson.

18 MS. HANSON: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta. Udlu
19 Hanson.

20 I agree.

21 THE CHAIR: Alex Anaviapik.

22 MS. ANAVIAPIK: Alex Anaviapik. Good evening
23 from Mittimatalik. I will speak in English. (NO
24 ENGLISH FEED). I'll try and slow down.

25 THE CHAIR: Yeah. The interpreter had to
26 change his mic feed. You can proceed.

1 MS. ANAVIAPIK: Hi. I, as a Pond Inlet
2 resident, am not a hunter per se even though I do like
3 camping, but I do not have the luxury to do so.

4 Many of the community members know where my --
5 where I work, and it's been very busy due to a lot of
6 issues within the community that may or may not result
7 in a lot of money coming in from Baffinland, the food
8 vouchers or the gas vouchers, but I have noticed that
9 there have been many internal bullying in terms of
10 reselling gas vouchers or pecking from who gets food
11 vouchers. That's aside from the whole thing.

12 But my statement that -- or not a statement. My
13 leading thing here is that there are proper science
14 recordings and reportings not only through a scientific
15 lens but both through -- also through Inuit
16 Qaujimajatuqangit, as we can see here from many
17 parties, that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit can be used in
18 such an effective manner.

19 What I have noticed, seen, heard, and understood
20 from Baffinland is that there are many scientific
21 loopholes or missing pieces from physical science, also
22 through Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit recordings and
23 reportings and whatnot.

24 I, as a non-hunter, cannot -- cannot understand a
25 map with a squiggly line. That will take me years of
26 understanding the land, where the animals are, and in

1 general just going out and being with my family there,
2 but I do not have the luxury to do so.

3 So a map with a line with no reportings is useless
4 to me. If that is considered Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
5 reporting, that's not sufficient. It needs to be done
6 properly where it can be understood from all parties,
7 not just from hunters and Baffinland.

8 What I -- what is hard to believe, it's that IQ is
9 not being used properly, also being shared properly. I
10 as a person am lucky enough to own a laptop or a
11 computer and very savvy when it comes to navigating the
12 internet. Navigating Baffinland's website is hard
13 enough, let alone trying to find the reports from all
14 the proceedings here.

15 What if someone doesn't have a laptop, computer,
16 internet access? Sharing information and knowledge is
17 part of IQ. If Baffinland only has this information in
18 one certain area on website and not being able to share
19 it is not using Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. Something
20 needs to improve, and we're on the right track to
21 improve something.

22 So my question would be to NIRB, GN, and other
23 parties, is that: Now we know that Inuit
24 Qaujimajatuqangit can be reported in such a positive
25 manner, is there any processes and policy changes will
26 happen within NIRB to strengthen NIRB and for more

1 information to be more transparent in these
2 decision-makings?

3 I am not part of hamlet or HTO or anywhere else.
4 For me to have more questions being answered, I will
5 personally have to pay to go to Iqaluit in March, and
6 that's not fair. Thankfully I don't have kids, so it
7 should be easy enough for me. But for everyone else
8 who have to pay out of pocket, that's not fair. That's
9 not Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

10 I would like to ask, also, is: Because all the
11 data that have been shown from Baffinland have been
12 insufficient, does that mean that -- where did it go?
13 Sorry. I had notes. With the insufficient evidence,
14 would that mean that the Phase 2 will -- per the
15 proceedings and hearings will last longer than March?
16 Will Phase 2 be answered for a go-ahead or not with the
17 lack of evidence and proper science evidence or -- and
18 the lack of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit evidence?

19 Any of these proponent -- any of these information
20 here needs to be strengthened. I am just afraid that
21 with so many uncertainties, a decision coming up in
22 March is too soon. There needs to be time available
23 enough to properly use IQ and use other parties'
24 information like noise, vessels, whales, and
25 specifically narwhals and their sound and ice
26 information. Yeah. There just needs to be more

1 evidence that needs to be properly addressed.

2 I also had one quick question to Oceans North, is
3 that: There was a report about Baffinland's finances
4 done by Oceans North. It was very complicated, and
5 Baffinland says Oceans North reporting was wrong. Can
6 you, Oceans North, explain a little bit more why
7 Baffinland's finances was wrong? Thanks.

8 THE CHAIR: We'll go to a response from
9 Oceans North and then from Baffinland. But for the
10 note -- for everyone's aware, it's 5:25, and we're
11 going to break for supper until 6:30, so we'll go to a
12 response from Oceans North first. Christopher Debicki.

13 Before you respond, Jena Merkosak in Iqaluit will
14 be the first to ask questions as she is a
15 representative. Christopher Debicki.

16 MR. DEBICKI: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta.
17 Christopher Debicki, Oceans North.

18 Madam Chair, if it's possible, perhaps Baffinland
19 could go first. I'm not trying to avoid the question.
20 It's a very good question.

21 Our -- the author of the OpenOil report, Mr. John
22 West, has asked -- it's -- he lives in Berlin. He's
23 asked that we phone him and wake him up because he
24 wants -- and he was sworn yesterday, Madam Chair. He
25 very much wants an opportunity to speak to his report.

26 Again, he is the expert who provided that report.

1 I'm not an economist and not a financial expert, and so
2 I would ask that the Board provide Mr. John West an
3 opportunity either after Baffinland answers that
4 question or immediately after dinner so that folks can
5 go home and have dinner, Madam Chair.

6 THE CHAIR: NIRB legal counsel.

7 MS. MEADOWS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 Teresa Meadows, legal counsel for the Nunavut Impact
9 Review Board.

10 Madam Chair, the timing may be a bit different
11 than what is being suggested by Mr. Debicki because
12 when we reconvene at 6:30, there will be a video
13 presentation by -- as requested by the Mittimatalik
14 Hunters and Trappers Organization, and it should be
15 about 30 minutes. So the response to the question
16 may go well into the -- well into the early morning
17 hours for the witness who is in Germany. Thank you,
18 Madam Chair.

19 THE CHAIR: Oceans North, Christopher
20 Debicki.

21 MR. DEBICKI: Qujannamiik, Iksivauta.
22 Christopher Debicki, Oceans North.

23 We have woken up Mr. West. I thank you for your
24 patience, and I believe he is on the feed, and if the
25 technicians could find him, he's available. He has not
26 heard the question, Madam Chair, but I believe he's on

1 the feed. Qujannamiik.

2 THE CHAIR: Alex Anaviapik, can you please
3 repeat your questions for -- question for Oceans North.

4 MS. ANAVIAPIK: Qujannamiik. Thank you.
5 Thank you. Alex Anaviapik.

6 The question for Ocean North is that: The report
7 about Baffinland's finances done by Ocean North, and it
8 was -- you said it's complicated and Baffinland says
9 Oceans North's report was wrong. So Oceans North
10 financial report was wrong coming from Baffinland. Can
11 you, Ocean North, explain to me a little bit more about
12 your finances and how you did your reporting? It
13 should be accurate; correct?

14 THE CHAIR: Okay. It's 5:30 right now,
15 and there's a presentation from James Simonee at 6:30
16 which will take us until 7. So Oceans North will
17 provide a response at 7.

18 Johnny West, that's an hour and a half from now.
19 We'll reconvene at 6:30. Thank you.

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21 PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED UNTIL 6:30 PM

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23 (PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT 6:34)

24 THE CHAIR: Welcome back, everyone.

25 Before we return to questions, comments, and
26 sharing of knowledge by the community members of Pond

1 Inlet during the community roundtable session, there
2 will be a 30-minute video presentation by James Simonee
3 comprising his conversations with several Elders from
4 Pond Inlet, some of who have passed on since the video
5 was made.

6 The presentation of this video was requested by
7 the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization, and
8 the video, broken into smaller files, will be made
9 available on the Board's public registry, and then
10 we'll continue with questions from the residents of
11 Pond Inlet. Tech staff.

12 Video Played

13 THE CHAIR: Thank you, James Simonee, for
14 making that video. James Simonee.

15 MR. SIMONEE: Thank you, Chairperson. James
16 Simonee from Pond Inlet.

17 So we had these questions to these Elders in 2015
18 because some have passed away. I'm grateful to them
19 because they have been really supportive of the work
20 that we're doing and from the thing that we are
21 watching from -- Isuma TV is online -- Inuit TV is
22 online there, and we can see it on Facebook if you look
23 for it. Thank you for this opportunity to view the
24 video.

