



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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2010 - 2011**

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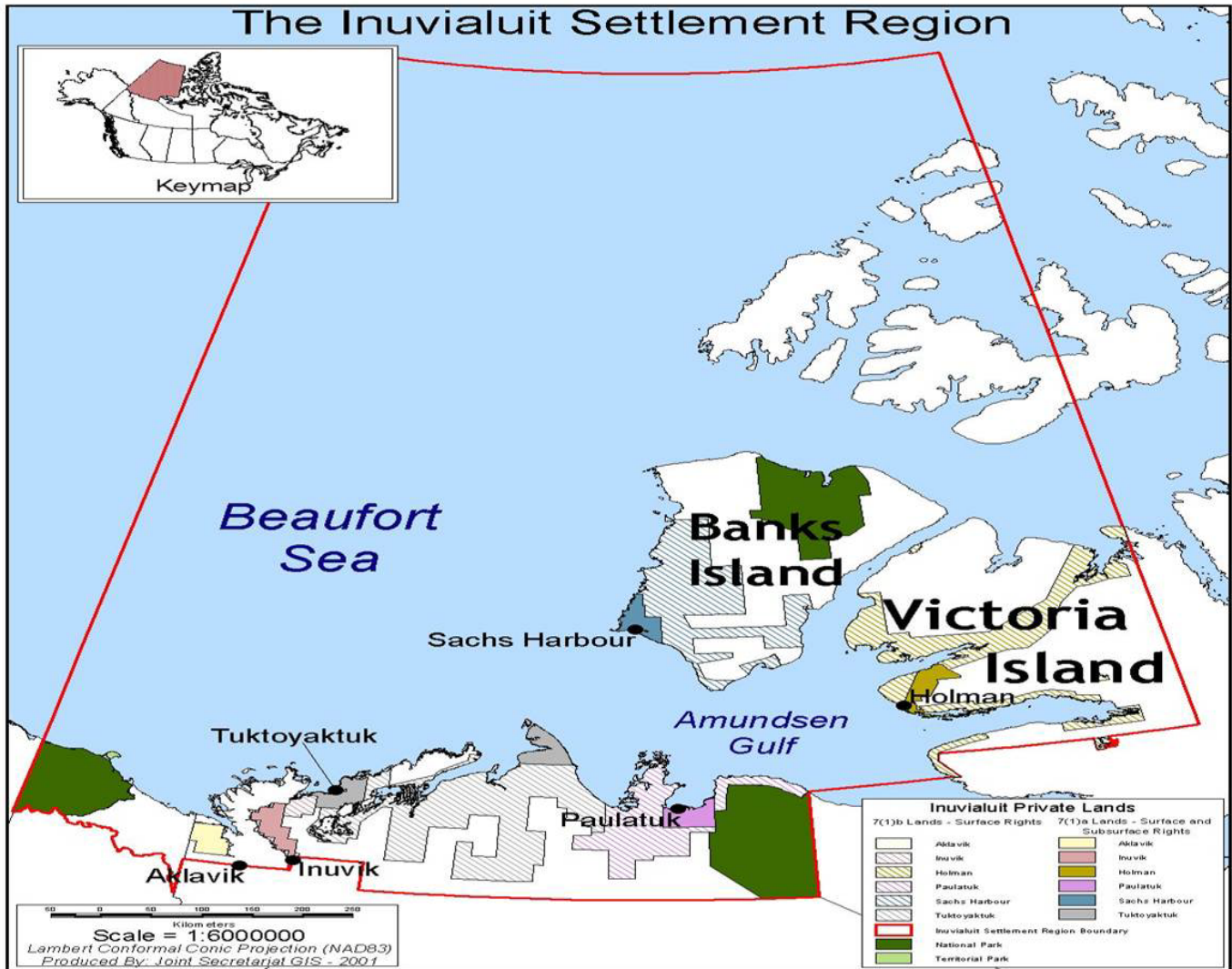


Figure 1. Private Inuvialuit Lands and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

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CHAIR'S COMMENT

The year covered by this annual report was an interesting and challenging one. The EIRB has been engaged in a public review of the proposed development known as “Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk, Town of Inuvik and GNWT – Construction of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway, Northwest Territories”. The review will continue into the next fiscal year.

The EIRB has also completed the update of its operating procedures to make them consistent with current practices. The revised updates will be available to the public electronically and on the EIRB website. The revised Rules of Procedure and Operating Guidelines will be used to guide the Board Review Panel through the public review.

