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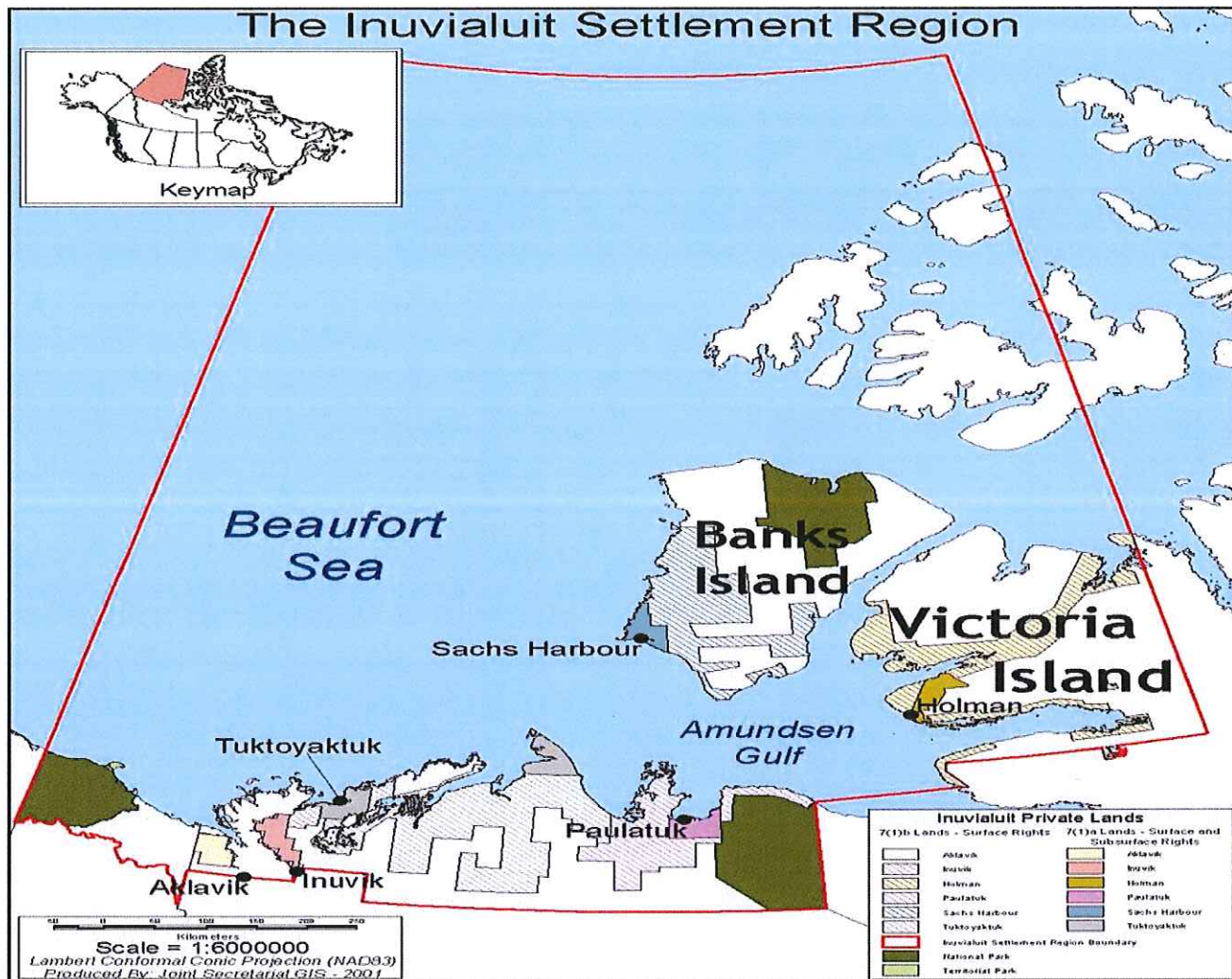


Figure 1. Private Inuvialuit Lands and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

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CHAIR'S COMMENT

The EIRB's work during the reporting period focused on the 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 has taken longer than expected to develop a record of information that would allow the EIRB to make a decision and recommendation in accordance with the IFA and Canadian Environmental Assessment Act requirements. The review will continue into the next fiscal year.