25 Applause

26 THE CHAIR: For that person that wanted to

1 have questions answered, there was an Elder there too
2 here, so perhaps we would have the -- Elisopi Ootoova
3 want to say something before we go back to the person
4 that was going to get a response.

5 MS. OOTOOVA: I really want to say
6 something, although it's very late evening. It seems
7 like midnight right now.

8 I just want to say something that you don't know.
9 I'm an Elder. I was born in 1931. I may be the oldest
10 in this community -- I mean in this -- in this hall.
11 So my knowledge is large.

12 I know that -- perhaps I know something that you
13 don't know, but women traditionally were not the
14 speakers because the men would tell the truth, and we
15 depended on them. The women were not speakers for
16 these important things, especially wildlife, but I want
17 to say this as an Elder.

18 I don't know how old I am. I'm 90 years old.
19 Almost a hundred. So listen to me because I'm almost a
20 hundred.

21 Applause

22 MS. OOTOOVA: So as people, as Elders, as
23 Inuit who don't speak English, we tell the truth. We
24 were told never to lie, so we were not supposed to lie.
25 If people lied, people didn't trust them anymore. And
26 the Elders, I hear people -- older people saying they

1 don't trust other people. People didn't think that
2 this area had any people in it. You thought maybe
3 people didn't live here. You thought, you know, you do
4 your own thing around this area. You didn't even think
5 that anybody lived here. Did you think that people
6 were dead here?

7 I'm one of the Elders. I'm one of the indigenous
8 people that lived in this area and, perhaps, even
9 though we can't speak English, we're not liars. We
10 don't just state what we think or what we think is sort
11 of a maybe. We only discuss what we already
12 experience.

13 How many children do I have? I have forgot now.
14 I have 11, 11 children and no adoptions. I raised them
15 myself from my breast. So there are eight -- eight men
16 and three women. I had my children in my home in my --
17 but two I had to give birth in Iqaluit because they
18 were thinking that -- people who thought they were
19 wiser than me, that if I gave too many births that I
20 would bleed too much, but I added two more to that
21 number, although they were trying to give me birth
22 control, but I added two more children. I was given
23 that ability. Not by anybody. We are born. We are
24 given that ability. For the qallunaat, not from what
25 we learned from them. We experience it ourselves.

26 These men know from experience about wildlife.

1 How they operate, how they behave. Some of these
2 things us women don't know. And they're not liars,
3 these men. If they are not liars, we would call them
4 untrustworthy because we have to say the truth.

5 But I hear when we talk about the impacts -- that
6 wildlife is being impacted, people say that statement
7 is not true. That nice gallunaat people would be able
8 to see them, that southern people are telling lies. We
9 were told not to tell lies, and, for this reason, we
10 want this to -- we want this to go in truth, that we
11 would be trustworthy of each other because this lying
12 includes being -- having amnity [phonetic]. I have so
13 much to say, but now I'm already done.

14 I'm not really much of a public speaker. I
15 haven't been in this kind of situation. I can be here.
16 Perhaps I'm thinking I'm an Elder, perhaps people will
17 believe me. Maybe they won't think that I'm a liar.
18 We don't lie.

19 If we have an accident, we will describe that
20 accident exactly the way it is, or if we -- we can tell
21 people that such and such a person helped me.
22 Sometimes we are weaker than others. There are people
23 who help the weaker people without cost. This is the
24 way we are all the time.

25 You probably know how old I am. I have a lot
26 number -- quite a number of years, close to a hundred,

1 and I'm talking here what I believe. I believe -- I'm
2 saying what I believe. When there's -- have ministers
3 who are talking to us, I believe them even though
4 they're younger than us because they don't tell lies
5 about God. If we start lying about things, we are
6 deceiving ourselves. We have to talk about things that
7 we actually experience so that we can tell the truth.

8 If when people say that wildlife should not be
9 something that we need to have confrontations about,
10 that if we try to go against the person that we're
11 trying to be against that person, even though we don't
12 try to pay back to that person for what they did to us,
13 it will come back to us. So truth, truth is the winner
14 of all.

15 So I want to say something accurately because I'm
16 an old person because we are being deceived by many
17 people. We're even told different information about
18 housing rent costs. When you -- we believe what the
19 qallunaat are saying when they say something. Perhaps
20 when there is too much of us -- a bigger population,
21 perhaps there are more chances for deceiving and lying.
22 As a woman or a man, don't tell lies. When you say
23 that you elect a leader, don't elect a leader that
24 would tell you lies because then you can trust them.
25 Applause.

26 MS. OOTOOVA: I've run out of things to say.

1 I'm an Elder now, and it's the middle of the night now.

2 Be respectful of me.

3 Applause

4 THE CHAIR: Thank you for your comments.

5 Thank you for expressing your words. I hope everyone

6 will listen and heed to your words.

7 Continuing with the community roundtable.

8 Response from Oceans North, Johnny West.

9 Please keep your comments brief as there are many
10 residents who would like to make comments. Johnny
11 West.

12 MR. WEST: Hello, I don't know if you can
13 hear me.

14 THE CHAIR: Yes, you may proceed.

15 MR. WEST: Thank you, Madam Chair. I
16 hope you can all hear me.

17 As I understand the question, the question was:
18 Why do we believe that continuation of trucking is
19 profitable, but Baffinland think that that is an
20 incorrect assessment. That is my understanding of the
21 question.

22 I would say in answer to that, that what we have
23 done is to use the normal mechanisms of estimating
24 future profit over the life of the mine, which are
25 widely in use by mining companies and the mining
26 industry. And especially in Canada, we have used the

1 guidelines set out by the Canadian Institute of Mining
2 who say that to assess profitability, you should build
3 a model to estimate how much profit is going to be made
4 in the future.

5 And we can clearly see that building the railway
6 and doubling the production would certainly increase
7 the profits of Baffinland as a company, but the numbers
8 that we've been able to access -- and we've accessed
9 them from Baffinland's own statements and publications
10 to financial regulators in Canada and to their own
11 investors -- those numbers show that a continuation of
12 trucking would certainly be profitable in the sense
13 that it is normally understood in the mining industry.

14 So we have built this model, and it is available.
15 Baffinland, as I understand it, have not seen it
16 necessary to submit their own view of the future
17 profitability of the mine, so it is hard for me to
18 comment on their comments as to why our estimate is
19 wrong.

20 As I say, our estimate is based on using the
21 techniques which are recommended by the Canadian
22 Institute of Mining which provides guidance to the
23 financial regulators in your country, and this is a
24 standard exercise -- perhaps I should have introduced
25 myself and my company. This is a standard exercise
26 which we conduct sometimes directly for governments,

1 sometimes on behalf of other clients, such as Oceans
2 North here. We have run these kinds of analysis in
3 over 20 countries around the world. So perhaps that is
4 a long enough answer to that question.

5 THE CHAIR: Okay. On to the next person,
6 Jena Merkosak.

7 MS. MERKOSAK: Hi, can you hear me? Thank
8 you, Madam Chair. Jena Merkosak, resident of
9 Mittimatalik. I'm here attending school in Iqaluit.
10 Thank you for giving me opportunity to give a
11 presentation while the Phase 2 proposal is being heard.
12 I'll be speaking in English. First of all to say I'm
13 learning in English, and I've been speaking more in
14 English, and I feel comfortable now to speak in
15 English.

16 I hope all you are welcome in Mittimatalik and
17 Iqaluit. That I am in my fourth and final year of the
18 nursing program here in Iqaluit with Nunavut Arctic
19 College.

20 In light of transparency, I will add that I'm a
21 vice president of a newly formed Inuit firm that is
22 just starting out called Kiyuk Northern [phonetic]
23 which works with Baffinland. Me and my shareholders'
24 goal are to increase the Inuit employment and partake
25 in the implementation of the Nunavut Agreement,
26 Article 23 in the IIBA, and the recently signed ICA

1 respectively.

2 I believe this can be held true by ensuring Inuit
3 are involved in the mining operation as much as
4 possible. IQ values are the core foundation of Inuit,
5 and the more Inuit practice IQ side values, it becomes
6 easy as breathing. This, throughout this hearing,
7 we've learned that non-Inuit can't become an expert on.
8 I saw that there was a gap between Baffinland and Inuit
9 in terms of employment and the lack of IQ
10 incorporations in some of the aspects of the mining.
11 More incorporation of the IQ to the mine will not only
12 make Inuit -- will not only make it Inuit-friendly and
13 accessible, but it will ensure a success of the mine.
14 When you help Inuit rise, you will rise, and I hope
15 when you rise, you help Inuit rise in return.

