

Canada Coal

October 2011: Community Consultation, notes

Tuesday, Oct 25:

2:30 *Government of Nunavut, Department of Economic Development and Transportation:*

- *Eric Prosh, Director of Mineral and Petroleum Resources*
- *Linda Ham, Manager of Minerals*
 - *Expect to hear request for jobs although work not necessary high priority. Peary Caribou protection will be a main issue as well as the environment for Grise Fiord. Suggest that CC dispel the notion that it is inevitable that a mine is opened, just focus on exploration at this phase.*

4:00 *Government of Canada, Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development:*

- *Jeff Mercer, Manager of Land Administration, Matthew Senkow (Acting Manager of Minerals), Bernie MacIsaac (Director of Operations), Tracy McKay*
 - *Coal regs, consistent with NLCA, suggest prospecting permits to protect ground, when applying to NIRB, should be part 4 screening, if concerns, then part 5. AANDC needs to do consultation on 30 coal licenses. Suggested that Weststar had been told by QIA that there was a "coal policy". If 30 coal licenses are not granted, can appeal. Apply for time periods to be extended if more time required. Expect concern re: Peary Caribou, Ross Gull and musk ox. Can apply for LUP at any time, but community consultation the most important.*

Wednesday, Oct 26:

AANDC: meeting with Jeff Mercer and Tat Ma (GIS technician) re map that shows areas where coal licenses are granted, and those where they have not been granted. Confirmed details.

QIA, Salamonie Shoo, Lands Administrator: query re: "coal policy" was told there was none.

15:25 depart Iqaluit via First Air # 882, arrive **Resolute Bay** 19:03

8:00 p.m. In attendance: Allie Salluviniq, Norman Idlout (252-3642), Peter Jr. Amarualik, Aziz Kharaj (252-3737), Simon Idlout (elder), Susan Salluviniq, Philip Manik, Steve, Ludy Pudluk (252-3762), Matthew Nungaq (252-3273) Saroomie Manik, Rhonda Idlout, David Idlout, Angela Idlout, Steve Piercey (Kenn Borek Station Manager), Joadamee Amagoalik, Jeffrey Amarualik, Paddy Aqiatasuk,

The meeting began with words of thanks by Denise Lockett for attending and asked that everyone introduce themselves along with stating their affiliation e.g., HTO. Denise also invited everyone to enter their names for the door prizes. Denise also advised people that a summary of what was being proposed by Canada Coal was on the table both in English and Inuktitut.

A map was laid out on the table showing the coal licenses and people viewed it.

Braam (BJ) also thanked everyone for coming and ran through a power point presentation. Questions were taken during the presentation:

Q: are you going to explore all the areas on the map slide?

BJ: **no, definitely not. Alex Heiberg will be held to protect it. Just two areas will be explored on Ellesmere Island.**

Q: why do you have all the licenses?

BJ: we want to be sure other companies don't move in.

Q: you know Axel Heiberg is an environmentally sensitive area.

BJ: yes, we are aware of that, and that is why we plan to protect it.

Q: What do you mean by "environmentally sensitive"?

BJ: we are referring to the fossil forest in that area.

Q: **people were in D,C, and the bottom of I areas (referred to on coal lease map) this summer.**

BJ: not us. We did a small amount of sampling and not in those areas. Do you know the name of the company that did do sampling in those areas?

Q: Yes, but don't know if I can say. Are you hiring? I would like my name (gave contact details to Denise) on your list.

Q: have you done detailed environmental impact study before sampling?

BJ: a detailed environmental impact study would be done after you know if you have anything. A lot of detailed studies would have to be done e.g., logistics, environmental etc.

Q: year round or just summers for environmental studies?

BJ: environmentalist will do a lot of detailed studies e.g., marine areas, wildlife, weather.

Q: will you be hiring locals

BJ: if we can, yes.

Q: when you are looking for coal, will you be looking if there are animals in the area? There are lots of caribou and musk ox all over.