The revised Rules of Procedure and Operating Guidelines completed by the EIRB last year have been used to guide the Board through the public review.

Eli Nasogaluak, the EIRB Coordinator, had a busy year managing the large record and registry associated with the public review and supporting the ongoing operations of the EIRB. EIRB continues to benefit from the work and advice of Gordon Stewart (BIOS Environmental Management), working with Eli and our consultants, in the management of the public review. The EIRB has also continued to benefit from sound advice from John Donihee, legal advisor to the Board, in relation to the review and other Board related matters. We appreciate the excellent work provided by these individuals.

During this reporting period Herbert Felix, Roland Kikoak and Bruce Chambers were reappointed for an additional three year term. Jim Umpherson was appointed by the federal government to replace retired long serving member Tom Butters.

As Chair of the EIRB, I wish to welcome Jim to the EIRB. I would also like to thank the Board members and Eli for their work and perseverance in addressing issues that have arisen during the year. As always, the assistance of the staff of the Joint Secretariat over this period is appreciated by the EIRB.

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, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

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 2011–2012

Chair

Elizabeth Snider, Smith Falls, ON

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 2011 to September 2014

Previous Term: September 2008 to September 2011

Jim Umpherson, Yellowknife, NT

Appointed by the Government of Canada (2011)

Present Term: December 28, 2011 to December 28, 2014

Herbert Felix, Inuvik, NT

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1995)

Present Term: September 2011 to September 2014

Previous Terms: September 2008 to September 2011
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, YT

Nominated by the Government of Yukon.

Appointed by the Government of Canada (2008)

Present Term: September 5, 2011 to September 5, 2014

Previous 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, Coordinator, 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	Acting Senior Administrative Officer, JS

Financial

Eunice Thrasher	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

Resource People

Richard Binder	Community Support Unit Resource Staff
Kayla Hanson-Craik,	Community Resource Specialist (FJMC)
James Malone	Resource Specialist (FJMC)
Shawna Kaglik	Administrative Support Officer (HTC)
Vacant	Environmental Assessment Coordinator (EISC)
Steve Baryluk	Resource Management Coordinator IGC (1)
Jennifer Lam	Resource Management Coordinator IGC (2)
Alex Bradley	Resource Biologist WMAC (NWT)
Chris Harrison	Environment Advisor/IRC

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. During this reporting period the EIRB have completed some milestones in the EA review process and are as follows:

- Received review budget from AANDC for 2011-2012 fiscal year
- Received Draft EIS
- Completed Conformity review of the Draft EIS
- Received Addendum to the Draft EIS
- Started the Technical Review Phase of the review

The EIRB has a Registry site located on the EIRB site (www.eirb.ca); it is the role of the EIRB Coordinator to regularly update the registry site.

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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Inuvialuit Corporate Centre
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ROUTINE OPERATIONS

The EIRB held several teleconference calls 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]*"

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

- July 7, 2011 meeting in Whitehorse, YT
- September 23-24, 2011 meeting in Calgary, AB
- December 8, 2011 meeting in Calgary, AB
- March 6-7, 2012 meeting in Inuvik, NT

During this reporting period the EIRB welcomed the reappointments of Herbert Felix and Roland Kikoak by the Inuvialuit Game Council on September 2011 for three year terms. Also effective September 5, 2011 Bruce Chambers was reappointed to the EIRB. The EIRB and Coordinator look forward to working with the reappointed members. With respect to reappointments effective December 28, 2011 the EIRB received a new Canada member who will be replacing long serving member Tom Butters. The EIRB and Coordinator would like to welcome Jim Umpherson to the EIRB. The EIRB and Coordinator look forward to working with Jim.

The Husky Lakes Management Plan development is still an ongoing process. 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. The EIRB and Coordinator will review Section 8 of the IFA at a future meeting. Future meeting dates to complete the Husky Lakes Management Plan will be discussed between the Coordinator and the EIRB.