16 Therefore, I encourage Baffinland to continue to
17 learn from Inuit, whether from the young and old, and
18 trust the IQ -- our IQ knowledge stems from time
19 immemorial, and it creates the foundation moving
20 forward.

21 To Inuit that are feeling adamant and are not sure
22 what will happen or what is happening, I would like to
23 say in the matter of fact that change is happening.
24 Change is inevitable. We go through changes all the
25 time in life, but with change we continue to evolve,
26 learn, and grow. Change can be scary, but I've learned

1 that Inuit do not cower in times of difficulties, nor
2 do we stay idle in defeat. We move forward while
3 remaining vigilant and resilient and staying at peace
4 with ourselves. Out of all the changes we face, this
5 is something about Inuit that remain the same. It is
6 our responsibility when change is occurring, we take
7 the positive route and be open to possibilities while
8 keeping in mind the adverse effects. Iksivauta, I
9 believe this is something that people in leadership
10 know.

11 There is a lack of transparency in communication
12 in some parties. When the ICA was announced, it was a
13 huge surprise to many Nunavummiut. It bypassed one of
14 the IQ principles, Aajiiqatigiinni; however, I
15 understand that the affected communities may not
16 have -- may not have always been Tunnganarniq, another
17 IQ principle, which may have affected the process of
18 the signing of the ICA.

19 The difference, though, that I've observed was
20 that Baffinland was welcoming, approachable, and
21 answered all my questions that I brought forward to
22 them to the best of their capacity. However, when I
23 reached out to QIA, our Inuit representative, I didn't
24 hear anything back. I emailed them in September 2020,
25 and, to me, this is disappointing. If Phase 2 were to
26 be approved, Baffinland is tied not only to the

1 comprehensive IBA, but the ICA as well, which, for
2 them, we can hold them legally accountable to their
3 agreed commitments. But what about QIA? How and when
4 are we going to develop a relationship?

5 The QIA's goal is to empower and serve Inuit in
6 the Qikiqtani region as a public service to Inuit.
7 When are they going to become accessible to the Inuit
8 they serve?

9 This mine and the mining -- and opportunities it
10 presents are huge, and there are a lot at stake in
11 proposal. Therefore, this requires open communication
12 and outreach to the affected communities from the
13 parties involved, especially from QIA and the
14 government on a territorial and federal level.

15 Iksivauta, I would like to say not all Inuit are
16 opposed of Phase 2. This might disappoint some people,
17 but I don't follow the crowd. I'm in favour of Phase 2
18 proposal. It will increase productivity while managing
19 and monitoring wildlife and reducing dust emissions,
20 making it the eco-friendliest iron mine in the world.
21 All Nunavummiut will reap the benefits in royalties,
22 employment, training in businesses like mine. This is
23 what we've been asking for and not to mention the five
24 impacted communities taking precedence of the benefits.
25 This will likely reduce the oppression and poverty in
26 health inequities we face as a marginalized population

1 in Canada.

2 Animals are adapting, we'll continue to adapt.
3 Their life cycle and behaviour fluctuates naturally,
4 and we're still learning about them, which will help us
5 mitigate any impacts the expansion has on them.

6 I have worked as a shipping monitor for Baffinland
7 in two summers during the shipping season 2019 and
8 2020. We worked as a liaison between the company and
9 the community members and hunters. We tracked every
10 vessel within the IA system including cruise ships and
11 pleasure crafts. We recorded their identifiers,
12 location, and speed. We informed the hunters and
13 community members of the shipping activity via --
14 sorry, via Facebook, marine -- VHF radio, and local
15 radio. We also took in all questions, concerns,
16 comments, providing answers and listening to concerns.

17 I thought this was a very good practice, as we
18 were communicating directly with the hunters during the
19 shipping activity. It ensured safety, and it gave
20 opportunity for questions and concerns to be expressed.

21 Lastly, I would like to remind Inuit of our
22 resiliency. We may have been forced into this wage
23 economy, but that did not stop us from practicing our
24 ways such as living by the IQ values, hunting and
25 harvesting, and, according to the Nunavut Agreement,
26 this will remain the same. We have to participate and

1 grow with the mining opportunities as this was one of
2 the intentions of the Nunavut Agreement.

3 I would go on; however, with the interest of time
4 and other people wanting to speak, I will stop here
5 from now and, again, thank you for allowing me to speak
6 and giving me opportunity and that everyone is able to
7 listen. I'm very grateful for that.

8 THE CHAIR: Next on the list, Joe
9 Krimmerdjuar. I apologize if I did not pronounce your
10 name correctly.

11 MR. KRIMMERDJUAR: My name is Joe Krimmerdjuar, a
12 resident of Pond Inlet. My late father's name was
13 Francois Arnatsiaq. He was born 1894 at Button Point,
14 so that's what I found out when I inquired, but he died
15 when I was five years old.

16 I want to comment on -- and I probably won't be
17 very precise when I make my comments -- like, who is
18 trying to win will be defeated. There's not going to
19 be anything of that nature. The people are negotiating
20 to reach a common goal. Those who are trying to win,
21 those who are trying to defeat others, that should not
22 be the case. In our future -- or maybe, yes, in the
23 later days we were not informed at all. In the days
24 past we were forced to sign, and then we were told, You
25 cannot do this. And also at the mine we were going to
26 start the mining process at Nanisivik, for example. At

1 least now, like, we have been informed, but there are
2 some problems associated with it.

3 And also, the problem totally makes sense. For
4 those people who have been living here indefinitely,
5 are observing these things, are all about environment.
6 Not only terrestrial but marine area and everything
7 else, which we don't realize. They should be carefully
8 looked into.

9 I usually wake up around 4 or 5 in the morning. A
10 person who works for Baffinland wrote on Google. It
11 states there will be no impacts. There will be no
12 negative impacts. I wonder why they reported as such.
13 And also, the author is vice chair -- vice president,
14 so that's what he implied. And the president, I asked
15 the president why were Inuit not informed and that
16 author made that comment, but apparently it was a
17 different story and that did not happen, so it became
18 evident -- and I was grateful for the fact that he
19 explained the situation and the public meeting has been
20 ongoing. They're not trying to defeat other
21 organization -- other intervenor, but yesterday as I
22 was observing the proceedings, people of Pond Inlet --
23 people of Pond Inlet's actions are -- were watched
24 worldwide.

25 And also, when we were at the airport, for
26 example, I just recalled Donald Trump situation. Like,

1 when they tried to do that, then -- like, he did
2 something negatively, and they no longer have the
3 power, and he did not get elected. Maybe that's
4 something the world is observing us in the same
5 situation. Like, we're trying to scare other people,
6 for example.

7 Even though Inuit always say that they want to
8 negotiate and also -- then all of the -- suddenly major
9 issues arise. What's wrong with the picture? So that
10 was a concern for us. It's very difficult. This
11 process is very difficult.

12 Those -- if Baffinland do not want to change their
13 position about the process, then the Inuit will lose
14 something. Those who say no right now -- right now
15 they are getting some revenue -- when they sell the
16 iron ore, then they will continue to do so, and those
17 people who are living here will not be able to achieve
18 what they want. Maybe if they think rationally. At
19 least do not expand too much. Like, as long as the
20 revenues will continue to flow in -- and also the Inuit
21 will not totally be satisfied, but at least with some
22 of them, like, yes, approve some of the things that
23 Inuit want. Both parties should be satisfied -- at
24 least both parties should at least get what they want.
25 For example, now, the people of Pond Inlet, hunters and
26 trappers organization and others, if they say no to

1 their request, that would not be -- it would be
2 impossible to achieve anything. Then they will prevent
3 something.

4 And also the ice, the land, it's already has been
5 damaged, impacted. It's damaged. Not in its entirety,
6 but in some areas which are closer to Pond Inlet. I
7 hope Baffinland will do the following. Yes. Try not
8 to achieve everything all at once. So that what we
9 want will still continue in the process. And also the
10 people of Pond Inlet, yes, they'll be happier because
11 they will be able to retain what they want. The people
12 of Pond Inlet have said yes because they said -- they
13 were told, Hey, we will do this for you.

