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Sivunivut Corporation Board Meeting March 31, 2011

In attendance: Ed Tuttauk, Chair
Doug Blake, Vice-Chair
Trudy Mesher Barkman, Secretary
Monica Dylla, Treasurer
Mike Broomfield, Director
Leander Baikie, Community Development Officer

Regrets: Emily Powell, Director
Tammy Michelin, Director

Call to order 7:07 PM

Approve of the agenda: Moved: Mike / Monica [carried]

Minutes read from February 28th. Minutes were recorded using audio recorder and there are quality issues with recording. Chair working on them – will be provided once transcribed. Need to be approved once transcribed.

Business Arising:

Meeting of 4 elected ULM officials to get concerns regarding the Lower Churchill Project did not happen due to other commitments. Chair presented to the Lower Churchill Panel – Letter attached.

Leander Baikie named Inuit Rep for Central Labrador Economic Development Board; ratified at their AGM on April 2nd.

There was a question about a research project being done in Goose Bay. It was a Social Networking Research Project being done by a researcher from the US.

Monica and Emily were named as Sivunivut Signing Officers; along with Chair.

Chairpersons Report – attached

Treasurer's report – attached

Community Development Officer Report – attached

Action: Chair to contact Membership office in Nain to get a breakdown of numbers of beneficiaries based on age groups.

Questions from Beneficiary:

Who takes care of Community Freezer while Chair is away?

- The Program Coordinator is responsible for Community Freezer, but the Community Development Officer has given items to beneficiaries when Chair is away.

Have we looked at purchasing a vacuum sealer?

- The Community Freezer has a vacuum sealer and was originally intended for sealing salmon. We will see if this sealer is suitable for sealing salmon this year to keep them fresher longer.

Date for meetings scheduled for every second month (last Monday), or at call of the Chair if need arises. Next scheduled meeting May 30, 2011.

Motion to adjourn: moved: Mike Carried. 8:30 pm

Trudy Mesher Barkman
Secretary

Chairperson's Update March 2011

- Finances are still with Walter's Hoffe.
- LATP presentation was held on March 2nd; only 2 beneficiaries were in attendance.
- Attended the Assembly sitting from March 14th – 18th. This sitting saw the appointment of 2 new ministers – Glen Sheppard as Minister of Lands, and Patricia Kemuksigak as Minister of Health. OM for Makkovik Denise Lane, was appointed Deputy Speaker.

NG auditors Deloitte and Touche presented last years consolidated financial statements to the Assembly as this sitting was the delivery of the Budget.

The petition for an Auditor General was introduced, but was rejected by a vote of 11 – 5. The motion to appoint an AG was also voted down by the same margin.

Three Bills were introduced –

Bill 2011-02 BUDGET ACT, 2011

An act to implement the consolidated financial plan of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2011 and ending March 31, 2012.

Bill 2011-03, TORNGAT CO-OP LOAN GUARANTEES ACT, 2011

An Bill to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue loan guarantees to support commercial borrowing by Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative Society Limited for the period from April 1, 2011 TO March 31, 2012

Bill 2011-04 , NG Procurement Act

A Bill to establish procedures to be followed by the Nunatsiavut Government, the Inuit Community governments and their agencies in THE procurement of goods and services

Bill 2011-05, Beneficiaries Enrolment Act Amendment

A Bill to amend the Beneficiaries Enrolment Act. “Notices of Change of Address and Removal of Beneficiaries from Register for Failing to Give Notice”.

All these Bills were passed into Law and became Acts. After much debate on the Budget Act in respect to salary increases for NG employees, this was passed. The Amendment to the Beneficiaries Enrolment Act had some debate; it was argued that this was another way of removing members.

The NG Special Committee on the NBCI also presented their report and made it’s recommendations on the future of NBCI. It was recommended that the current employee be moved under the supervision of the Dept of Education and Economic Development, subject to funding availability and the dissolution of NBCI.

- Presented at the Lower Churchill Panel Hearings on March 21st. (Letter attached). There was a good turnout; over 100 people.
- Held a Constituency Meeting with Patricia Kemuksigak, Keith Russell and myself. We went over the last Assembly Sitting happenings and took questions from members in attendance (8).

Upcoming Meetings:

- NCP Management Committee meeting Calgary, April 3rd-9th.

Treasurer’s Report March 2011

As you can see from our Income Statement, we haven’t received any funding to date from NG. We’ve received the final installment of the Climate Change funding from Health Canada in the amount of \$29,519.

The Income Statement also shows what was spent to date in the areas listed.

Bank book balance as of today's date is \$88,387.61. The majority of this will be spent or allocated to the Climate Change Project after today, since this is the fiscal year end for Health Canada.

Development Officer Report March 2011

Developed 4 study proposals for submission to INAC's Community Economic Opportunities Program. Using their guidelines we developed the following proposal titles.

