

Marjorie Kaviq Kaluraq

Chairperson, Nunavut Impact Review Board

January 10, 2022

RE: Igloolik Working Group Closing Statement for the NIRB Review of Baffinland's 'Phase 2' Proposal

Ms. Kaluraq,

The Igloolik Working Group does not believe that Baffinland's 'Phase 2' application should be approved at this time. The Working Group urges the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and federal government not to support the Phase 2 application at this time due to the reasons below.

1. The Igloolik Working Group supports the principle of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent. Major development projects like Phase 2 should not be approved without the support of the Hamlets and HTAs in the most affected communities. The community of Pond Inlet is the most affected by the Phase 2 proposal. The Hamlet of Pond Inlet and Mittimatalik HTA does not support the Phase 2 expansion.
2. The Igloolik working group is concerned that the Environmental assessment performed by Baffinland Iron Mines (BIM) has gaps that intervenors have identified regarding animal migrations, project impact on animals, environment, and communities. And that the proponent has not adequately addressed these impacts.
3. The Igloolik Working Group feels that current models to identify impacts and thresholds are inadequate due to the lack of input and understanding of local traditional knowledge. For this reason, the Igloolik Working Group is concerned that the thru impacts are unknown at this time.
4. The Igloolik Working Group is concerned that without a proper plan for direct community benefits development before the approval, it is hard for communities to outweigh benefits and impacts truly and adequately to make an informed decision on large projects like the one phase 2 proposes.

5. The Municipality of Igloolik has submitted a motion to the Igloolik Working Group, made by its elected officials on December 23, 2021 (motions 143-21-21), that the municipality of Igloolik does not support phase 2 expansion.

6. The Igloolik HTA has submitted a motion to the Igloolik Working Group, made by its elected officials on October 29, 2021 (Motion 2021-011-005), that the HTA moves there should be no increase in ore production by Baffinland Iron Mines for ten years from January 2022.

In Conclusion, We thank the proponent as it has made some substantial changes to its submission, but at the time, the Igloolik Working group does not support Phase 2 in its current state as per the reasons above.

Thank you for considering our submission and concerns and taking them as part of this process. We eagerly await the NIRB's final report and the Minister's decision for this project.



Peter Ivalu

Chair, Igloolik Working Group

# Hamlet Council of Igloolik Igloolik, NU

MOTION NUMBER: 143-21-21 Meeting # 21 DATE: Dec 21/2021

MOVED BY: Neeve UTTAK

SECONDED BY: George AukSAG

That: The Municipality of Igloolik  
does not support Phase II Bassinland

FOR: 5

AGAINST: 1

ABSTAIN: 2

SR. ADMIN. OFFICER: 



Not carried:  $\leftarrow$



Representing the members of Igloodik Hunters' and Trappers' Organization

Date: October 29, 2021

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Against: 0

Carried: X

Not carried: 0