14 And also the railway line, you don't want to
15 change the route of the railway line. Inuit -- based
16 on their knowledge, they don't want the environment to
17 be -- they don't want the land to be destroyed and,
18 therefore, they have said railway lines should go
19 through a different process.

20 And also in Oakville and also others, investors,
21 as long as they're happy, that seemed to be the case.
22 As long as the hunters and the people of Pond Inlet,
23 like, even though there is also Igloolik, Hall Beach,
24 Clyde River -- like, how many communities will be
25 impacted? Five communities in total. Because what
26 your heart desires so much, they want to generate

1 revenue. Repeat. Let's hope.

2 Yes. Funds will continue to flow for you and no
3 matter how large or whether the market prices are down.
4 I hope we have an understanding between each of us. I
5 don't want negative -- like, those who win, those who
6 lose. That's something that I don't want to see.
7 That's not the way. Inform these people, and they
8 should have an open dialogue and fix something so they
9 can work together.

10 All of us will be able to smile. Like, I don't
11 like the word "hate", and, like, there should be no
12 hating against each other or any problems. So we can
13 resolve this. It is achievable, but, like, if they're
14 not asking for too much. So right now, yes, you are
15 already mining at a great level and also keeping up
16 with your tonnage. I hope, if it's possible, you
17 should have a closer dialogue.

18 Right now the public hearing -- maybe if they have
19 more meetings between Baffinland, Hunters and Trappers
20 Organization, and before they actually arrive at a
21 certain point, they should rectify things before that
22 happen. Like, right now, this is a final. Like,
23 they're saying, like, Phase 2 will be -- like, it seems
24 like you are rushing to get Phase 2 approved. Yes.
25 Right now the -- they've been meeting for a long time.
26 The meeting, for example, seems to -- is nothing, like,

1 you will -- if you will not satisfy the request of the
2 people of Pond Inlet.

3 For example, yes, you are all striving hard on the
4 issues that iron ore -- like, in the whole review will
5 want more and more revenue. That is why. There's a
6 lot of iron ore deposit, and they will not disappear.
7 So even if you start shipping ore less -- you will try
8 to resolve issues. Like, yes, Phase 2 will be
9 approved. Why? What will happen? If Phase 2 -- this
10 is a final hearing on Phase 2 proposal.

11 And also it has been reported, like, those who
12 have good education and -- those are very important.
13 Those people who are employed and the people who are in
14 Oakville and -- they got the piece of paper, but do
15 they have the knowledge about our land and what's going
16 to be affected? Both of them.

17 Yes. Even though no matter how much education you
18 have, as long as they don't know about the land, all
19 that education they achieve would be good for nothing.
20 All of us want to be, like, comfortable, and that way
21 we will be happy. That this one won; this one lost.
22 We don't want to see anything of that. That's
23 something I want to hear. Is it impossible to achieve?
24 No. It has been reported, and it's well-known; right?
25 So that's something that we should strive hard to
26 achieve. If we try not hard to achieve it, then that's

1 something we don't want to do anymore. Just listening
2 to others. It's our land. Like, we tried to achieve
3 things on our own. Where is QIA and Nunavut Tunngavik
4 Incorporated? The Hunters and Trappers Organization,
5 the Hamlet of Pond Inlet I think have more power or
6 authority than NTI or QIA.

7 Applause

8 MR. KRIMMERDJUAR: Yes. Let's work well
9 together. Not feeling like I'm a loser, and someone
10 walking away, I'm the winner. Let's get that out of
11 our heads. Let's say we have negotiated. We have
12 worked together. And NIRB is listening, and I'm sure
13 they're not just -- they're not just going to listen to
14 us and then get Baffinland to go ahead. And I'm sure
15 they won't do that.

16 Is this very difficult to achieve? It won't be
17 fixed overnight. (NO ENGLISH FEED) that we're going to
18 work together. Like, even though I can observe on the
19 side, it would be grateful. That's going to happen.

20 I have worked for Baffinland previously. I'm not
21 against them. I have bought food from Hunters and
22 Trappers Organization. I'm grateful for that. Both of
23 them are the same, but their tactics are different or
24 the way they handle things. Yes. Let's work together
25 so -- and give careful consideration about the Inuit
26 here. They live here, and they'll remain here.

1 As I mentioned earlier when I first started my
2 comments, my father was born 1894. That's when my
3 father was born. And if he could hear us right now,
4 he's probably shaking his head, you know. I never
5 thought we'd come to this, but here we are trying to
6 keep our land and work with the visitors, and the
7 visitors, we want to welcome them, embrace them. But
8 if they want to do something, okay, here's what we're
9 going to do, and let's balance it. Let's talk about
10 it.

11 All of us -- all of us are striving hard, and if
12 the process will continue, then we will try harder in
13 the future. Right now our children, our grandchildren,
14 our great grandchildren, yes, they too -- it's not only
15 us to contend with.

16 When the government first came up, when all this
17 started, they couldn't say my name. My Eskimo name.
18 So they said, Okay. E51205. That's what I came to be,
19 E51205. My mother, E5510; sister, 511; another sister,
20 512, a bunch of numbers. Even though they had hearts,
21 they were -- it seems to be they were on production
22 line. But sadly, I'm the only one left. My mother, my
23 father, my brothers and sisters, all 15 of them gone.
24 I don't know why I'm the only one left, because maybe I
25 was -- it's so hard to -- I don't know.

26 So, please, let's work together. You can do it.

1 No hard feelings. No hard feelings. Whoever was here,
2 whoever I mentioned, QIA, NTI -- is anybody from NTI
3 here? No? Yeah. When I saw Pita Aatami elected again
4 as the president of Makivik Corporation, I wrote a
5 caption underneath it.

6 Once you get a president and vice president, they
7 should be sent down to Makivik so that they'll go
8 through some training to be somebody for us. Some of
9 us we don't hear from them. Vice president,
10 20 years -- 20-odd years for vice president. That's
11 not the subject, but let's work together.

12 I try not to -- I'm not trying to let either of
13 you -- either one of you down, but I want you to stand
14 up. All of us stand up. Stand up and work on it, and
15 that way we can shake hands as a result.

16 Yes. The problem will continue to arise, and we
17 all know that. Sure. There will be some things that
18 will be -- were not working right for either -- either
19 party, but we have to deal with them. Like, right now,
20 let's deal with them properly. Like, if someone says
21 we cannot change the railway that we want in Mary
22 River. It's not concrete. It can be changed. And
23 once you make the changes with the railway, the money
24 will still be coming. Maybe a bit slower, but it will
25 still be coming, and the people of Pond Inlet, Arctic
26 Bay, Igloolik, and Sanirajak (NO ENGLISH FEED).

1 That's it for my comments. I know I'm not going
2 to rectify anything or -- like, any solution -- if you
3 don't like my comment (NO ENGLISH FEED). Thank you.

4 THE CHAIR: Let's take a five-minute
5 break.

6 (ADJOURNMENT)

7 THE CHAIR: Welcome back, everyone.

8 Just to let you know, we have to close at 9:00.
9 Everything has to be removed and all the stuff has to
10 be removed from here. Just to let you know ahead of
11 time, we have to close down this meeting and everything
12 that's in this venue. So we're all closing at 9.

13 Philippa Ootoowak.

14 MS. OOTOOWAK: Ujannamiik, Iksivauta. My
15 name is Philippa Ootoowak. I'm from Pond Inlet, not
16 originally. I've been a Nunavut resident for the past
17 50 years. I'm an Elder, a retired community archivist.
18 Thank you, Madam Chair.

19 First I would like to thank Nunavut Independent
20 Television for televising these proceedings and the
21 audio feed so that people can follow, parents at home
22 with children or Elders, those at work since the
23 hearings have been mainly during the day, and people in
24 other Nunavut communities in Canada and around the
25 world.

26 This is an important issue for everyone. I would

1 like to show much appreciation for the interpreters who
2 have worked long hours using their amazing skills so
3 that everyone can understand and participate. They
4 deserve every dollar they earn and more.

5 As an introduction, I'm not an Inuk beneficiary
6 under the land claims agreement, so I do not benefit
7 personally from any money administered by Qikiqtani
8 Inuit Association from Baffinland. I do not pretend to
9 speak for Inuit but speak only from my knowledge and
10 experience. I'm honoured to call Pond Inlet my home,
11 and having raised four children here, two of whom were
12 born in the community, I have five grandchildren and
13 all love the land of Nunavut, camping, hunting, fishing
14 and, most of all, eating country food.