A somewhat historic agreement was reached with CEAA on March 4, 2011 based on a 1999 MOU that allows for the EIRB Panel to cover off the responsibilities of CEAA for a review of the proposed development. The EIRB will ensure that the requirements under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act are satisfied as part of its review. CEAA provided participant funding to assist groups and individuals to participate in the environmental assessment of the proposed project. This is the first time participant funding has been provided for an EIRB review.

Eli Nasogaluak joined the EIRB team in March 2010 as the Environmental Assessment Coordinator and Secretary to the EIRB. He has had a busy year managing the environmental assessment of the proposed highway and supporting the ongoing operations of the EIRB. Laurence Amos joined the EIRB in September for a three year term as a new appointee from the Inuvialuit Game Council. The Chair was also reappointed the end of March for a three year term.

EIRB has benefited from the contractual work of Gordon Stewart throughout this fiscal year, assisting Eli in the management of the public review and guiding the EIRB members through the revisions to the operating procedures. The EIRB has also benefited from sound advice from John Donihee, legal advisor to the Board. We appreciate the excellent work provided by these individuals.

The Chair continues to be an active participant in the Board Forum activities, acting as chair of the training working group. The EIRB provides financial support for this activity as there is no separate funding from the Board Forum. Over this fiscal year, members of the EIRB have attended courses provided through the Board Forum to the members/staff of all NWT Boards/Committees.

As Chair of the EIRB, I wish to thank the Board members, Eli Nasogaluak, Peggy Madore and the staff of the Joint Secretariat in their efforts working with the EIRB over this period.

Elizabeth Snider
Chair

PERIOD OF REPORT

This report describes the affairs of the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) for the fiscal period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

AUTHORITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

The EIRB was established under the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) between Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, representing the Inuvialuit. The IFA was approved, given effect, and declared valid by the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act* [S.C. 32 - 33 Elizabeth II, C.24.], on June 28, 1984. The IFA provides the groundwork for a two-stage Environmental Screening and Review Process that is carried out by the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) and the EIRB [IFA Section 11.0]. The EISC conducts environmental screenings of development activities proposed for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The EIRB carries out detailed environmental impact assessments and public reviews of development projects referred to it by the EISC pursuant to the IFA.

The goals of the IFA, directly relevant to EIRB operations, are:

- *to preserve Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society;*
- *to enable Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society; and*
- *to protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment, and biological productivity.*

MEMBERSHIP

The EIRB is composed of seven people. Three members are appointed through by the Government of Canada; three members are appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC); and a Chair is selected by the Government of Canada with the consent of the IGC. Of the three members appointed by Canada, one is nominated by the Government of Yukon, one is nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and one is nominated by the Government of Canada.

MEMBERS FOR 2010–2011

Chair

Elizabeth Snider, Yellowknife, NT
Appointed by the Government of Canada (2005)
Present Term: March 29, 2011 to March 29, 2014
Previous Terms: March 29, 2008 to March 29, 2011
March 29, 2005 to March 29, 2008

Members

Lawrence Amos, Sachs Harbour, NT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2010)
Present Term: September 2010 to September 2013

Catherine Cockney, Inuvik, NT
Nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories
Appointed by the Government of Canada (2006)
Present Term: December 2009 to December 2012
Previous Term: December 2006 to December 2009

Roland Kikoak, Tuktoyaktuk, NT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2008)
Present Term: September 2008 to September 2011

Tom Butters, Chemainus, BC
Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)
Present Term: April 6, 2008 to April 6, 2011
Previous Terms: April 6, 2005 to April 6, 2008
June 13, 2004 to March 31, 2005
June 12, 2001 to June 12, 2004
June 13, 1998 to June 12, 2001
June 12, 1995 to June 12, 1998
June 12, 1992 to June 12, 1995

Herbert Felix, Inuvik, NT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1995)
Present Term: September 2008 to September 2011
Previous Terms: September 2005 to September 2008
September 2002 to September 2005
September 1999 to September 2002
September 1996 to September 1999
September 1995 to September 1996

Bruce Chambers, Whitehorse, YK
Nominated by the Government of Yukon.
Appointed by the Government of Canada (2008)
Present Term: September 5, 2008 to September 5, 2011

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The EIRB receives administrative, technical, and clerical support from the Joint Secretariat (JS) in Inuvik. Full-time assistance has been provided since March 2010 by Eli Nasogaluak, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, Resource Person (RP), and Secretary of the EIRB.

