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## Community Feasts Report

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## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.1 Background

From November 21<sup>st</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup>, the team hosted a feast in each community and gathered information from local community members regarding the future construction of a possible renewable energy project. The communities in which these events took place are Kinngait, Resolute Bay, and Sanirajak. The goals of the feast were to raise awareness for the renewable energy project, get community feedback on renewable energy development, and get feedback on potential wind and solar sites.

The team that visited each hamlet included:

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7. Stephanie Adey, Growler Energy

### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to act as a record and summary of the activities, findings, and insights gathered by the project team from the November 21<sup>st</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup> visits to Kinngait, Resolute Bay and Sanirajak for the community feasts.

### 1.3 Activities

The key activities completed during the visit to Kinngait, Resolute Bay and Sanirajak are:

1. Meeting with Hunters and Trappers Association (HTA) to get help for the feast in Kinngait.
2. Open House event in Sanirajak and Resolute Bay.
3. Community Feast.

## 2.0 Kinngait Community Feast

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, the team, namely, Curtis, Stephanie, Martha, Jessica, and Jordan chartered to Kinngait for the community feast. They arrived a day before the event to have enough time for preparation since they did not have a community liaison in Kinngait. The team met with Annie Suvega at the HTA and got assistance to sort out several butchers, chefs, and Bannock makers. The team tried meeting with the Senior Administrative Officer (SAO) but, unfortunately, there was a major Search and Rescue (SAR) operation taking place. The team discussed amongst themselves and decided to support the Search and Rescue operation by



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feeding the members of the SAR. The team asked Anne Suvega at the HTA and some chefs whether they should continue with the feast and the conclusion was to proceed with the event since it was determined that the feast could be a positive gathering place for community members despite the ongoing situation.

The team prepared for the feast by going grocery shopping with the hired chefs and Bannock makers. They purchased gas vouchers for prizes at the event. Advertisements for additional butchers and chefs were announced on the radio, and one man responded to the radio call expressing interest. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Heather and Laura-Jeanie arrived, and final preparations were made, which included a last-minute grocery store visit, setting up posters, setting up the area with tea, coffee, biscuits, and the country food laid out on the cardboard in the middle of the floor. The feast was announced on the radio, offering to drive elders with the help of the school bus driver and the event proceeded successfully.

The event progressed successfully by following specific procedures, such as using sign-in sheets/photo waivers for door management. Tickets for the door prizes were handed out as adults and kids entered the room and this was also an effective way of checking attendance. The SAR was given food an hour before the event started and some small packages of food were set aside for elders and for who could not make it to the event. After everyone was settled, Heather gave a 5-minute introduction and overview of the project with Laura-Jeanie acting as an interpreter. The feast proceeded and after people were done eating, they started reading the posters and asked about the projects. Some key observations from the Kingait Community feast were:

- Preferred MET site location is Area 2 because it is the furthest from the airport, outside the 4km NAV Canada set-back and it lies on the coast of Hudson Strait, which will provide strong offshore winds.
- Preferred Solar Energy site is Area 2, as the community noted that Area 1 is in the shade of the mountain.