15 I have many questions but will reduce them down to
16 a few to allow more people to participate. I will then
17 pose a final question to the Nunavut Impact Review
18 Board as the advisors, and the Government of Canada who
19 will make the final decision on the Phase 2 expansion.

20 In the summer of 1962, the iron deposit at
21 Nuluyait was officially staked by two prospectors from
22 the south. What is meant by "staking"? Staking, if
23 you stake a claim to something, you say or show that
24 you have a right to it and that it should belong to
25 you. So this staked claim did not mean that Inuit were
26 not aware of the iron deposit in the Nuluyait area.

1 As Meeka Mike told us last night, Inuit knew of
2 valued, and used this iron deposit for making ulus and
3 hunting tools. They were known to travel for many
4 miles by dog team to acquire it.

5 Inuit had no knowledge of a staking procedure at
6 that time as they did not -- as they had not been given
7 any opportunity to learn or understand that they were
8 able to acknowledge their land and their right to stake
9 a claim with any governing body. The land had always
10 been there for Inuit.

11 I have listened to many testimonies and
12 presentations at these hearings over these past two
13 weeks. On several occasions, questions asked were
14 ignored or not clearly answered, so I would like to
15 repeat a few.

16 Why was the time allowance given for each
17 intervenor so limited fully knowing that presenters
18 would have to speak slowly for the benefit of clear and
19 accurate translation?

20 As we have heard repeatedly, this has been an
21 issue causing important presentations to be cut off
22 mid-sentence or condensed into summaries only. The
23 proponent, however, was given days for their
24 presentations with no interruptions.

25 The Steensby Inlet phase, already approved with
26 much urgency, gave local residents little time to be

1 aware of the consequences. Now they're being asked to
2 approve a further expansion where nothing has been done
3 with the Steensby Inlet plans, so no knowledge could be
4 gained from the issues resulting from the first
5 expansion and the proposed railroad.

6 Regarding social and family issues, a question was
7 asked whether Baffinland would consider providing
8 family housing units at or near the mine site as
9 happened in the past at Nanisivik mine so that families
10 could be together. This question was not answered.

11 Housing in Pond Inlet, as a community, is
12 extremely limited. Would Baffinland be willing to
13 build some housing units for their employees within the
14 community of Pond Inlet? There are Inuit not currently
15 living in the community who might be interested in
16 working for the mine but have no place to live if they
17 choose to return here. This is a major issue for many.

18 Shipping anchorage at Imiliit. Baffinland claimed
19 to have mitigated all of the issues currently presented
20 having considered five of the options, none of which
21 were thought to be suitable by Baffinland. Therefore,
22 they have to continue using the Imiliit anchorage.
23 This is their reasoning despite local residents
24 repeatedly asking for the ships not to anchor in this
25 area. It seems the local people do not have a choice
26 in the matter, but Baffinland does.

1 Cumulative shipping numbers. Baffinland reports
2 on the number of their ships that will be scheduled to
3 travel through Eclipse Sound and their effects on the
4 environment as a result. However, Baffinland may not
5 be aware that the community has concerns about the
6 cumulative effect of shipping in Eclipse Sound.

7 In the years 2015 to 2019, between 15 to 20 cruise
8 ships travelled through Eclipse Sound every summer.
9 Added to this, between 10 and 15 private vessels passed
10 through and also often entered into Saviit of Milne
11 Inlet area. These cumulative effects must be brought
12 into the picture for the consideration when it comes to
13 the environmental concerns and marine life.

14 Air traffic. It is presumed that with increase in
15 mining, air traffic to the Nuluyait site would also
16 increase. Does this not affect wildlife and the
17 environment also? This has not been addressed by
18 Baffinland, although it has been spoken about the
19 helicopters that pass over frequently. An example
20 would be in the winter months when planes require
21 de-icing before they can fly. This de-icing glycol
22 solution, orange in colour, also stays in the
23 environment and can contaminate land and water.

24 Health. We have heard much regarding the country
25 food that Inuit harvest and eat as their essential
26 diet. In the south, there is a strong push for people

1 to eat only organic food. This is naturally grown food
2 with no additives or contaminants and considered to be
3 the healthiest diet. Why then are the people of Pond
4 Inlet now being asked by Baffinland to eat their
5 country food contaminated by red iron dust, the
6 opposite of organic food?

7 The federal governments of the past have a history
8 of knowing what is best for Inuit only to find out in
9 later years that what they thought was a good idea was
10 a mistake and Inuit have suffered the consequences.
11 Here are some examples. Whalers from all parts of the
12 world were allowed to decimate whaling stocks that
13 resulted in Inuit no longer being able to hunt bowhead
14 whales and only a limited number of narwhal due to the
15 great depletion almost to the state of extinction.

16 Traders came and were allowed to encourage Inuit
17 to become dependent financially on fox hunting until
18 there was a decline in the demand and the price
19 dropped.

20 Inuit dogs were slaughtered by government order as
21 they were thought to be too dangerous when not tied up
22 regardless of the fact that this was the only form of
23 transport for many Inuit hunters and families at the
24 time. This caused much hardship and hunger for Inuit.

25 Inuit removed from northern Quebec to the high
26 Arctic, not at the request of the Inuit but for the

1 benefit of the government sovereignty plan, again, much
2 hardship for Inuit, including families from Pond Inlet
3 also moved there to help.

4 The issue of residential schools is well known. A
5 government plan to integrate Inuit children into
6 southern society through forced removal to educational
7 facilities run by southern teachers. It is true that
8 the federal government has issued official apologies
9 many years later for some of these actions. However,
10 the truth and reconciliation hearings are worth nothing
11 if recommendations are not acted upon.

12 The people of Pond Inlet and affected North Baffin
13 communities are now clearly asking the Nunavut Impact
14 Review Board and the federal Government of Canada to
15 listen to the Elders and people of the community. They
16 are not asking Baffinland to close down completely as
17 they realize that jobs are an economic benefit to the
18 communities and provide some training opportunities for
19 young people.

20 They are, however, asking Baffinland to slow down
21 and the federal government not to approve the Phase 2
22 expansion at this time as this may result in yet
23 another major mistake. If Phase 2 is approved, Inuit
24 will once again end up suffering from the resulting
25 damage to their land, the terrestrial animals, and
26 marine life that provide the food and clothing and

1 their traditional culture and way of life for future
2 generations. Qujannamiik. Thank you.

3 THE CHAIR: Jayko Ootoovak.

4 MR. OOTOOVAK: Jayko Ootoovak, resident of
5 Mittimatalik. I'm 76 years old. My mother spoke
6 earlier, an Elderly lady, my mother.

7 I won't have too much comments. However, my
8 friend, Jayko Allooloo, I did -- I did -- it was
9 unfortunate he was unable to speak. Sorry. I spoke a
10 little too fast. I'm not used to speaking publicly. I
11 won't speak to all the words I wanted to speak. I want
12 Jayko Allooloo an opportunity to speak himself. Some
13 of the things that I have heard, I will make some
14 comments. You are decision-makers, and you are able to
15 give directives.

16 It was mentioned the comments earlier \$10 million
17 to come for compensation. When guidelines are made
18 without any weight, it's useless. It's all right not
19 to go by the guidelines. It's unfortunate. Thank you,
20 Madam Chair, and I'm very proud of you for being
21 very -- for being able in your capacity.

22 THE CHAIR: Kaujak Komangapik.

23 MS. KOMANGAPIK: Thank you, Madam Chairman.
24 Kaujak Komangapik from Mittimatalik.

25 I've been here for most of the time in the public
26 hearings, and I haven't really learned much. Yes, many

1 of the things I have heard from you I've been diligent
2 in trying to listen in as I was committed to come here
3 and listen. Thank you very much, Baffinland, as well,
4 and the intervenors discussing very difficult issues,
5 and I'm proud of you all, and, mostly, it's -- this is
6 the most proudest time for me. Eric Ootoovak, who is
7 younger than I, let us give him an applause, a standing
8 ovation.

9 Baffinland as well. I'm very grateful to them.
10 Let us give them an applause as well.

11 In particular, our Chair, who has been very
12 patient on a very -- and directing a very important
13 issue. Let us give her a great applause.

