

Summary of Consultations

Project: GEM-GeoNorth: **Community Geoscience Mapping the Kivalliq Corridor**

NRCan representatives: Mary Sanborn-Barrie, Research Scientist & Tom Kingdon, Engagement Officer

Following bilingual letters of introduction sent out in June 2022, on-site visits were planned at the convenience of the local Inuit organizations and residents. The primary purpose of the Nov. 19 – Dec. 2, 2022 trip to Rankin Inlet – Arviat – Whale Cove, NU was to undertake face-to-face introductions of a proposed community-based mapping activity that could take place in summer 2023. Meetings were held with key organizations, as public information sessions, and as workshops to high school students to discuss, consult and co-develop the proposal.

Date: Monday, November 21, 2022

Time: 9:30AM-12:00PM

Location: **Kivalliq Inuit Association** Offices, Rankin Inlet

Attended by 6 people

Luis Manzo – Director of Lands, KIA

Meeting Objectives:

- Present proposed research activity, discuss community engagement plans for Whale Cove & Arviat
- Answer questions, collect feedback
- Address or accommodate any concerns raised

Feedback/Evaluation Received (specific if related to specific meeting or general trip)

- KIA is interested in the project and appreciates the community-based approach
- KIA thinks Whale Cove will be especially interested and appreciate the approach.

Date: Thursday, November 24, 2022

Time: 9:30AM-10:15AM

Location: **Arviat Hamlet Office**

Attended by: Steve England, Senior Administrative Officer

Meeting Objectives:

- Present proposed research activity
- Discuss options for working with Hamlet on local hires
- Answer questions, collect feedback
- Address or accommodate any concerns raised

Feedback/Evaluation Received:

- SAO Steve England thought the community-based approach will be well received by the HTO and community, and sees a Letter of Agreement as an acceptable method to facilitate hiring of residents, pending presentation to Council for approval

Date: Thursday, November 24 & Nov 25, 2022

Location: **Government of Nunavut Economic Development and Transportation**

Attended by: Mike Beauregard, Resident Geologist

Meeting Objectives:

- Present proposed research activity

- Gain knowledge related to Arviat-based GN Prospecting course run by Mike Beauregard, Ronnie Suluk and/or Hugh MacIsaac in the past
- Learn the status of the NordGold prospect near Whale Cove
- Answer questions, collect feedback
- Meet office staff (Community Mining Support Officers)
- invite Mike to join the Friday night Public Meeting to share his passion and expertise with rocks and minerals

Date: Thursday, November 24, 2022

Time: 7:00PM-8:00PM

Location: **Arviat HTO Office**

Attended by 6 HTO members & Inuit interpreter, one other

Nicole Issakiark – HTO Manager

Meeting Objectives:

- Present proposed community-based geo-mapping activity
- Answer questions, collect feedback
- Address or accommodate any concerns raised

Feedback/Evaluation Received (specific if related to specific meeting or general trip)

- The HTO was supportive of the activity and the community-based approach, as well as the timing for the activity.
- Several members showed interest in direct participation
- HTO members are cautious about work in the caribou calving grounds and disturbance to the caribou. Mary and Tom should remain in contact and invite additional input as field sites are selected for visits. An HTO member may wish to accompany the team when working in sensitive areas, which was welcomed by Mary.

Date: Friday, November 25, 2022

Time: 9:20AM-11:00AM

Location: **John Amaguluk High School**

Attended by 29 students and 3-4 teachers and teaching assistants

Lyndsay Hines – Guidance Counsellor and main contact for setting up visit

Chi-Chi Arinze – Principal and first point of contact with the school

Meeting Objectives:

- Give short Geoscience 101 & How & Why We Map presentations and hands-on rock and mineral samples workshop to Arviat students
- Impress upon the students that they are the next generation of geoscientists, and that training with Mary is available in Jul 2023
- Assess interest in participating in summer fieldwork

Feedback/Evaluation Received (specific if related to specific meeting or general trip)

- Students were engaged and interested in rock samples and tools.
- School staff were appreciative of the visit.

Date: Friday, November 25, 2022

Time: 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Location: **Community Hall, Arviat**

Attended by: ~28 people including many youth; Mike Beauregard, GN Resident Geologist

Meeting Objectives

- Present proposed community-based mapping activity
- Answer questions, collect feedback
- Note, address and/or accommodate any concerns raised

Feedback/Evaluation Received

- Community members were interested in the work and no concerns or objections were raised.
- Several people expressed a keen interest in participating

Date: Monday, November 28, 2022

Time: 9:30AM – 10:15AM

Location: **Whale Cove Hamlet Office**

Met with: Brian Fleming – Senior Administrative Officer

Gordon Okalik – Recreation Coordinator

Meeting Objectives

- Discuss proposed community-based mapping activity
- Discuss options for working with Hamlet on local hires
- Investigate options for vehicle and workshop space rental and fuel drum disposal
- Answer questions, collect feedback
- Address or accommodate any concerns raised

Feedback/Evaluation Received

- Brian was supportive of the activity and thinks the Hamlet will be able to help with hiring
- Brian thinks community members are reasonably familiar with mining and prospecting, partially due to experience with Nord Gold and exposure to Agnico-Eagle's activities

Date: Monday, November 28, 2022

Time: 7:00PM – 9:15PM

Location: **Whale Cove Community Hall**

Attended by: 15 people and 4 members of Issuark HTO (Eva Angoo, Manu Nattar, Simon Enuapik, Marianne Hapanak), and Eva Voisey - Interpreter

Meeting Objectives

- Present proposed community-based mapping activity
- Answer questions, collect feedback
- Address or accommodate any concerns raised

Feedback/Evaluation Received

- Community members were interested in the work and several people expressed an interest in participating
- Community members were appreciative of the approach and plans to work from Whale Cove first and then Arviat
- Community and HTO members highlighted importance of avoiding disturbance to wildlife, particularly during migrations. Sensitive river crossings were highlighted. Tom and Mary will remain in contact and seek input from HTO as planning and selection of fieldwork sites progresses.

Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Time: 11:00AM – 12:00PM

Location: **Inuglak School, Whale Cove**

Attended by: 4 senior-level students and Science teacher Peter who has a Geology degree from Dalhousie

Meeting Objectives

- Give short presentation and geoscience workshop to Whale Cove students
- Assess interest in participating in summer fieldwork

Feedback/Evaluation Received

- Students were engaged and interested in rock samples and tools.
- School staff were appreciative of the visit.