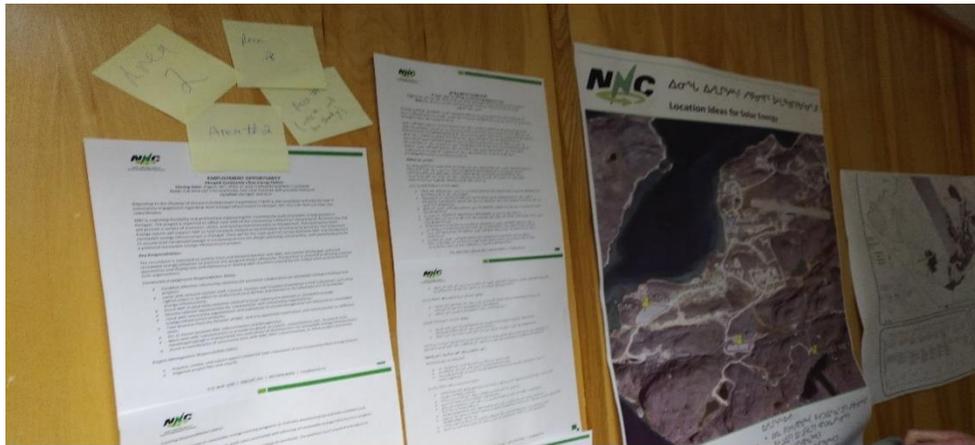


Figure 1: Kinngait Community Feast - Site Location Feedback

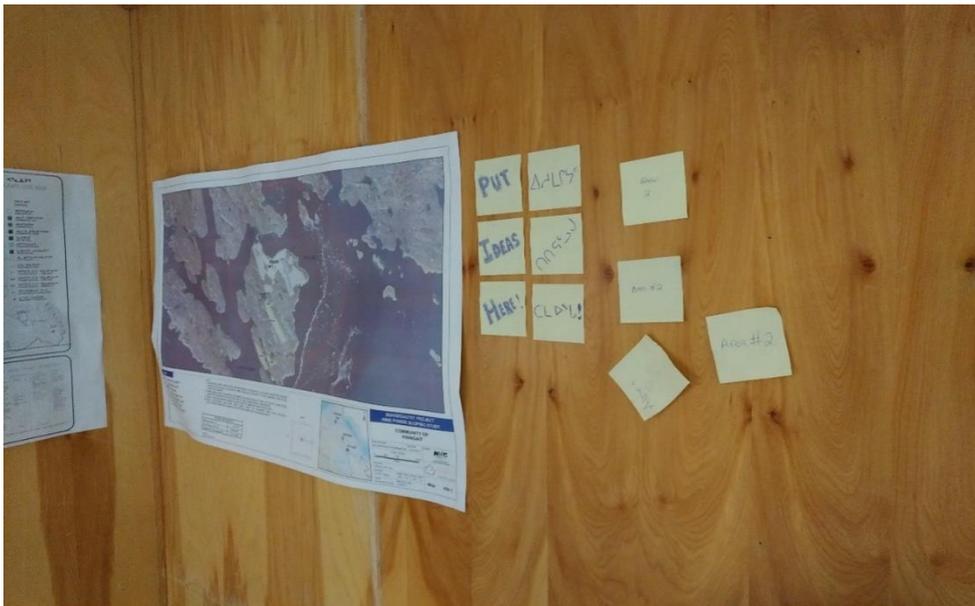


Figure 2: Kinngait Community Feast - Site Location Feedback

### 3.0 Sanirajak Community Feast

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the team chartered to Sanirajak. Laura-Jeanie had the preparations very well organized, and the team did not have anything to worry about. The team members who had food poisoning, not as a result of the previous feast, rested at the hotel while the other team members took care of the preparations by shopping for condiments, setting up posters at the Community Hall and having an Open House before the event. The Open House was well-attended and had 20 people in and out over the course of 2 hours. Curtis was able to attend the feast while other members continued resting and the feast proceeded successfully. Some key takeaways from the feast were:

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- Preferred MET site location is Area 2 because it is the furthest from the airport, outside the NAV Canada set-back and it's located at the coast of Foxe Basin which allows it to receive a good amount of wind annually.
- Solar site 2 gets used as a playground and would need to be fenced.
- Should have more information printed in Inuktitut for people to understand.