In addition to the above, during the period of this report the staff of the Joint Secretariat (JS) included the following individuals:

Administrative

Norm Snow	Executive Director, JS
Peggy Madore	Senior Administrative Officer, JS
Mary Banksland	Office Manager, JS

Financial

Erica Lugt	Finance Officer, JS
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Clerical

Myrna Button	Casual Office Clerk/Librarian
Shannon Jensen	Travel/Accommodation Coordinator, JS
Bernice Joe	Secretary/Receptionist, JS

Auditors

Avery Cooper and Company, Yellowknife, NT

Legal Advisor

John Donihee Professional Corporation

Resource People

Richard Binder	Resource Person Community Support Unit
Shawna Kaglik	Resource Person Community Support Unit
Kayla Hanson-Craik,	Resource Specialist (FJMC)
James Malone	Resource Specialist (FJMC)
Bessie Inuktalik	Administrative Support Officer (HTC)
Christine Inglangasuk	Resource Person (EISC)
Steve Baryluk	Resource Person (IGC)
Jennifer Lam	Resource Person (IGC)
Bruce Hanbidge	Resource Person (WMAC) (NWT)

REVIEWS

On April 27, 2010 the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) referred the proposed development known as “HAMLET OF TUKTOYAKTUK, TOWN OF INUVIK AND GNWT - CONSTRUCTION OF THE INUVIK TO TUKTOYAKTUK HIGHWAY, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES [02/10-05]” submitted by the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk, Town of Inuvik and the GNWT Department of Transportation to the Environmental Impact Review Board for Public Review. Because the project triggered a comprehensive study under CEAA; there were talks of having a “one project one review”. During the discussion process the EIRB coordinator was involved in many conference calls between CEAA to coordinate the environmental assessment (EA) process to eliminate a duplicated process.

On March 4, 2011 –The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) and the Inuvialuit Environmental Impact Review Board (the Board) released an agreement to establish a substituted review panel process under the MOU 1999 between CEAA and the Board for the environmental assessment of the proposed Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway project located in the Northwest Territories. The agreement outlines the full terms and conditions of this environmental assessment which will be conducted by the Board under the substitution provisions of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The Agency also announced the availability of \$300,000 in participant funding, which will assist groups and individuals to participate in the environmental assessment of the project.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

Persons who are interested in obtaining a copy of the EIRB’s current *Operating Procedures* or who have questions about the EIRB should contact:

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ROUTINE OPERATIONS

The EIRB held nine teleconference and four face to face meetings during this reporting period to cover regular EIRB operations and to facilitate the review of the project proposal known as “*Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk, Town of Inuvik and GNWT - Construction of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway, Northwest Territories [02/10-05]*”

On October 18, 2010 the coordinator sent a proposal requesting funding for revising the Operating Procedures to the Board Relations Secretariat (INAC). The Operating Procedures were last updated in 2004. The updates will reflect changes in technology, current environmental assessment procedures, revised provisions of the IFA, as well as being consistent with the updated version of the EISC’s Operating Guidelines and Procedures.

Husky Lakes Management Plan. The EIRB met in February 2011 with the Inuvialuit Land Administration to receive an update on the Husky Lakes Special Cultural Area Criteria (ILMS Special Area Plan). The EIRB has a responsibility under section 8 of the IFA to develop acceptable environmental standards for proposed development in Husky Lakes Area Number 2 set out in Annex D of the IFA. The EIRB has developed draft criteria that were circulated for review. Finalization of these criteria was delayed until revised Community Conservation Plans and the ILA Husky Lakes Management Plan were completed to ensure there was consistency in the different plans. The EIRB will review the Section 8 criteria at a future meeting. Future meeting dates will be discussed between the coordinator and the EIRB.

ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

The EIRB takes part in other activities, as necessary, to maintain currency in the field of Environmental Assessment. The following is a list of activities, meetings, workshops, and conferences in which various members of the EIRB took part in over the past year:

The following is a list of conference call meeting dates in which members of the EIRB took part in during this reporting period:

- May 3, 2010;
- June 18, 2010;
- July 26, 2010;
- August 4, 2010;
- September 28, 2010;
- November 1, 2010;
- January 14, 2011;
- January 28, 2011;
- March 29, 2011.

The following is a list of meetings in which members of the EIRB took part in during this reporting period:

- April 13-14, 2010 in Calgary, Alberta;
- May 20, 2010 in Calgary, Alberta;
- September 7& 8, 2010 in Inuvik NT;
- February 17&18 2011 in Inuvik NT.

The following is a list of workshops and conferences in which various members of the EIRB and the coordinator took part in during this reporting period:

- April 15-16, 2010, NEB workshop on Arctic offshore drilling in Calgary, Alberta;
- May 18-20, 2010, BIOS Environmental Management Ltd. workshop on drafting; Operating Procedures in Calgary, Alberta;
- June 23-24, 2010, Workshops on off shore drilling, Inuvik Petroleum Show, Inuvik NT;
- Administrative law course Nov 3-5 2010.