During this reporting period the EIRB completed a revision of the EIRB Operating Procedures and Guidelines. The updates will reflect the current IFA and the updated version of the EISC's Operating Procedures and Guidelines. The new Operating Procedures and Guidelines have been approved and were placed on the EIRB web site. The site can be located at www.eirb.ca

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

The following is the conferences/workshops the Coordinator and EIRB members attended during this reporting period:

- Inuvik Petroleum Show, June 13-15, 2011
- National Energy Board round table, September 10-16, 2011 Inuvik NT
- Pembina Northern Oil and Gas and the Environment Workshop, October 3-7, 2011 Calgary AB
- NWT Board Forum, November 29-30, 2011 Inuvik NT
- NWT Board Orientation Course, February 28-29, 2012 Inuvik NT

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 Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). 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
AANDC	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development 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

2011-2012 Contribution Agreements - AANDC

For the Year Ending March 31, 2012

REVENUE		
	AANDC Contribution (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$99,496.00</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Chair's Costs		
	Accommodation	1,866.55
	Honoraria	25,250.00
	Per Diem	2,141.51
	Travel	9,480.63
Canada Member		
	Accommodation	335.17
	Honoraria	1,875.00
	Per Diem	0.00
	Travel	38.00
Services		
	Workshops/Conferences	20,627.48
	JS Board Meetings	5,876.11
	Legal/Consulting	860.37
	Registration Fees	0.00
	Insurance	0.00
Overhead		
	Office Costs	2,036.56
	Meeting Costs	1,295.35
	Telephone/Fax	69.65
	Fixed Assets	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>71,752.38</u>
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		<u>\$27,743.62</u>

Environmental Impact Review Board – INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION
For the Year Ending March 31, 2012

REVENUE	Government of the Northwest Territories (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$24,172.00</u>
EXPENDITURES		
	Honoraria	11,619.94
	Per Diem	2,592.70
	Travel	550.50
	Accommodation	731.17
		<u>15,494.31</u>
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		<u>\$8,677.69</u>

Environmental Impact Review Board – Administration

2011-2012 Contribution Agreements - AANDC

For the Year Ending March 31, 2012

REVENUE		
	AANDC Contribution (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$119,169.00</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Staff Support		
	Salaries	48,922.61
	Staff Development	0.00
	Recruiting/Relocation	0.00
Overhead		
	Office Costs	14,716.03
	Rent	13,647.54
	Fixed Assets	0.00
	Telephone/Fax	1,951.86
Other Expenses		
	Registration Fees	0.00
	Travel	1,063.62
	Accommodation	64.69
	Per Diem	666.25
		<u>81,032.60</u>
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		<u>\$38,136.40</u>

**Environmental Impact Review Board
The Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway 2011-2012
Statement of Spending for The Period Ending March 31, 2012**

REVENUE		
	AANDC – OTTAWA – Contribution Agreement, Amendment #1	<u>\$798,586.00</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Chair's Costs		
	Honoraria	16,000.00
	Per Diem	920.65
	Travel	5,225.49
	Accommodation	1,070.27
Government Members		
	Consulting Fees	12,050.00
	Per Diem	1,814.68
	Travel	5,561.35
	Accommodation	2,773.10
Staff		
	Salaries	21,736.00
	Per Diem	1,194.45
	Travel	5,200.25
	Accommodation	2,976.37
Inuvialuit Members		
	Honoraria	39,600.56
	Per Diem	3,027.20
	Travel	16,785.48
	Accommodation	5,921.08
Legal Services		
	Fees	61,157.25
	Per Diem	136.15
	Travel	1,868.50
	Accommodation	379.23
BIOS - Advisor		
	Fees	63,124.91
	Per Diem	1,596.47
	Travel	6,722.67
	Accommodation	1,736.84
Technical Advisors		
	Fees	130,342.84
	Per Diem	111.96
	Travel	0.00
	Accommodation	0.00

Transcription
Services

Fees	0.00
Per Diem	0.00
Travel	0.00
Accommodation	0.00

General Expenses

Advertising	0.00
Telephone & Fax	2,034.07
Courier	285.68
Office Cost	731.75
Facilities	1,579.10
Final Report Printing	0.00

\$413,664.35

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

\$384,921.65