- BJ: the area we will work on it very small and concentrated. We are not expecting much impact. Mapping and sample are very low impact activities.
- Q: there are a lot of animals around in July and August.
- BJ: we will consult people in the communities and take advice. **We may also hire some people to help us with wildlife monitoring.**
- Q: Caribou need real good habitat. Will you be cautious? Before you drill, there is environmental work that needs to be done.
- BJ: yes, we will be cautious and take care of the environment and people. Our focus and the way I like to operate, is with a high regard for people and the environment. We need advice from communities on where to go, and where not to go.
- Q: **you only need to see one Peary Caribou and you need to stop operations.**
- BJ: understand
- Q: didn't see any caribou in the red areas that you have identified. Are you looking for coal to burn? The whole place is full of coal.
- BJ: 4 main categories of coal, some are for making iron ore
- Q: there should be restrictions in the area. Peary Caribou habitat. SARA meeting here in two weeks. Better to be cautious rather than have a coal mine.
- BJ: very cautious in our approach. No detailed studies have been done at this stage.
- Q: **when musk ox is mating, the males become dangerous. Rubber bullets don't work – need small explosives. (? Bear bangers?) Need to have safety awareness.**
- BJ: respect animals. Won't be there three months. Mapping is time consuming but sampling can be done quickly.
- Q: HTO would like to give you support/advice regarding wildlife.
- BJ: thank you.
- Q: **HTO encourages companies to have a polar bear/wolf monitor.**
- BJ: likely but our plans are not complete at this stage. Just a high level look at what we will likely need and what our plans likely will be. Lot of fine tuning needs to be done still. Will consult with you more.
- Q: old, turning 60, not many opportunities here for me. Used to get coal to burn in my stove.
- BJ: inclusive process for communities. Small scale operation in 2012. Opportunities for local people.
- Q: also know that Inuit from the area have to be hired. There is a percentage of Inuit that you have to hire **(10% - comment likely means a requirement in an IIBA)**

Q: small scale camp? What is large scale camp? Want large scale EIS study. If you see any animals will you stop the program?

BJ: Drilling camp is about 30 people. I don't tell you only 5 people and lie to you. Tell you maximum. No detailed studies have been done yet.

Advice is important to us, environment and people important to us. How safe are our people – responsible exploration.

Continue to engage. Take concerns and guidance to heart.

Simon: when I was young, noise traffic from planes scared us. Now it is different – we and the animals are accustomed to noise traffic.

Q: Peary Caribou are a species at risk. Will you avoid the area until they have recovered?

BJ: don't know the impacts at this stage, detailed studies would have to be done.

Q: How many people will be at the camp?

BJ: our plans are still flexible and only done at a very high level. Want to give you accurate information and make sure that we are open and honest.

Q: if there is a mine, how long would it last?

BJ: no one knows at this stage, maybe you could guess 20 years. You don't even know at the start of the mine. Doing exploration work at this stage. Proving up what has been explored in the past.

Q: Will you be coming back to the communities?

BJ: **Yes we will continue to come back to the communities. We believe in consultation and take your guidance as well as looking after people and the environment seriously.**

Q: when you are mining, who will get the royalties?

BJ: when we know more, and are making money then we will be happy to discuss royalties and such. Coal that has currently been identified is the wrong kind of coal. Lots of studies need to be made first.

Q: said "you might go and drill in 2012"

BJ: not likely 2012. Environmental studies need to take place first.

Q: have you heard of Otto S. Basin. Oil and gas studies going on.

BJ: oil and gas is very different from coal.

Q: when r u coming back? Will there be a more in-depth meeting next time?

BJ: detailed planning, licenses and permits next. Tonight is an introduction meeting.

Q: if you find a twenty thousand tonnes of coal, how long would a mine life be?