FINANCES

Funding for the Chair, Canada Member, and the Environmental Assessment Coordinator/Secretary of the EIRB, and for reviews conducted by the EIRB, is provided by way of Contribution Agreements with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Funding for the Inuvialuit members is provided by way of a Contribution Agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories. A summary of the finances is attached as Appendix B.

APPENDICIES

Appendix A	Acronyms and Abbreviations
Appendix B	Financial Summary

APPENDIX A ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

EIRB	Environmental Impact Review Board
EISC	Environmental Impact Screening Committee
FJMC	Fisheries Joint Management Committee
GIS	Geographic Information System
HTC	Hunters and Trappers Committee
IFA	Inuvialuit Final Agreement (The Western Arctic Claim)
IGC	Inuvialuit Game Council
INAC	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
ISR	Inuvialuit Settlement Region
JS	Joint Secretariat – Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees
RP	Resource Person
WMAC (NWT)	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories)

APPENDIX B FINANCIAL SUMMARY

These following financial summaries are for information purposes and should not be considered as definitive statements of account. For full financial details, the audited financial statements of the Joint Secretariat should be consulted. For further information, contact:

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Environmental Impact Review Board – CHAIR & CANADA MEMBER

2010-2011 Contribution Agreements - INAC

For the Year Ending March 31, 2011

REVENUE

INAC Contribution (Implementation Funds) **\$98,377.00**

EXPENDITURES

Chair's Costs

Accommodation 2,840.41
Honoraria 21,750.00
Per Diem 1,493.00
Travel 14,008.03

Canada Member

Accommodation 363.57
Honoraria 1,875.00
Per Diem 394.20
Travel 440.16

Services

Workshops/Conferences 22,223.81
JS Board Meetings 16,216.95
Legal/Consulting 0.00
Registration Fees 0.00
Insurance 0.00

Overhead

Office Costs 759.93
Meeting Costs 2,095.21
Telephone/Fax 495.89
Fixed Assets 0.00
Amortization of Capital Assets 0.00

84,956.16

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

\$13,420.84

Environmental Impact Review Board – INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION

For the Year Ending March 31, 2011

REVENUE		
	Government of the Northwest Territories (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$23,900.00</u>
EXPENDITURES		
	Honoraria	9,854.46
	Per Diem	1,398.20
	Travel	4,502.89
	Accommodation	3,788.11
		<u>19,543.66</u>
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		<u>\$4,356.34</u>

Environmental Impact Review Board – Administration

2010-2011 Contribution Agreements - INAC

For the Year Ending March 31, 2011

REVENUE

INAC Contribution (Implementation Funds) **\$117,829.00**

EXPENDITURES

Staff Support

Salaries 74,197.24
Staff Development 0.00
Recruiting/Relocation 0.00

Overhead

Office Costs 16,881.91
Rent 14,511.62
Minor Fixed Assets 0.00
Amortization of Capital Assets 0.00
Telephone/Fax 2,089.06

Other Expenses

Registration Fees 199.87
Travel 9,703.32
Accommodation 1,863.02
Per Diem 1,522.32

120,968.36

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

\$(3,139.36)

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD
THE INUVIK TO TUKTOYAKTUK HIGHWAY 2010-2011
STATEMENT OF SPENDING DURING FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2011**

REVENUE		
	Indian & Northern Affairs - Ottawa – Amendment #1	\$277,275.00
EXPENDITURES		
Chair		
	Honoraria	18,500.00
	Per Diem	744.05
	Travel	6,298.41
	Accommodation	725.08
Canada Member		
	Honoraria	2,250.00
	Per Diem	575.60
	Travel	3,234.20
	Accommodation	358.41
Government Member		
	Consulting Fees	3,937.50
	Per Diem	0.00
	Travel	1,627.64
	Accommodation	0.00
Yukon Member		
	Consulting Fees	1,125.00
	Per Diem	504.95
	Travel	1,732.64
	Accommodation	784.35
Staff Expenses		
	Wages	10,224.00
	Per Diem	816.58
	Travel	4,988.75
	Accommodation	1,835.91
Inuvialuit Expenses		
	Honoraria	15,179.37
	Per Diem	1,990.10
	Travel	7,611.06
	Accommodation	2,957.81
General Expenses		
	Advertising	45,793.44
	Telephone & Fax	1,702.27
	Courier	92.90
	Office Cost	1,832.07
	Facilities	4,356.23
Services		
	Legal/Consulting	127,033.35
		<u>268,811.67</u>
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		<u>\$8,463.33</u>