



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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2009 - 2010**

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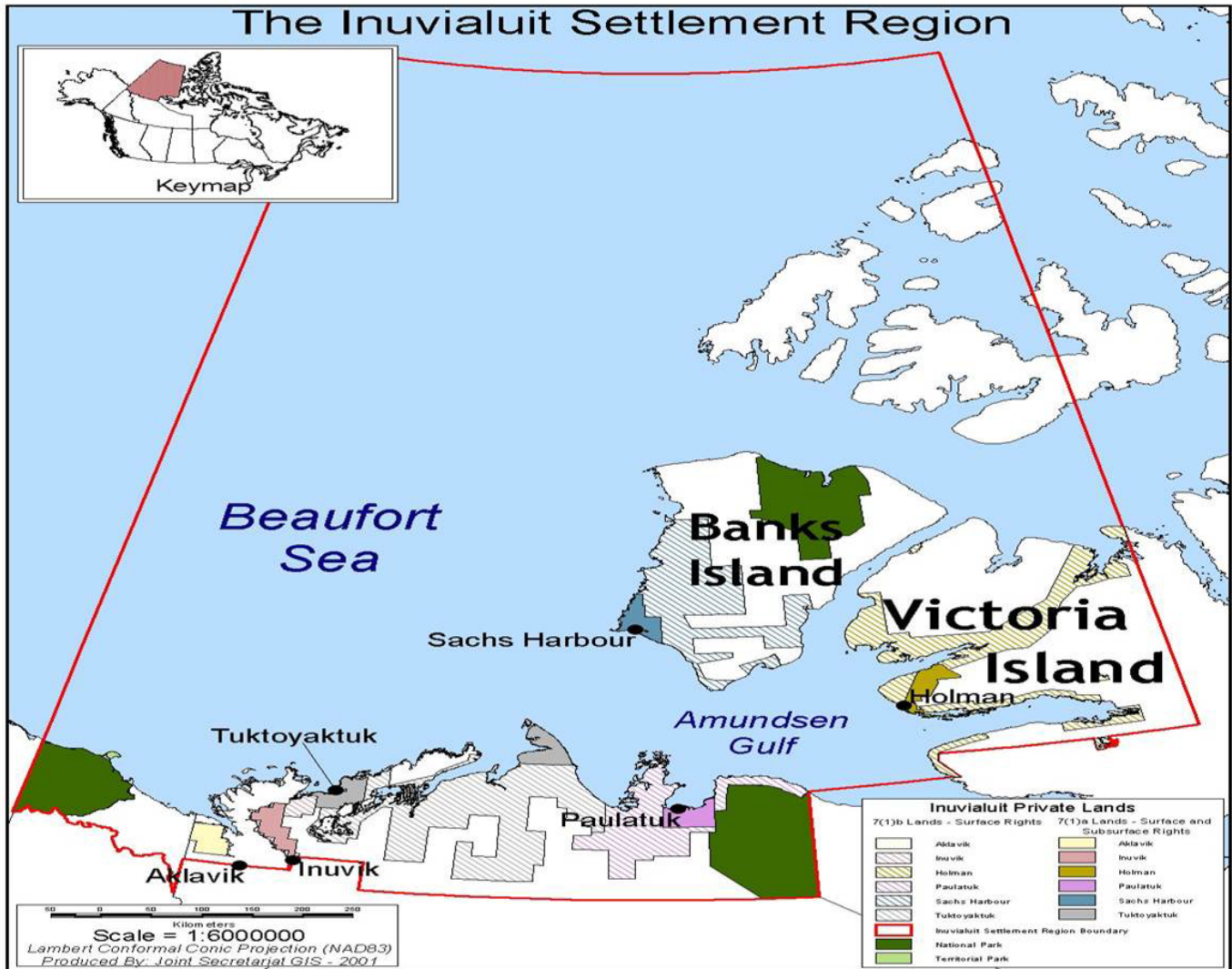


Figure 1. Private Inuvialuit Lands and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

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CHAIR'S COMMENT

2009-2010 was a busy year for the Environmental Impact Review Board, which included reappointment of a Board Member, implementing a new registry site, revising the Operating Procedures and hiring a new staff member. During this period, the EIRB adjourned the project called “Umiak Drilling, Completing, and Testing Project: 2008-2011.”

The Board welcomed the renewal of membership for Cathy Cockney in December 2009 for another three year term. Cathy was nominated by the Northwest Territories Government in 2006 for a three year term ending in 2009. Cathy, throughout her membership has made significant contributions to the EIRB and we look forward to working with her for the duration of the term.

A new registry site was developed for the EIRB which complements the EISC registry site. The Registry Site will be integral to the review process and will facilitate the public review process. It is a necessary tool for managing and coordinating the flow of information coming from all sources.

The EIRB is also in the process of revising its Operating Procedures, which were last updated in 2004. The updates will reflect changes in technology, as well as staying current with the updated IFA and the updated version of the EISC's Operating Guidelines and Procedures. Work on the Operating Procedures will continue into the next fiscal year.

In January 2010 the Joint Secretariat witnessed the departure of Eli Arkin as coordinator of the Environmental Impact Review Board. The position was vacant until March 2010, when Eli Nasogaluak accepted the role as the new Environmental Impact Review Board coordinator.