1. Community Housing Market Study
2. Research and Advocacy -Removal of Barriers for Economic Development in NWR
3. Facilitating the Development of Partnering Initiatives and
4. Community Economic Leakage Study

The Community Economic Leakage Study has gone through its second stage of approval by the PRC or Project Review Committee of INAC

I have directed a beneficiary who is interested in business development for North West River. Put them on to Anne Hart of Ulnooweg in St John's and Aaron Akitt of ABC

Will be making a presentation to the Town of NWR on Monday April 4th. Working with Town Manager on residential Lot development. Working with Town to identify vacant lot areas within the community.

Have been short listed as the candidate to sit as the Inuit Rep for Central Labrador as part of CLEDB. To be ratified April 6, 2011 at CLEDB AGM

Attended Combined Councils of Labrador and the Labrador Symposium on the Social Economy as a representative of Sivunivut.

QUESTION: What can Sivunivut Inuit Community Corp do to improve the quality of life for Inuit beneficiaries living in Sheshatshiu/North West River, knowing our avenues are limited?

PRESENTATION TO LOWER CHURCHILL PANEL MARCH 21ST, 2011

I would like to thank the Panel for giving our community the opportunity to raise our concerns regarding the proposed Project. I would like to start off with a little history of North West River. The town has nearly 300 years of documented history and has been occupied by Labrador's Innu and Inuit for an estimated 6,000 years. In the mid-1700s, Europeans made their way to the area to make use of the abundant wildlife in the area. North West River was the location for a year-round trading post that was established by French fur trader Louis Fornel in 1743 and was also a location for the Hudson's Bay Trading Post in later years. Because of the trapping heritage, many of our members are descendants of the hunters and trappers that made North West River their home. These descendants also have connections to the area considered for development. Many of our forefathers hunted and trapped to sustain their families in this area. There was no regard of their contributions to our region with the Upper Churchill development. Their connection to the land and all their personal belongings were lost with no apologies or compensation once that area was flooded. This cannot and must not happen with the development of this project. These men and their families must be officially recognized and honoured for their contributions.

We are aware that there will be benefits of employment during the construction phase. However, these jobs will be relatively short-term in nature and once construction is complete, there will be limited employment opportunities for our members. We need to ensure that Inuit workers have a fair opportunity to avail of these jobs. Although the Labrador Aboriginal Training Program is in place and providing training opportunities for some beneficiaries, more specialized training opportunities need to be developed and implemented to prepare workers.

As with the Upper Churchill and any other hydroelectric projects, a large part of the river valley will be flooded, destroying historical sites that are certainly there and

waiting to be rediscovered. We need to ensure that these areas are investigated and documented before the flooding begins.

There will be severe environmental impacts associated with this project affecting flora and fauna of the region. A vast area will be flooded covering a variety of vegetation. It was mentioned that there are some medicinal plants found nowhere else in the Lake Melville region; these plants must be investigated, documented and possibly relocated. Also with any dam and submerged vegetation, it is acknowledged that methyl-mercury levels in fish and wildlife will rise; sometimes taking 30 years or more for methyl-mercury levels to return to baseline levels. As we have utilized different species of animals to provide additional food sources for our families, this threat must be investigated and assurances made to ensure no harm will result from continuing to live off the land.

It has also been mentioned that salt levels in the Grand Lake system are increasing. It has been noted that salt water has been witnessed as far as the Naskaupi River, nearly 60 kms from North West River. Sivunivut is currently conducting a Climate Change Research Project and a number of people have reported this. Some participants are also reporting the tides are now going "up the Lake". When asked why they think this is, they attribute both of these occurrences to the limited water flow from the Upper Churchill Project flowing through the Naskaupi River system. Another gentleman has reported that before the Upper Churchill Project began, residents of North West River utilized well systems to access drinking water. Again with the limited water flow coming from Grand Lake, salt water encroached into Little Lake, seeped into the artesian wells and contaminated their drinking water, forcing them to find a newer source of potable water. We feel this may happen again when a dam is built at the mouth of the Churchill River.

Labrador will not receive any benefit from cheaper electricity rates; it is argued that rates will in fact rise. There is no intention of delivering this "green" energy to the

coasts of Labrador. Coastal communities must be provided with improved power service and rates. If the elimination of diesel generation for the people living on the Labrador coast doesn't occur, alternative energy projects must be considered before the project is approved. Some residents have expressed a concern for future industry development. They would like to see a block of reserve power or recall power rights to facilitate the development of any major industry development.

There are more questions and concerns people in the community have regarding this project. The Labrador Institute has recently opened its Research Facility in North West River and this may be the opportunity to do the research regarding these concerns. We have a facility and members in the community that could conduct research into these historical sites, at risk flora and fauna, the aquatic environment, alternative energy projects, and many others.

In closing, I would like to again thank the Panel for listening to our community members and giving us the opportunity to express our views and concerns.

Sincerely,

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