- BJ: 10 years.
- Q: had a lead-zinc mine near here. The mine life was 23 years. You should go for it and become a mine.
- Q: do you have a website so that we can access information?
- BJ: **the company is not public yet. Will be likely in January. Yes will set up a website. Will be here talking with you again. Information on the website will be translated into Inuktitut.**
- Q: how long would the work last for?
- BJ: several months in the summer. There is a shorter exploration season here. Longer exploration season in the South.
- Q: Will you inform Council?
- BJ: **yes, will inform and consult. A publically listed company must be open and transparent.**
- Q: will you advise the community?
- BJ: Yes.
- Q: when mining, are you searching for anything else other than coal?
- BJ: don't know what they will find yet. We want to mine a limited volume of material without damaging the area too much. You don't do drilling unless you absolutely need to – it is very expensive.
- Q: the area on the map marked with an "H"
- BJ: yes, you weren't here when I was explaining this. We have coal leases on Axel Heiberg Island, but we will not be doing any work on the island.
- Q: are you sure?
- BJ: yes. Won't even apply to do any work there.
- Q: what will you do if you find any archaeological sites?
- BJ: identify them, protect and report them to the Government of Nunavut.

Thanks again for coming. Draw prizes.

Meeting finished at 9:30 p.m.

Recommendations and Follow-up:

- **Send electronic copy of presentation along with corrected translation of one-pager handout**
- **Send updated map showing Canada Coal coal leases, once finalized.**

- **Ludy Pudluk, ex MLA for the region is a good local contact. Aziz is also a good contact for local business opportunities.**

Thursday, Oct 27: Grise Fiord

7:15 p.m. Public Meeting in school.

Participants: Charlie, Meeka Kiguktakk(Mayor), Susie, Imooshee Nutavaqjak, Anne Akeeagok, Mark Akeeagok (HTO Manager), Lisa K., Tina Q, Jaypeetee Akeeagok (HTO Chair), Kaminga Noah, Asena, Manasie Noah, Kavavow Kiguktak, Janice Anderson (SAO), Joanie Nunsaq, Eva Muckpa, Laisa Watsko (QIA CLO)Annie Audlaleek,

Opening Prayer

Introductions by Mayor Meeka Kiguktakk, Jaypeetee Akeeagok (HTO Chair).

Braam went through a power point presentation and answered questions as they were posed:

Jaypeetee: why are you limited on what you can take out

BJ: weather restrictions, need to do detailed studies, logistical limitations

Jaypeetee: okay, logistical and not volume limitations

BJ: over the next few months, make sure our paperwork is in order, continue to consult with people, logistics studies etc. June, July, August – have a few people, small camp for mapping and sampling project. Focused work. Don't believe drilling is possible. Expensive and need to raise money. People from community could help with sampling. Few lbs/kilograms of surface sampling. Won't disturb the area. Early in the process. View, want to work with communities and have respect for the environment. No detailed planning yet e.g., number of samples etc. have to talk with the geologist about the plan.

Small size, minimal disturbance. Exploration only very short period 6-7 weeks. Mapping will take the longest, least impact on the environment.

Input/concerns from the communities – work with you to understand your concerns. Need to understand the environment and how to involve people.

Q: will there be blasting?

BJ: no. No blasting in coal mines anymore, even with underground mines it is dangerous.

Jaypeetee: how will you determine depth of the coal mine?

BJ: drilling in 2013. The arctic is more challenging for exploration and mining.

Q: can you explain the significance of coal?

BJ: 4 main types of coal. Lignite = no value to us. Metallurgical coal for steel making is what we are looking for. No guarantee that we are going to find it. Don't need a lot of it, it is a specific kind of coal.

Janice: where is your largest market?

BJ: Japan, Korea, South Korea, India and Brazil, and to a lesser degree Europe.

Will come back again before anyone on the team begins to do any work. Likely 2-3 more times in the community. Will need help at the camp. The environment and people are important to me. Not an irresponsible miner.

Jaypeetee: (looking at the map of the coal licenses) how much is on IOL?

BJ: (identified an area on the map)

Meeka: likely there will be concerns about the environment regarding wildlife. The HTO will address these concerns. It is our responsibility to pass along information/skills to our younger generation. It is sensitive to talk about our food source/clothing. We are not farmer. Our biggest concern is the wildlife – they have to travel and to stay healthy. Concern about the amount of exploration and mining activity and it seems that the community is the last to know.

BJ: That's why we are talking with you at this very early stage. We want your blessing. Mapping and sampling have a minimal impact. It is discrete – no noise, small group of people mapping and sampling. No noise disturbances. We need to find out if our information is correct, it helps us determine our future work. Again, at this stage, there is minimal disturbance to the land.