On September 4th, 2008, the Environmental Impact Screening Committee referred a project called “Umiak Drilling, Completing, and Testing Project: 2008-2011.” The proponent of the project is MGM Energy Corporation. In December of 2008, the proponent requested that the project be postponed until June, 2009. The Board granted this request and adjourned the public review until June 30th, 2009. On June 15th 2009 MGM Energy Corporation announced to the EIRB that it had decided to withdraw the project from further assessment and review effective immediately.

As Chair of the EIRB, I wish to thank the Board members, EIRB Coordinator Eli Arkin, and the staff of the Joint Secretariat in their efforts working with the EIRB over this period. I would like to welcome Eli Nasogaluak as the new Coordinator to the EIRB and look forward to working with him.

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, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

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 2009–2010

Chair

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

Members

Jack Akhiatak, Ulukhaktok, NT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2000)
Present Term: September 2008 to September 2011
Previous Terms: September 2005 to September 2008
September 2002 to September 2005
February 2000 to September 2002

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

Financial

Erica Lugt	Finance Officer, JS
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Clerical

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

Auditors

Avery Cooper and Company, Yellowknife, NT

Legal Advisor

John Donihee Professional Corporation

Resource People

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

REVIEWS

On September 4, 2008, the EISC referred the project titled: “Umiak Drilling, Completion, and Testing Project: 2008-2011” to the EIRB for further assessment and review. The proponent of the project is MGM Energy Corporation. During a conference call on September 18, 2008, the EIRB deemed the project as a variation of a Small Scale Development, as the project was referred on the basis of the uncertainty surrounding ice pads and their potential effects on permafrost and arctic vegetation.

Public notices were issued to government agencies, co-management boards, hunters and trappers committees, and the general public, inviting them to become registered participants in the review process. Those who responded were added to a distribution list and were made aware of all documents and news pertaining to this public review.

On December 3, 2008, MGM formally requested an adjournment of the project due to uncertainty surrounding the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project. At a teleconference held on December 15, 2008, the EIRB granted an adjournment of the public review until June 30, 2009. On June 15th 2009 MGM Energy Corporation announced to the EIRB that it had decided to withdraw the project from further assessment and review effective immediately.

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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Joint Secretariat - Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees
Inuvialuit Corporate Centre
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CANADA X0E 0T0**

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fax: (867) 777-2610
email: eirb@jointsec.nt.ca**

ROUTINE OPERATIONS

The EIRB held two teleconference meetings during this fiscal year; one on June 19, 2009 and one on September 17, 2009. The Board held one regular meeting on November 4, 2009 in Inuvik, NT.

During this fiscal year, the EIRB launched a new Registry site located on the EIRB site (www.eirb.ca) the registry site will facilitate the review process.

The EIRB is also in the process of revising its Operating Procedures, which were last updated in 2004. The updates will reflect changes in technology, as well as staying current with the updated IFA and the updated version of the EISC's Operating Guidelines and Procedures. Work on the Operating Procedures will continue into the next fiscal year.

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:

2009 (April – December)

- Science in the Changing North: Yellowknife (Roland Kikoak, June 15-16, 2009)
- Storage Tank Information Session: Inuvik (Herbert Felix, July 13, 2009)

2010 (January – March)

- Board Forum Pilot Technical Training Session: Yellowknife NWT, (Coordinator, March 16-17 2010)

FINANCES

Funding for the Chair, Canada Member, Yukon Member and the 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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Inuvik, Northwest Territories
CANADA X0E 0T0*

Environmental Impact Review Board – CHAIR & CANADA MEMBER

2009-2010 Contribution Agreements - INAC

For the Year Ending March 31, 2010

REVENUE

INAC Contribution (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$96,316</u>
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EXPENDITURES

Chair's Costs

Accommodation	2,887.34
Honoraria	41,500.00
Per Diem	2,133.53
Travel	13,460.52

Canada Member

Accommodation	401.13
Honoraria	187.50
Per Diem	374.30
Travel	2,178.02

Services

Workshops/Conferences	11,599.38
JS Board Meetings	584.85
Legal/Consulting	0.00
Registration Fees	132.22
Insurance	626.33

Overhead

Office Costs	734.47
Meeting Costs	501.90
Telephone/Fax	621.35
Fixed Assets	<u>0.00</u>

77,922.84

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

\$18,393.16

Environmental Impact Review Board – INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION
For the Year Ending March 31, 2010

REVENUE		
	Government of the Northwest Territories (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$23,399.00</u>
EXPENDITURES		
	Honoraria	10,541.98
	Per Diem	1,433.55
	Travel	2,201.10
	Accommodation	2,592.22
		<u>16,768.85</u>
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		<u>\$6,630.15</u>

Environmental Impact Review Board – Administration

2009-2010 Contribution Agreements - INAC

For the Year Ending March 31, 2010

REVENUE

INAC Contribution (Implementation Funds) **\$115,312.00**

EXPENDITURES

Staff Support

Salaries 72,973.30
Staff Development 0.00
Recruiting/Relocation 17,629.56

Overhead

Office Costs 26,102.35
Rent 11,660.00
Fixed Assets 0.00
Telephone/Fax 2,350.88

Other Expenses

Registration Fees 0.00
Travel 0.00
Accommodation 1,150.26
Per Diem 139.20

132,005.55

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

\$(16,693.55)