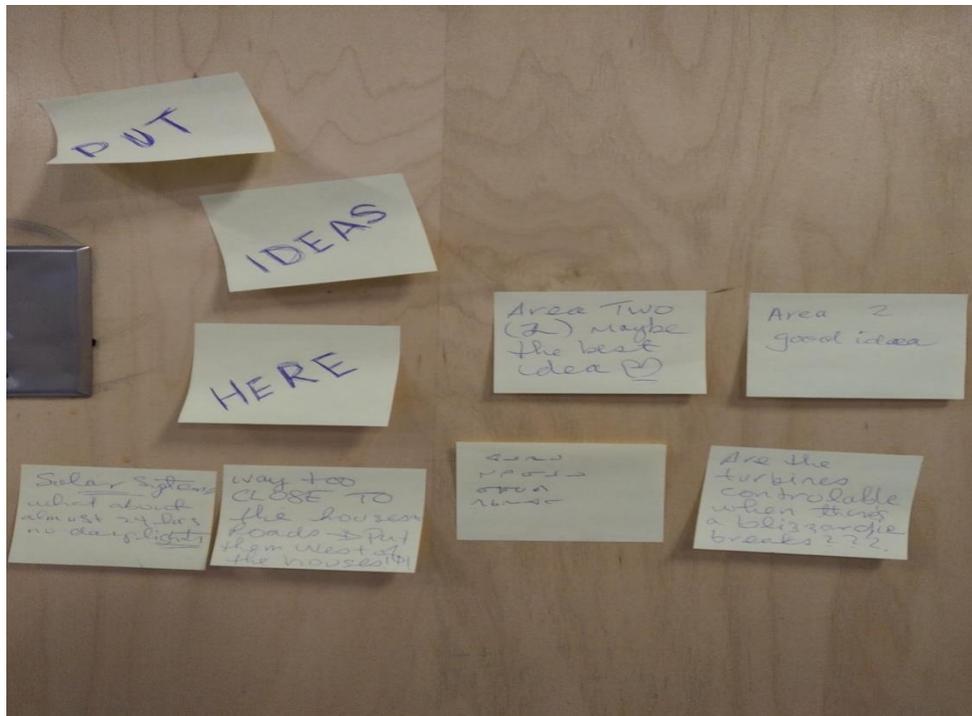


Figure 3: Sanirajak Community Feast - Site Location Feedback

## 4.0 Resolute Bay Community Feast

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, the team chartered to Resolute Bay in the morning and met with Amagoalik and NNC Community Liaison who was coordinating the food and venue details. The team prepared for the feast by shopping for condiments, gift cards, putting up posters at the Hamlet Gym, setting up tables with snacks, coffee, and tea. An Open House event was hosted 2 hours before the feast in the gym. 15 adults and a lot of kids showed up for the event. The team engaged with the kids by giving them food and playing games like tag. The feast took place in the evening and good suggestions on better locations for solar and wind installation sites were provided. Some key takeaways from the feast were:

- Area 1 is feasible as a wind project site because its location lies outside the 4km Airport Buffer zone and lies at a high point which allows it to receive a good amount of wind annually.

- Site 1 is feasible for solar energy but should be moved up for more direct sunlight and less snow.
- It would be good to be able to turn waste/rubbish into renewable energy. The team should ensure at the very least to have a strong decommissioning plan in place for the end-of-life for the project to leave no waste in the community.
- Most peoples' cabins are not on Cornwallis Island but are mostly off on other islands.
- Provided by the community feedback, prevailing wind used to be North-West but is now East.
- For the solar sites, sites 2 and 3 have lots of dust and are included in plans for future community expansion.