May be drilling next year, and start environmental studies. Need to get our permits and licenses first.

Will not be exploring the whole area, just small part – need to have the right geology, take samples, need to have access to water etc.

Jaypeetee: what about the area on the map "C"

BJ: maybe at a future point of time, but the geology is fairly challenging. Maybe mapping and a few samples.

Jaypeetee: what about "D"

BJ: if other people act irresponsibly, then the whole industry suffers. Want to work in a responsible manner. Have reports on all the coal license areas from other companies.

Jaypeetee: **D area. Caribou were wiped out by Pan Arctic's drilling that happened back in the 70's. They have started to come back to that area. The concern is that anything, even a minimal**

impact would wipe them out again. Wouldn't recommend that you go to that area. Anyone in Grise Fiord would say that.

Meeke: we have to go many distances to go for caribou. Will have to voice it – where I go to my cabin – Grise Fiord people treasure it. **We find caribou there (D). It is our main hunting ground.**

BJ: how do you travel?

Meeke: mainly by skidoo, atv or boat.

Jaypeetee: hunters go up to Eureka area.

BJ: is there fish in this area?

Meeke: no, in the lakes

Break, draw for one prize.

Q: what is a "type b" water license?

DL: explained that a water license is required from the Nunavut Water Board for any use of water, and disposal of waste. This is to ensure that all of our work is carried out according to the licenses and permits

Q: thanks for coming to GF. A few years ago another company talked about exploring for coal. It was rejected. The HTO had serious concerns. You talk about having more professionalism, yet you spelt the name of our island wrong on your paper (DL apologized)

Gulf /Petro Canada give me nightmares to this day. The Peary caribou moved out of the area. They are slowly coming back now. Don't want to see decline again. Caribou from "C" area go to "A" area. There are a few char lakes there also.

In the 70's and 80's, Petro Canada and Gulf were taking samples using helicopters and fixed wing planes. Move caribou from area "D".

You said "at this early stage, there would be limited local business and employment opportunities". You will be looking at the ground and the hunters will be looking at you. When you are drilling you will be concentrating on the ground. **It is critical that an employment opportunity for us is to be wildlife observers. Then we can tell ten years from now if your activities have driven the caribou off.** As for business opportunities, it is deceiving. Resolute Bay is the staging area. Very little comes to our community.

What you need to understand is that it is very expensive here – it costs about \$1000 to go hunting for caribou for a weekend – and with no guarantees that we will get anything. You said you want to "keep other people off the land", but hunters, all of us we are here 365 days a year, you are only here a short while.

Flosheim P, "A" is far away on the map, but people have gone there from here numerous times. The main vegetation areas on Ellesmere Island where organisms grow – they are food for the wildlife.

There are mines in China, Australia and BC, don't think they are depleted just yet. If there are already mines right now, why are we rushing to try to create another one. Unknowns right now. Other companies have been up here before, and the caribou left. There is an increase in caribou recently. GF has a lot to lose if there are no benefits.

Jaypeetee: have you talked with NTI and QIA re IIBA? The loss that we would take from this summer's activities would be too great. **"D" lease consider it null and void. We will protect it. It is on IOL. Strathcona is too important without knowing what the benefit would be to the community.**

Not because we are against the project, because of what has happened in the past. Before you do your drilling, you have a lot more homework to be done to satisfy the needs of the hunters. Unfortunately not all people have turned up at this meeting. Some people are out of town, but given our population, this is a good turnout.

Be careful when walking back to your hotel, don't let a bear eat you!

BJ: would like to respond to your concerns but can't answer for what happened previous old companies. Significant changes have been made since the activities of 30 years ago. I place a huge emphasis on safety and the environment.

Yes, there is a lot of work to be done, and that's why we are here early. Welcome response. That's why we didn't come in with a final plan. We want to meet your requirements and objectives. That's why we have come in today.

Finally, it is true that for at least the first few years, there are little benefits, but don't underestimate your contribution. If you can't think of ways you can contribute, please allow me to think of ways we can involve you. You are the only community on Ellesmere Island. Other communities benefit to your detriment.