14 We are very grateful as resident of Mittimatalik.
15 I wanted to be -- participate throughout and to see
16 what actions will be taken with respect to mining as
17 Phase 2 is being considered, and I think our hamlet is
18 in some agreement while our HTO says no for a reason
19 and as they made their statement, and they seem to have
20 consensus saying you, and there are very few here,
21 whether they are in leadership capacity, take this
22 hearing not seriously, and those who have come here,
23 who have intervenors with technicians who discuss very
24 difficult and technical issues, and it has been very
25 sufficient.

26 And we have HTOs from five communities involved of

1 the impacted HTOs who will actually be affected.
2 They're not here physically, but I'm proud of them, and
3 I'm proud of our leaders. They are main foundation.
4 Our leaders are our foundation. From my observation as
5 an Inuk and First Nation of this area, I grew up here.
6 I grew up initially in Arctic Bay.

7 Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, IQ, although we don't
8 have a technician and don't seem to have a voice, it
9 seems to be left out. That's how I have heard here,
10 and I cried deep inside in memory of our ancestors.
11 They didn't have technicians, protectors. They
12 depended on themselves, they survived on their own, and
13 they were way more capable than we were.

14 And also start growing up -- Inuit knowledgeable
15 people, the wisdom retainers, the -- and I'm telling
16 you, Board and federal government, you should be more
17 supportive of Inuit because that is their job, those
18 who deal with Aboriginal people, and this is what I've
19 served here. Sometimes I'll be late coming here,
20 though. I believe there were only two here, Charlie
21 Inuarak and Jeetaloo, who is a resident of Iqaluit
22 who's the chairman of the HTO -- just two who were able
23 to speak, and that is why my heart would cry.

24 Why then the HTO and Mitti -- no wonder HTO and
25 Mittimatalik said no. For reasons. Because in the
26 land claims agreement, Inuit will continue to have

1 harvesting rights without disruption. All the HTOs in
2 Nunavut should be first to be approached and asked. If
3 not, the agreement with the Queen will be broken. That
4 is true. And the Queen signed the agreement for --
5 people around the world should know that.

6 We're not saying no, but our hunting rights should
7 not be affected. I'm not saying I'm against or hate
8 Baffinland or other exploration companies. We don't
9 have hate towards them. However, Inuit, the Eskimos,
10 their rights should be reflected in the laws, and this
11 is something anticipated while I was listening in.

12 Yes. We need to -- you need to have communication
13 and negotiations, and when there's a great consensus or
14 agreement, move ahead. If one side is moving, you will
15 continue to have opposition. The Queen who signed
16 the law, if we are diligent with it, we will continue
17 to be smiling at each other as it should be.

18 So Section 35, I believe, talks about the HTOs and
19 wildlife issues. That should be implemented. If
20 mining exploration is desired or oil exploration, our
21 HTOs have to be in the forefront and should be
22 approached first, and perhaps next time we will not
23 make that mistake. I think we realize that.

24 And during the initial stage of the hearing, I did
25 state that as residents of Mittimatalik, we know and we
26 tell the world we will be the most affected in Nunavut.

1 This is our land, and the ships are passing through --
2 right through or near our community and will continue
3 to do. We want to be appreciated, and we want to be
4 listened to, as it should be.

5 Our government, since the advent of Nunavut in
6 1999, we were very happy. We're going to have rights
7 now. Perhaps Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit or great
8 knowledge will now be recognized. We were very
9 pleased, and on Nunavut Day, we celebrate, and we are
10 very happy on that day. But Nunavut will be spoiled,
11 and there's not much discussions, and as community
12 members, we're not really involved, and our hamlet is
13 in agreement.

14 Our hamlet is also our form of government. They
15 did not ask the community, Do you agree? Will you be
16 in agreement? Perhaps they wrote something. I don't
17 know. And that they are in agreement and they
18 submitted their presentation to the NIRB. It should
19 not be the way. I don't think it was that way.

20 I think discussions should've been taking place
21 first, and with that and not -- and not do so in a
22 rush. The -- the Baffinland could've been pleased, and
23 Baffinland could've feel welcome. This is something I
24 wanted to express, and as resident of Mittimatalik here
25 in the technical -- during the technical meetings, this
26 is what I observed, and I commented to.

1 We just don't want you to learn from the resident
2 of Mittimatalik. Are we just going to be a puppet for
3 learning while our hunting is being affected badly?
4 NTI and QIA is not there giving us support. Yes,
5 there's some bit of support. Few, few dollars. And
6 community of Mittimatalik being affected negatively,
7 and other communities will be the ones benefitting and
8 feel happy. So those of us who are affected in
9 Mittimatalik, well, we need to voice our -- we need to
10 voice more and have more say. We don't seem to have
11 anyone protecting us as Inuit. We need someone to
12 protect us here in Mittimatalik.

13 To those who will protect us, especially in our
14 hunting rights, others will want to comment too. Thank
15 you. I'll end that there.

16 THE CHAIR: That was the last speaker, but
17 please be advised, our final hearing is not finished
18 even though we are finished in Pond Inlet, but our
19 public hearing will continue. I wanted you to
20 understand this.

21 Jayko Allooloo.

22 MR. ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Madam Chair.

23 First of all, I will ask a few questions, and I
24 will make my own comments as I see fit. And also my
25 grandson, Joseph, is he here? And he will want to -- I
26 want Joseph -- are you here? I want him to conclude

1 following my remarks. He is not here. Maybe he got
2 shy.

3 First of all, I want to ask, but let me comment
4 briefly. Thanks for the opportunity. Now, we have
5 over -- about 23 ships and that we have always been
6 saying that we are impacted. Last summer I will
7 comment about the things that I have observed. Seven,
8 eight -- there will be -- there were about seven or
9 eight ships anchored or waiting at Baffin Point and
10 also at Cape Hat and Imiliit. Five, four, three ships
11 remaining stationary, and, apparently, they were not
12 supposed to exceed three waiting or more, and also
13 there were about five or six ships when I checked them
14 on Google Earth. Based on those, they want to increase
15 the number of ships to 176 if Phase 2 were to be
16 approved. I am afraid, and I will comment about that.

17 In regards to narwhal, we used to have narwhals.
18 When the ice was starting to break up, moving towards
19 the Milne Inlet, and, also, during the summertime after
20 the (INDISCERNIBLE), there were always narwhal
21 migrating from the Button Point waters, and we already
22 had narwhals in -- within Eclipse Sound, and we also
23 knew that in Eclipse Sound they would forage in front
24 of the community. That was always the case for every
25 year.

26 And also I just want to comment while I'm on the

1 subject of narwhals, and we know, like, during the
2 springtime when the ice is breaking up and the narwhals
3 are migrating from the waters of Button Point, then
4 they start calving. Like I mentioned, I used to live
5 at Mount Herodier when I was growing up. Jayko
6 Ootoovak and I were both living at Mount Herodier, and
7 we know the area fully.

8 And in the springtime, like, before the -- you can
9 still can travel on the sea ice. Narwhal started
10 navigating, and you would see young narwhal migrating
11 on the leads, and the -- for example, from Mount
12 Herodier to Kooktoyoo [phonetic] Lake, it remains
13 submerged with their calves for a long time because
14 they carry them on their backs.

15 As they migrate toward Milne Inlet area, some of
16 them continue to calve, give birth, and also continue
17 to give birth at the Milne Inlet channel. That was
18 traditional calving area for narwhal. Right now, they
19 are just dispersed, and yet Phase 2 has not been
20 approved yet.

21 That being the case, so we are greatly impacted as
22 a result, and I just wanted to say if the number of
23 ships were to increase -- and I mentioned earlier,
24 like, there were about seven or eight waiting near
25 Button Point, and I have been -- some of them were
26 commented on this past week. Like, Black Field, I

1 think, it's called.

2 The ships who are waiting near Button Point will
3 continue to emit smoke and also at Lancaster Sound and
4 Davis Strait and Baffin Bay, and the current is always
5 coming from that direction, and it's apparent that
6 between Clyde River and Pond Inlet and part of Clyde
7 River will -- there will be a lot of smoke, and the
8 smoke will float towards the land, and people of Clyde
9 River will be impacted as a result. That being one.

10 Secondly, before I ask my question, I want to
11 comment, as I mentioned previously, and some of it was
12 not translated into English properly.