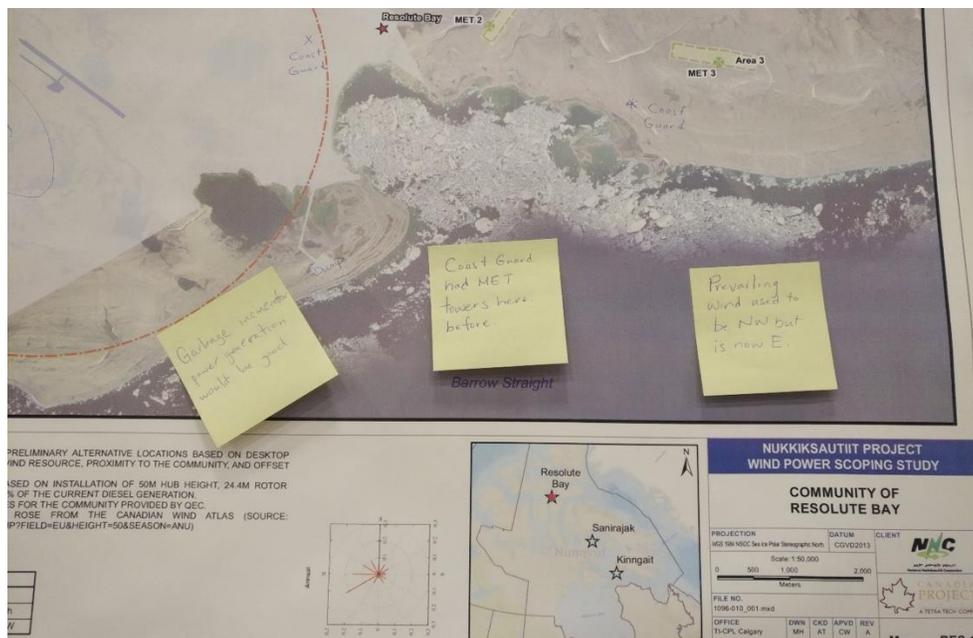


Figure 4: Resolute Bay Community Feast - Site Location Feedback

## 5.0 Lessons Learned

Although the feasts were a great success, the team debriefed to discuss areas for improvement for future community engagement activities. The lessons learned include:

- Food took 6 weeks to order and some things didn't arrive in time, for future purposes, ordering earlier will mitigate this issue.
- Comments were made about the freshness of the Beluga (Maktaaq).
- Determine food to person ratio to help guide how much food is needed moving forward.
- Char didn't seem to be overly popular in Resolute Bay.
- Having an Open House event ahead of the feast worked well in Sanirajak & Resolute Bay, perhaps should be the norm moving forward.



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- The team needs to find local translators for feasts, although originally, the team was advised to bring external translators due to new terms being hard to translate on the spot. Perhaps a hybrid between the local and external translators could work. Also, sharing the SIJJA-related learnings (i.e., Inuktitut terminology) ahead of time will help.
  - Didn't need to bring as many printed wall posters, can try to reuse the posters between communities.
  - If there is no community liaisons in a community, it will require extra time in the community ahead of the feast day to do some of the planning and preparations.
  - Use different colored sticky notes for documenting feedback in each community to help keep it organized and easy to reference after the feast.
  - Make sure someone takes photos and/or saves the sticky notes following the feasts.
  - Increase the access to project and general renewable energy information well before, and well after the feasts.
  - Ensure projects are on the NNC website, even if it is just a landing page. Perhaps sharing updates and/or blog posts to demonstrate what was heard.
  - Print brochures for people to take home with them.
  - Bring renewable energy education materials (3D printed models, videos of what it looks like and how it works, etc.).
  - The team has to ensure some of the prizes/swag are kid-friendly.
  - People asked about the swag and if it was free for the taking, because of the way it was laid out, so perhaps not lay it out ahead of the draws and/or bring more things to give away for free.
  - Provide kid-friendly/accessible materials (renewable energy coloring sheets, etc.)
  - Perhaps do a condensed public education session/course on renewable energy topics.
  - Door prize tickets were great for counting capacity.
  - Make media disclaimer a bit simpler – put up posters stating to notify the feast team if people don't want their photo/video taken (then document their information as needed).
  - Laura-Jeannie's spreadsheet for payments was extremely helpful in Sanirajak –aim for this in every community recognizing it may not always be possible.
  - Prepare some plates of food for Elders so they don't have to go into the crowds to get their food. Also would be nice to prepare to-go bags of food for Elders that are unable to attend.
  - Offering rides worked well to help increase accessibility:
    - Hire someone locally to specifically help with this to either do the driving, perhaps a school bus, or someone to ride with a team member to help with directions.
    - School bus rental is done through the school and requested in advance typically.
  - Offer a means of anonymous/written questions (i.e., a question box), provide an opportunity for people to document contact information if they'd like to be contacted, but not required to maintain anonymity.
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- In Kinnait, the venue capacity was almost exceeded, and the team did not have a plan to counter this problem. For future events, when venue capacity is exceeded, there should be an alternative plan.
  - In Resolute Bay, the store manager notified the team that plastic bags were replaced with card boxes for customers to carry their goods. In future events, the team should bring their own card boxes.
  - Each team member should take time to document their perspective of the event the same night after the event has concluded.
  - Hosting a debrief session of lessons learned immediately after the trip (within one to two weeks maximum).
  - Better documentation of feedback from the community members is required for easy cross referencing and evaluation of decisions.

## 6.0 Conclusion

Generally, the KRS feasts were successful as the communities provided important information such as wind and solar site recommendations as well as possible threats of vandalism associated with certain locations. The communities are welcoming the idea of renewable energy and are looking towards the completion of the projects and the opportunities they will bring to the communities.