

**Roberts Bay and Ida Bay Abandoned Sites Remediation Project
Community Meetings in Cambridge Bay (August 30 & 31, 2006)**

Meetings:

1. Community meeting at Luke Novoligak Community Hall, Cambridge Bay
2. Meeting with the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), Cambridge Bay
3. Meeting with Teachers and grades 11 and 12 Students of Kiilinik High School, Cambridge Bay

**Presentation of the Remediation Action Plan (RAP)
Luke Novoligak Community Hall, Cambridge Bay (August 30, 2006)**

Coordinated by:

- Dele Morakinyo, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Jared Buchko, Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)

Number of community members in attendance: 14:

Questions (Q) and Answers (A) :

Q: Mining operations ceased on the two sites since 1975, why have INAC not done the clean up of the sites before now?

A: After cessation of mining operations in 1975, Roberts Mining Company carried out further explorations at the sites during the 1980's and 1990's. The land leases were only transferred to INAC in 1997. Following the transfer, INAC commenced the processes for the clean-up of the sites.

Q: How much will the remediation of the sites cost?

A: We will not know the cost of the remediation until after the completion of the final RAP. The final RAP will suggest the works to be done and the scopes. The outcomes of this community meeting will be used to produce the final RAP.

Q: How will you ensure that the contractor hires local workers? Southern contractors who promise to hire local hands do not live up to their promise.

A: INAC procurement procedure has incentives for contractors that employ local employees. We have bonus for a contractor that exceeds guaranteed Inuit employment levels and penalty for the contractor that employs below the guaranteed Inuit employment level.

Q: Are there cancer causing chemicals at the sites e.g. Asbestos?

A: There is limited amount of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) at the site. The ACMs will be packaged into appropriate boxes and shipped to a suitable disposal facility in Alberta. Other hazardous materials will be treated similarly

Q (a suggestion): INAC should consult with other groups: HTO, Elders and the grade 11 and 12 students of Kiilunik High School, Cambridge Bay.

A: All groups mentioned are represented at this meeting. However, INAC is willing to make further consultations as required. Mr. Attima Hadlari, the President of the HTO scheduled a meeting with HTO Executives for 10:30 AM on August 31. Hellen with News North, offered to arrange a meeting with the teachers and the grades 11 and 12 students of Kiilunik High School, Cambridge Bay for August 31 (11:00 AM). Meeting with the Elders could be held during a future visit

Q: Why will you leave the wastes in place? Why not haul it to Cambridge Bay or to a landfill facility in the south?

A: Metals and Petroleum contaminated soils, and hazardous wastes will be shipped south to appropriate disposal facility in Alberta. Non-hazardous wastes are currently being planned to be landfilled and capped properly on-site. The final RAP will conclude on these approaches.

Q: Will there be useable items on site? Can the communities of Beechimo and Bathurst be allowed to pick these items prior to the commencement of remediation on the sites?

A: There may still be some reusable items. INAC will look into contacting the close-by communities to pick reusable non-hazardous materials before remediation.

**Meeting with the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO),
Cambridge Bay (August 31, 2006)**

Coordinated By:

- Dele Morakinyo, INAC
- Jared Buchko, PWGSC

Number of HTO members: 4:

Q: Will there be any benefits to the communities

A: Yes. The site clean-up will be beneficial to the communities in several ways: People's health; Safety (during hunting and other expeditions on the field) and clean environment

Q: What about employment of local people during remediation?

A: The contractor will employ local employees during the site remediation. We have bonus for a contractor that exceeds guaranteed Inuit employment levels and penalty for the contractor that employs below the guaranteed Inuit employment level.

Q: What kind of jobs will be available?

A: Workers, labourers, equipment operators etc. Also guards and bear monitors. The exact number and types will not be known until after contract award.

Q: When is the project going to start and when will it end?

A: We will mobilize to Hope Bay landing site during the summer of 2007 and we will demobilize from the landing site during the summer of 2009. Most construction activities at the sites will take place during winter 2008 and summer 2008.

Q: How do you hope to get Bear Monitors?

A: The contractor may contact HTO to request for Bear Monitors during clean-up activities.

Q: The knowledge of the Elders will be very vital to the success of the clean-up; Is INAC planning to meet with the Elders before the project starts?

A: INAC/PWGSC will try to arrange a meeting with the Elders during our next visit.

Q: Are there other sites that INAC is cleaning up in the North?

A: Yes. INAC is working on other sites across the North. Our handbook "the big picture" summarising the sites and the activities on the sites will be mailed out to the Manager, HTO

Q: The Industry destroyed the sites why did they not clean in up? Is this going to be the trend for future industrial operations in the region?

A: The situation is now different. Now the polluters pay for clean-up. Environmental impacts of operations and the plan to mitigate or remedy the impacts are determined prior to operations.

**Meeting with Teachers and grades 11 and 12 Students
of Kiilnik High School, Cambridge Bay**

Coordinated By:

- Dele Morakinyo, INAC
- Jared Buchko, PWGSC

Number of Students and Teachers: 4 Teachers & 18 Students

Q: What does INAC do? Why is INAC relevant to the Northern Communities?

A: INAC is concerned with Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Contaminated Sites Clean-up is one of the very many programs INAC undertakes to better the lives of Indians and Northerners.

Q: Why is INAC carrying out the clean up of the sites?

A: To ensure the good health and safety of the people of the surrounding communities and ensure clean environment.

Q: What is the project schedule?

A: We will mobilize to Hope Bay landing site during the summer of 2007 and we will demobilize from the landing site during the summer of 2009. Most construction activities at the sites will take place during winter 2008 and summer 2008.

Q: What employment opportunities are there, particularly for the grade 12 students?

A: Workers, labourers, equipment operators etc. Also guards and bear monitors. The contractor decides on the workforce required and the exact number and types will not be known until after contract award.

Q: What advice will you give to the students on how to become Environmental (Clean-up) professionals?

A: Work hard, be determined and pay attention to your science subjects.