13 That's what I was -- I'm Aboriginal person, and I
14 was raised in Mount Herodier and Pond Inlet, and I was
15 born on Bylot Island. That being the case, those of us
16 who are long-term residents of Pond Inlet have to be
17 listened to. Like, we are the residents of Pond Inlet,
18 and you are just visiting. You are just visitors.
19 Based on that, then you have to listen to us to protect
20 us. We need to be protected, and we rely on wildlife
21 for our livelihood. And what was it that I was going
22 to say? Let me ask questions first.

23 The Hamlet of Pond Inlet. The question was for
24 the Hamlet of Pond Inlet, and I did not really
25 understand when the answer was provided. The Hamlet of
26 Pond Inlet asked: There will be two railway lines that

1 has been identified, and I don't know why then
2 that's -- why is the other one not written down? And
3 they responded as such, the land railway line is
4 incomplete. The design has not been complete.

5 How, then, as Nunavut Impact Review Board will you
6 be able to support that when the designs are not
7 finished yet within this public hearing? We want to
8 hear everything after they have been drafted.

9 And, secondly, Baffinland, like, technical
10 advisors mentioned that they said that our seals start
11 mating in June and July, and they're not fully --
12 they're not informing us enough. Why? Baffinland has
13 monitored only the good things, and they present them
14 as good things, and the comments by Inuit about the
15 fact that there's red dust, and the fish are being
16 deteriorated. We never heard about these comments.
17 They should include all comments. The pros and cons
18 should be discussed.

19 That being the case, it's not been completed what
20 Baffinland is proposing to do. It's insufficient.
21 Problems will arise if that is the case, and some
22 people were mentioning and our eldest Elder was saying
23 that as well. That being the case, Baffinland plans to
24 be pleasant to look at. That being the case, when
25 they're partially incomplete -- and sometime when you
26 ask questions to Baffinland they avoid answering the

1 questions. That should not be the case. So that's
2 something the Nunavut Impact Review Board should
3 consider also.

4 Yesterday it was mentioned -- I think it was
5 yesterday. Socio-economic food security wasn't
6 mentioned. For food security, there was a very good
7 report provided on page 30 in regards to Inuit food
8 security. The first bullet, "annual financial
9 obligations"; second one, "one time financial
10 obligation"; and last bullet, "other financial
11 obligation".

12 Okay. These topics were mentioned, and I was
13 expecting that they be -- would be explained in detail
14 separately. Like, it seems like the numbers are huge
15 for the five impacted communities. Like, they feel
16 like Pond Inlet will receive \$1. One can assume that
17 that's unfortunate, and we're impacted the most, and
18 we're just treated like other communities. That's
19 unfortunate.

20 And also it was mentioned by Qikiqtani Inuit
21 Association when they made a very good report. I was
22 assuming according to the Inuit-owned lands and also
23 Inuit Impacts and Benefits Agreement, I don't really
24 have an understand about Qikiqtani Inuit
25 Association's -- what they are receiving in royalties
26 under the Inuit Impacts and Benefits Agreement. I did

1 not hear anything about that.

2 In regards to Baffinland's presentation, Qikiqtani
3 Inuit Association should -- I assumed they were going
4 to provide comments about direct benefits. There was
5 none. That's unfortunate. What are we going to do
6 next, for example? Probably true or not. Some of us
7 often say today (INUKTITUT SPOKEN) hotel belongs to
8 people of Pond Inlet. Baffinland mentioned they
9 provide \$3 million for Inuit-owned lands since -- from
10 2008, I think. I wrote it somewhere. I forgot. To
11 date until 2020, \$18 million. Now we can say -- the
12 people of Pond Inlet can say that is -- that hotel in
13 Iqaluit, the QIA, it says they own it, but it belongs
14 to people of Pond Inlet. That's unfortunate.

15 And since 1993, I was a chairperson with the
16 hunters and trappers organization for about 15 years,
17 and I was also a member of the Qikiqtani Wildlife Board
18 as vice chair. At that time, the federal government
19 represented from department of environment in Ottawa
20 was in attendance when we went to note for meetings.

21 In regards to marine mammals. The memorandum of
22 understanding for marine mammals. So to prepare a
23 memorandum of understanding, that being the case, I
24 want to say that federal government representatives, we
25 wanted to encourage them further.

26 The narwhals were being discussed by having a

1 dialogue between Greenland people and also people of
2 Pond Inlet. Sometimes their narwhal stock are not
3 originally from there because when they were travelling
4 by kayak they're very easy to chase, and, periodically,
5 we see narwhals that are very easy to chase and that we
6 know that Greenland narwhal stocks, when they come
7 here, they're very easy to chase and harvest, and we
8 always chase our narwhal using outboard motors. Over
9 there, they're very simple to harvest using a kayak,
10 that being one, and I want to encourage the federal
11 government representative and tell them that the people
12 of Greenland should start to research whether, in fact,
13 their narwhal stocks are from Canada.

14 That being the case, we have already heard or
15 already aware that the Pangnirtung and Qikiqtani and
16 Clyde River and Kuarjook are narwhals from Pond Inlet
17 reach those places, including Cambridge Bay and also to
18 Arctic Bay especially because it's very close, and we
19 know that our narwhals always go to Admiralty Inlet
20 area. That being the case, they will continue -- we
21 will continue to see ships, and it appears that our
22 narwhal stock will no longer come into this area.
23 That's unfortunate. That's very unfortunate.

24 And we know and it was also mentioned that narwhal
25 give birth at any time at all, and they mate anytime at
26 all, and we went to Washington as a result about the

1 behaviour of narwhals, and I mentioned and I mention --
2 and I will repeat it now. Narwhals are born
3 year-round, and also the same with the seal population,
4 and they mate year-round like narwhal.

5 So that's something that I ask our supervisor, and
6 he told me, as Inuit, it's not like we always on land.
7 We don't go with swimming, and therefore we mate and
8 give birth any time and also narwhal are -- always are
9 in the marine environment, and they mate anywhere.
10 That's what Kalooksa [phonetic] told me, and I believed
11 him.

12 And also in regards to Inuit traditional
13 knowledge, it has been mentioned for the past two
14 weeks. Inuit traditional knowledge is very powerful,
15 but no wonder -- like white people, they don't really
16 mind about Inuit traditional knowledge because it's not
17 in the university curriculum, and if it were to be
18 included in the university curriculum, then they would
19 be very knowledgeable.

20 And also I want to say that Nunavut Tunngavik
21 Incorporated, wildlife advisor, I have taught him.
22 Nunavut Tunngavik is a wildlife advisor, especially
23 about narwhal harvesting especially. When he returned
24 to Montreal, McGill University, he received a doctorate
25 degree, and yet here I am without a doctorate degree.
26 That's unfortunate not being one. I'll just

1 explain this. I want to ask -- which one was it? I'm
2 trying to rush. It's almost 9:00. That's unfortunate.
3 So last one.

4 Inuit traditional knowledge. As I mentioned
5 earlier, I was with the Qikiqtani Wildlife Board. We
6 were preparing the Government of Nunavut wildlife
7 regulations at that time, and Inuit traditional -- they
8 have some contents of Inuit traditional knowledge.
9 We're not supposed to let the animals suffer, and we
10 have to treat them with respect. There were only three
11 words, and yet we -- and Qikiqtani Wildlife Board is
12 not using that.

13 Baffinland is in the same situation. They talk
14 about Inuit traditional knowledge, yet they are not
15 being used because they don't have any content. If
16 Inuit traditional knowledge were to be used, the Mary
17 River would not be in operation because it impacts
18 everything automatically.

19 When I was working for the Nunavut Planning
20 Commission, we used to conduct mapping, and also Mary
21 River was the area where caribou were calving, and
22 also -- and there are a lot of places that has been
23 impacted negatively and also fish and char. I mean,
24 seal have been impacted. And if you utilize Inuit
25 traditional knowledge, then Mary River wouldn't
26 have been open because the IQ is just in print. That's

1 it. That's it for now. Thank you.

2 THE CHAIR: Thank you, everyone. Thank
3 you for the community members of Pond Inlet. I thank
4 you all.

5 So because sometimes it's difficult for me to
6 speak in English when I speak in English. It's fine.

7 Thank you to the community members of Pond Inlet
8 for sharing your time, your passion, and your wisdom
9 with us. Many of the things discussed during today's
10 session may be beyond the scope of the NIRB's
11 assessment of the Phase 2 development project.

