

APPENDIX G

Community Consultation Meeting Minutes

Old Town Clyde River Community Consultation – June 23, 2009

Nick Lawson of Nunami Jacques Whitford Limited (NJWL) presented a preliminary Remedial Action Plan for the “Old Town” site to the public, mayor and council site at the community hall in Clyde River, Nunavut on June 23, 2009. Nick was accompanied by Moonie Kolola and Malli Auluk, both representatives of the Department of Community and Government Services of the Government of Nunavut. Approximately 40 community members attended this meeting. Only two hamlet council members present at this meeting due to an ongoing search and rescue operation. The local MLA was also present at this meeting.

Most of the audience members were pleased of the fact that they were being consulted and asked for their input in the planning stage. They further expressed their pleasure of the fact that eventually something is going to happen after a long time, and clean up will be undertaken. Concern was also expressed about remediation of the Cape Christian site.

Elders inquired if the community members could provide directions on the clean up. Nick responded that we wish to hear from community members on their thoughts about the preliminary plan and receive some general direction on the clean-up of the Old Town site. This way we will also be able to seek a resolution from the hamlet council before proceeding with the final design. This process will also help us to secure funding and expedite the overall work of cleaning up.

Elders suggested that metal and non hazardous materials be shipped to local dump, and hazardous material be shipped to the south. They did not want to see contamination contained on site - it should be removed. There were different disposal opinions discussed for the contaminated soil present at the Site. One person asked if contaminated soil could go to Cape Christian. The capacity might be another issue i.e. how much soil can be accepted by them.

The audience members expressed concerns about the availability of heavy equipment onsite to look after cleanup. Nick indicated that heavy equipment will be available in the community for the next two years, since there are two contractors in the community at the present time working on other projects. If the project is not started within two years contractors would have to demobilize their equipment once these projects are finished.

The preferred option by elders is to remove contaminated soil from the Site and not have it buried onsite.

Audience members expressed their preferred option and it will be that contaminated soil be removed and not just be covered over with clean fill. They stressed this area is being used as a campground. This way the children can play in the area without any risk to their health that may be posed by the presence of contaminants. They further mentioned that people used to dump garbage into the ocean.

The elders thanked the presenters and expressed their appreciation for being included in the project during the planning stage.

The audience members asked about the schedule of cleanup. Malli Auluk stressed that they were not able to make any commitment on schedule, since they still have to secure the funds to undertake this work.

The audience members asked if it would be cost effective to ship metal to the south for recycling. The audience members asked if it would be possible to ask the contractors currently working in the community to leave the heavy duty equipment in town for use of this project if gets delayed.

Old Town Clyde River Site Remediation Project
Community Meeting at Clyde River
Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Clyde River Community Hall

Organized and Co-ordinated by:

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Translator:

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Number of Community Members in attendance:

35 adults + 10 children/young people

Brief Overview

The meeting was started with greeting the audience. A 25 minutes presentation about the Old Town Clyde River site remediation project was presented to the community. The presentation included the information about the history of site, historical site investigations completed at the site, site investigations completed at the site in 2010, types and quantities of on-site contamination, clean-up methodology, construction facilities for remediation including landfill, landfarm and temporary road for remediation, benefits to the community from the clean-up project, and future steps. The presentation was very well taken by the community.

After the presentation, there was an open question and answer session.

Questions/Answers:

Q: When will the clean-up start?

A: The clean-up will start in August 2012 and will end in September 2013.

Q: How far will the clean-up go? Do you have actual boundaries for the areas that need the clean-up. (i.e. extents of contaminated soil)?

A: The clean-up activity will be only limited to Old Town site. We have identified the extents of the contaminated soil in various areas during 2010 site investigations.

Q: There are significant amount of sharp metal on the site, can you give it to the community people?

A: All the metal from the site will be disposed of at the new landfill cell that will be constructed at the existing Clyde River Landfill (Dump site).

Q: During the days of weather station operation, Aluminum powder was stored in big drums which were stored on ice during winter? Most of these drums sank in the deep water Did you sample the sediments of deep water close to the Bay area for aluminum powder.

A: We did not sample the deep waters sediments. The sediment samples were only collected within 5 meters of shoreline and were found clean.

Q: Will you hire any deep sea divers for investigation of sediments from deep waters?

A: No

Q: Will there be any jobs advertised for the community for the clean-up project?

A: There will be several people required for the clean-up activities. The Contractor who will manage the clean-up activities will be required to hire people from the community for the clean-up activities.

Q: Will there be any training provided to the community people (he is talking about trades training) for working on the remediation project? (He would like to know if GN will arrange some training for the community people).

A: There will be no trades training provided from GN for this project. The only training that will be provided to the personnel working on the remediation project is the site orientation and health and safety orientation with respect to the site clean-up.

Q: What materials will you use for the construction the landfill? The gravel in the community is not of very good quality.

A: Sand will be mostly used for the construction of Landfill. The sand will be collected from the borrow sources that were identified during the geotechnical investigation completed in the area around the community of Clyde River during July 2011.

Q: You mentioned in the presentation, that there is hazardous waste material present at the site. What type of hazardous material is on-site? Why don't you put some signs of hazardous waste in those areas?

A: The hazardous materials include several drums of waste oil potentially containing ethylene glycol and several potentially polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) containing capacitors and transformers. The hazardous material was completely identified in 2010 investigations. The plan is to remove the hazardous material from the site during the clean-up activities which will be started this summer. If the clean-up for the site got delayed, a recommendation will be forwarded to GN for having signage in the areas of hazardous waste.

Q: You mentioned that the burial grounds located near the Old Town site will be designated as protected area. How will you do that?

A: Before the start of clean-up activities, the location and boundaries of the burial grounds will be confirmed. Approximately 5 to 6 meters of setbacks will be set and marked around the burial grounds and the area will be designated as protected area. No labor and equipment will be allowed to enter in the protected areas.

Q: There is debris further south of the burial grounds. Will that be removed during the clean-up activities?

A: Yes, all the debris in the Old Town site will be collected and either disposed of off-site or dealt on-site.

Q: Will you be removing any buried debris from the Site?

A: We didn't identify significant amount of buried debris areas at the Old Town site. There are only few locations that have some buried debris mostly drums etc., which will be removed from the site. Any buried debris encountered during the remediation work will be removed from the site and disposed of appropriately.

Q: The Bridge on the creek between the airport and Old site may not be suitable for traffic as it was used by another contractor (Qiqiktaaluk logistics) with heavy machinery (The bridge is shaking and bending).

A: The stability and durability of the bridge for construction equipment will be confirmed before the clean-up activities. I will check with our field engineer who was at the Old Town site last summer regarding the stability of the bridge.

(I checked with our Geotechnical Engineer who was on site last summer. According to him, the bridge stability wasn't that bad. But it is a temporary 'Bailey bridge' sitting on gravel filled gabion baskets and rockfilled abutments. These types of bridges are prone to shifting with time and require periodic maintenance. So, depending upon when it was installed it is possible that the bridge needs maintenance (i.e. lifting and relevelling).*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.