At this point there may be very little activities that will cause very little disturbances. We will not involve other people at your cost.

Q: same people, when they see money, they go crazy. When you talk with the government regarding sensitive areas on Ellesmere Island – can you provide information on areas on the map.

BJ: We have only had high level discussions with government. Our first priority was to talk with the communities.

Q: some people have been “mouthing off” about our concerns to government. I don’t think they (government) understand. Has government provided you with those discussions?

BJ: Was in Iqaluit first for meetings. Few discussions with people. Our first priority is to talk with people in the communities. Part of the confusion happens when you don’t talk with people right from the beginning. Working together makes more sense.

Q: Even though government knows the sensitive areas, they give out licenses – we don’t agree with them.

Q: appreciate you coming to consult with us. I understand that you want to explore on five areas on crown and IOL land and that you still have to go through the NIRB process etc. This still affects our wildlife and our livelihood. **We go up to “D” all year round.** Don’t know if you were aware of seismic testing on the water. We lobbied to get it turned down. So much projects want to enter here – we have to say no. Last year the beluga didn’t come in – maybe a ship in the area disturbed them.

Meeka: pollution down south affects what happens here and stays here. Don’t know if we can eat the caribou and musk ox because we don’t know what they have been eating. It wasn’t like that 40 years ago. Now there is global warming. It is harder to go out fishing. We eat muktuk – it is like vegetables for us. We depend on country food and we have to pass this information along to our grand children.

BJ: have you seen any affects of global warming?

Meeka: saw 12 dead female musk ox just standing still on the tundra. Didn’t know why they died. Very worrisome. Were hunting seals up at Jones sound and saw some seals. They usually all go down the hole back into the water. There was one that wasn’t afraid of us – my husband had to help it down the hole. What’s wrong with our animals?

BJ: thank you.

Jaypeetee: thank you for coming to our community. I think there is a lot of interest in Axel Heiberg Island. You said that there was another company taking samples from there, who didn’t even come here yet. Unfortunate that companies like your competition are already up there. May have to do a little more research on that. NTI should be involved in these discussions regarding negotiating an IIBA.

Said don’t want to step on GF and no benefits. We tell this to all companies. Resolute is the staging area. We lose on both fronts. Animals and noise pollution. Prime example is the Mars Project on Devon Island. One person employed here doesn’t benefit the community. Resolute benefits. Frustrated.

BJ: yes, you have the worst of both worlds. Hope you understand.

Janice: your camp for next summer, what kind of air support will you need?

BJ: no detailed planning yet. Wanted to talk with the communities first.

Janice: in your experience, what do you think you will need?

BJ: likely for the least disturbance on the land, it will be a helicopter. Depends on the amount of work we would like to do.

Janice: will the camp be operating for a couple of months.

BJ: no, more likely a couple of weeks. Just come in, get the work done, and get out. Some support will be needed.

Janice: will you use ATV's?

BJ: we need to first determine if we need one. If that is the best way to operate, then we will likely use them. Not sure yet of the number of people and the size of the area. We start with a small area that could be reached by foot. A larger area could require a helicopter. Need to sit down with the geologist to figure out the work plan.

Janice: do you know the size of the drill hole and the depth you will be drilling?

BJ: likely 150-200 meters, but it depends. There is no standard size of drill. No drilling until next year. Too rushed and I don't like rushing. Will be there more than 2 weeks, but less than 2 months.

Q: when? August?

BJ: mapping and sampling don't take much time. Drilling could take about three months.

Q: I don't feel comfortable with this. I didn't know about this work, the sampling. Our animals could be chased off by the helicopters.

BJ: that's why we are here today, to discuss our proposed work.

Q: how were the previous samples taken out?

BJ: by helicopter.

Q: it is not up to us, but it is up to us to protect the wildlife. It is not fair for us to say you can't go onto the ground, but it is our job to protect the land.

BJ: that's why we want to talk with you even though we don't have to at this stage.

Janice: there is a legal obligation to consult on traditional lands. The governments (Territorial and Federal) are interested in resource exploration. That is why I am here at this meeting, for the Hamlet.