12 However, I hope that all parties took this
13 opportunity to listen to what has been said by
14 communities and respond to their concerns and issues
15 that address the feedback from communities. Although
16 we may not all have the same role, the same mandate, we
17 all have a shared responsibility to respond and act so
18 that the needs and aspirations of Nunavummiut are
19 addressed.

20 On behalf of the Nunavut Impact Review Board, I
21 would like to thank the proponent, Baffinland, and all
22 the registered intervenors for their presentation in
23 this assessment, including providing their
24 presentations this week and providing their comments
25 and questions over the course of the last 12 days. The
26 Board is grateful to you for sharing your valuable

1 insights and expertise and also for responding to the
2 questions from the community of Pond Inlet today.

3 To everyone who joined us in person in Pond Inlet
4 and in the hub in Iqaluit, we thank you all for wearing
5 masks, observing the Board's COVID-19 protocols, and
6 for working with the Board staff so that we could all
7 stay safe and healthy.

8 The Board would also like to recognize the
9 community representatives from Ikpiarjuk, Arctic Bay;
10 Kangiqtugaapik, Clyde River; Igloolik; Sanirajak; Grise
11 Fiord; Resolute Bay, Iqaluit; and, of course, Pond
12 Inlet who attended the technical sessions and our
13 community roundtable session in Pond Inlet.

14 The Board appreciates you sharing your knowledge
15 with us during the previous community roundtable in
16 October and over these past two weeks. We look forward
17 to you rejoining us so when the Board reconvenes the
18 public hearing for the community roundtable, and we
19 will have more time to hear from you all.

20 To the approximately 50 people who joined us on
21 the phone every day, the more than 200 Zoom connections
22 and the thousands of people who watched the live stream
23 of these proceedings on Uvagut TV, we thank you for
24 taking the time to connect with us even if it was not
25 in person.

26 Although this was a very new experience for all of

1 us, every day the Board appreciated seeing that schools
2 and institutions were connecting to listen in on the
3 proceedings. I say, in particular, a shout out to the
4 students at Nanisivik High School who joined us via
5 Zoom. We hope you learn from your time spent with us
6 watching the proceedings.

7 I would also like to thank the mayor and the
8 community of Pond Inlet for hosting us the past
9 12 days. Also it was a heavy meeting. We are
10 welcomed, and people were giving us meat. Thank you so
11 much for that.

12 I would now like to turn the microphone to Karen
13 Costello, the Board's executive director for some
14 specific thank-yous on the Board's behalf.

15 Karen.

16 MS. COSTELLO: Thank you, Madam Chair. Karen
17 Costello on behalf of the Nunavut Impact Review Board.
18 I'll keep my remarks brief and apologize in advance if
19 I miss anyone with my thanks.

20 I would like to start with my sincere thanks to
21 the people and community of Pond Inlet for welcoming
22 the NIRB. We know this venue is a centre for many
23 activities, and we appreciate the hamlet giving up the
24 hall and the change room for the last two weeks. Thank
25 you to all the facility staff. By the way, the change
26 room will have a fresh scent that should last at least

1 through one night of hockey after we leave.

2 For community members who came to the hall in Pond
3 Inlet and those community members we see on the screen
4 who committed two weeks to travel to Iqaluit, in
5 particular all the Elders, thank you for your patience
6 as the agenda was worked through. In your words, you
7 shared your knowledge, feelings, and perspectives.
8 Thank you for trusting the NIRB to receive this
9 information.

10 A dedicated team has worked tirelessly to ensure
11 this hearing happened, many of them truly behind the
12 cameras. To the Duoson multimedia production team in
13 Pond Inlet and Iqaluit, Olivier, Renee, Francois,
14 Roland, and Hal back in the office, thank you for
15 joining us on this journey and being focused on
16 solutions.

17 To the court reporters who have had to stare at my
18 bad haircut for the last two weeks, your skills and
19 abilities to capture our many words for hours on end
20 requires concentration not many have. Thank you.

21 The NIRB staff has spent many weeks working on all
22 logistical components and continually addressing
23 everything that came up behind the scenes once the
24 hearing began. The advanced work included new topics
25 for the NIRB staff, exploring new technology platforms
26 for a hearing that had to comply with public health

1 measures, developing protocols to meet public health
2 requirements to ensure people could participate in a
3 hearing safely to present to the Board.

4 To the NIRB staff and legal counsel, wow. As a
5 team, you pulled together. Many of you completing long
6 days even before Day 1 of this hearing. My immense
7 thanks.

8 To the interpreters, Veronica, Rhoda, Titus,
9 Jacopoosie, and Josie, my sincere thanks for your
10 patience as you interpreted our words and those of
11 others across Canada and beyond its borders.

12 To the proponent and intervenors, thanks to your
13 team members from the staff for being flexible to have
14 your teams ready through long hours and presenting your
15 technical material and findings with the balance of
16 passion and respect in your submissions and your
17 assistance to conduct the meeting smoothly between
18 multiple locations on different platforms.

19 The scale of these proceedings has allowed the
20 Nunavut Impact Review Board to consider different types
21 of accessibility to the Board's formal proceedings.

22 Finally to the Board, I am humbled by your
23 knowledge and perspectives you have shared with me
24 personally and to the staff overall and the strength
25 and leadership you have shown through the long days of
26 this hearing. You truly lead by example.

1 So, Madam Chair, until we Zoom again, I say
2 goodnight to everyone. Thank you, Madam Chair.

3 Closing Remarks

4 THE CHAIR: As this is the last day of
5 this session of the public hearing, I will finish my
6 remarks by sharing some updated details to let everyone
7 know what happens next.

8 With respect to the outstanding written procedural
9 motions and objections that have been filed by Oceans
10 North, the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers
11 Organization, and the Amaruq Hunters and Trappers
12 Association this week, the Board will post those
13 materials on the registry on Monday and will be
14 inviting comments from all parties.

15 After the time for comments has closed, the Panel
16 will make decisions regarding the file, and updated
17 procedural direction will be provided. Regarding the
18 big question in terms of the schedule and agenda for
19 the extension of this public hearing to take place in
20 Iqaluit and to -- for follow up regarding the technical
21 session, the Board is unfortunately unable to confirm
22 those details at this time.

23 As I am sure parties can appreciate, there are
24 many, many practical and logistical issues that need to
25 be in place before the Board can finalize the details
26 for the planned extension. The Board understands that

1 everyone is anxious to know these details, and we will
2 provide them as soon as we have everything confirmed.

3 The Board recognizes that some parties will want
4 the extended session to go ahead as soon as possible
5 while other parties would prefer that the Board wait
6 until the Board can return to our normal meeting
7 procedures without any public health restrictions in
8 place to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

9 I can assure everyone that the Board has heard you
10 and is balancing many considerations to make our plans
11 going forward. As our proceedings have shown over the
12 last two weeks, although we very much miss seeing
13 everyone's face and being able to share time with you
14 at the tea and snack table, the Board cannot suspend
15 our work indefinitely while we wait for this terrible
16 pandemic to be over.

17 We are all learning about how to use new
18 technologies to connect us all, and the Board will
19 continue to work to improve our new practices to
20 increase access to our proceedings. We have never been
21 able to see Elders being able to say hi to family
22 members watching us in Newfoundland. Thank you to the
23 Nunavut Independent Television Network for making this
24 possible.

25 While there is a pause while the Board plans for
26 the extension of the public hearing, the Board

1 encourages all parties to speak, to listen, and to
2 connect with each other. Parties may still disagree,
3 but the process and decision-making is always improved
4 when we extend our understanding of each other's
5 perspectives.

6 We look forward to connecting with you all to
7 complete the public hearing phase of the assessment as
8 soon as practical and will share these details when
9 they are available. As we close tonight, I want
10 everyone to know that the Panel continues to listen and
11 keep an open mind regarding this assessment.

12 Until every last word and every last document has
13 been filed on the public hearing record is closed, we
14 have not decided anything.

15 Thank you once again for all the hospitality you
16 have shown the Board in Pond Inlet and Iqaluit over the
17 last two weeks. Thank you everyone from Pond Inlet and
18 Iqaluit and over the phone. Before we close, can you
19 have the meeting closed with a prayer, Elijah
20 Panipakoocho.

21 Closing Prayer

22 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Elijah.

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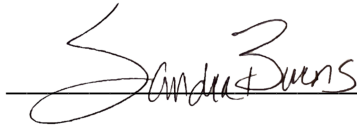
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