



Via email (info@nirb.ca)

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Chair
Nunavut Impact Review Board
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**Re: Concerns Regarding Video Shown on November 2, 2021 at the
Community Roundtable (Proposed Mary River Phase 2 Project Review)**

Dear Ms. Kaluraq,

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) has a number of procedural concerns related to the video shown on November 2, 2021 at the Community Roundtable (CRT) provided by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 793 (the “Union”).

Although NTI fully supports the intention of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (the “Board”) to facilitate all Inuit from the affected communities sharing their knowledge, experiences and views regarding the Phase 2 Proposal, the showing of the video raised several issues.

1. The Union video essentially allowed a third party that had not sought intervener status to make a presentation during the CRT. This was permitted even though the Board disallowed registered interveners the opportunity to make presentations during the CRT.
2. NTI also is concerned that the video was presented late in the hearing process at a time when interveners could not ask any questions or make any comments regarding the video. This is in contrast with the video that was allowed early in the technical session and permitted other interveners the opportunity to comment on the content of the video.
3. Further, unlike the earlier video that was presented by and supported submissions of a registered intervener, the Union video was presented as a collection of individual or independent comments from community members. However, it is unclear how much editing of the views of the interviewees was done, and whether and to what extent the comments shown in the video truthfully and fully represent the views of the interviewees.
4. We are also concerned with setting a precedent of allowing community or individual comments be presented, filtered and edited by an unregistered third-party that itself has a clear interest/stake in the project. Regardless of whether coercion had actually occurred, there was a clear case of conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict.

For these reasons, NTI recommends that the Union video not form part of the public record. NTI reiterates that it supports the Board in encouraging all Inuit in the affected communities to provide their knowledge, experiences, and views in review processes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DK', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Kunuk
Chief Operating Officer