



Notice of Meetings for the Mary River Project

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To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Notice of Community Information Sessions (May 9-15) and Workshop (June 9-10) for development of the Cumulative Effects Framework for the Mary River Project

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is providing notice of upcoming community information sessions and a subsequent in-person workshop that have been scheduled to support the development of a Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework (CEAF) for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) Mary River Project. The information sessions will be held in communities from **May 9-15, 2026**, on the schedule below, and the workshop will be held at the Cadet Hall in Iqaluit on **June 9-10, 2026**.

Date	Community	Location
May 9-10, 2026	Resolute, Grise Fiord, Clyde River, Kinngait, Kimmirut, Coral Harbour	Iqaluit session – Baffin Room in the Frobisher Inn
May 11, 2026	Sanirajak	Community Hall
May 12, 2026	Naujaat	Tuugaalik High School Gym
May 13, 2026	Igloolik	Community Hall
May 14, 2026	Arctic Bay	Community Hall
May 15, 2026	Pond Inlet	Attakalik Community Hall

Community information meetings will be held in-persons in both English and Inuktitut with simultaneous interpretation, refreshments and door prizes for participants.

The Iqaluit session will provide the information to representatives from communities with notable logistical constraints so they can remain current with the process, and the session will also include the Iqaluit Hunters and Trappers Organization and interested community members in preparation for the Workshop. Letters will be sent in the coming days to the community organizations to appoint representatives to attend these updates.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Information sessions will be facilitated by the NIRB in targeted communities across the Qikiqtani region from May 9-15, 2026, to:

- share information on the development of a Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework for the Mary River Project;
- provide opportunities for community knowledge and Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit to inform and guide the initiative;
- improve public awareness and confidence in the monitoring outcomes and oversight for the approved Mary River project; and,
- enhance the awareness of how cumulative effects are considered within the unique legislative framework of Nunavut for resource development, project assessment and project monitoring.

To the extent possible the NIRB staff will be accompanied by representatives from the CEAF Steering Committee (Baffinland, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Government of Nunavut, and Government of Canada) for the information sessions in each community. Members of the public and interested parties are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and share knowledge and feedback to support this initiative.

WORKSHOP IN IQALUIT

As previously announced, a discussion paper is being prepared by the NIRB with contributions from the Steering Committee to provide background information and support the development of the CEAF. The discussion paper will build awareness of how the potential for cumulative effects associated with the Mary River Project is considered within the unique legislative framework of Nunavut for resource development, project assessment, project monitoring and regional cumulative effects monitoring. A summary of regional research and monitoring programs will also be prepared as well as background documentation on the Mary River Project and cumulative effects to include a compilation of past cumulative effects assessments, assumptions and supporting data for each selected key valued component from the Mary River Project and associated amendments.

The discussion paper and supporting documents are targeted for public release on or before April 30, 2026, with initial feedback to be submitted for consideration by June 1, 2026. The workshop in Iqaluit will be held June 9-10, 2026 and will bring interested parties together to further development of the CEAF through a guided discussion of key issues and initial feedback on the discussion paper. Parties are encouraged to have key representation in person in Iqaluit to the extent possible, however, recognizing in-person attendance may be constrained by limited hotel accommodations the NIRB will structure the workshop with the ability to also participate remotely

via MS Teams. A draft agenda for the workshop will be circulated in advance of the event, with further details on online access and related logistics to support participation.

CONCLUSION

The NIRB thanks everyone who has contributed to this initiative to date and appreciates parties remaining engaged in this process going forward. Should you have any questions regarding this initiative, the upcoming community information sessions or workshop, please contact Amir Pourmahabadian, Senior Impact Assessment Officer at 1-866-233-3033 ext. 545 or apourmahabadian@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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