End of meeting

Recommendations and Follow-up:

- Send electronic copy of presentation along with corrected translation of one-pager handout
- Send updated map showing Canada Coal coal leases, once finalized.
- Imperative that GF HTO and CLARC are met with several more times to learn about sensitive wildlife and habitat areas.

Oct 28, 2011:

Dropped in to Hamlet office at the invitation of the Mayor and SAO to have coffee and receive pins from the community. Unfortunately neither was in the office, but Jaypeetee Akeeagok, chair of the HTO was there and pins were offered, as well as a casual conversation about life in Grise Fiord.

Also dropped into the Co-op to see what was available for goods. Well stocked but no prices were posted, as the Manager (Frank) commented, that if people want it, they buy it.

11:30 am departed Grise Fiord via charter to Arctic Bay.

Friday, Oct 28: Arctic Bay

7:00 p.m. public meeting. In attendance: (name in Syllabics), Joshua Ejangjaq, Todd Qaunaq, Marty H., Sheba, Zebedee Enogoo, Niore Iqalukjuak (Mayor and QIA CLO) , Ikie Naqitarvik, Jusa, Thomas Levi, Sandy Attugutsat, Samuel, (name in Syllabics), (name in Syllabics), Malin, Murphy, E. Paul, Terry, Anne Iqalukjuak, (name in Syllabics), Hannah Kadloo, Mishak , Olayuk Naqitaruik, Patrick Joseph, Jeremy Koonnee, Brad Taqtu, Tyrone Alooooloo, Jack Willie (HTO Manager)

7:15 meeting began with an opening prayer.

Braam presented a power point presentation on the project and took questions as they were posed.

Q: although this is the first meeting regarding coal that I have ever attended, GF community is located in the area. **Arctic Bay people will support GF people if they have concerns.** What can coal be used for? Will there be Inuit employment both in exploration and mining?

BJ: we have met first with people in Repulse Bay and Grise Fiord to talk with them about the proposed project. Coal that we are looking for is used in steel making furnaces.

During exploration there will not be a lot of local employment as the work done is highly specialized. To the extent that local people can be hired, we will do that.

Regarding mining, that is many years into the future. They it will be a key source of employment.

Q: my statement is more of a joke – I thought coal was used for cars and trains! How long have you known about the coal? Was there a mine there?

BJ: to my knowledge there has never been a coal mine on Ellesmere Island. This could be the first that we know of. Large coal deposits were discovered by other companies in the 1980's.

Q: **regarding Polaris mine on Little Cornwallis Island, not Ellesmere Island (? Problem with the written translation?) Are you exploring on Cornwallis Island?**

BJ: (shows on map where CI is)

Q: there will be an agreement required down the road. Have you talked with the QIA regarding meetings with our Lands Committee?

BJ: we have only had high level discussions with people. It is more important to meet with people in the communities right now.

Q: if you look into the future, if a mine was there, do you know where a ship would travel to/from?

BJ: need more studies. First have to find the coal.

Q: **in the translation is says "Lancaster Sound" (error in Inuktitut written translation from English)**

BJ: must be an error in the written translation. Will be corrected and sent out again. Thank you for pointing that out.

Q: since the Ellesmere Island doesn't have an Inuktitut name, it could be a mistake. **Lancaster Sound could be impacted if you have to travel through that area by ship.**

BJ: there will be no impact during exploration. Need to do detailed environmental impact studies.

Q: when you are doing the environmental studies down the road, you will have to be careful of Lancaster Sound. How far is your project to Lancaster Sound?

BJ: Reference to Lancaster Sound in the written translation is a mistake. Too early to tell if there will be any impacts. None for at least the next two years of exploration at least.

Q: **Since the exploration area is close to GF, Lancaster Sound is very important to Arctic Bay area.** How far is Lancaster Sound to the project?

(Review map, it was determined that Lancaster Sound is 1600 km away from the exploration area)

Q: during exploration, are you only doing to do sampling and then drilling?

BJ: first sampling on the ground, and then drilling in the future.

Q: when you are starting your exploration, and you have your permits from Grise Fiord, or are you starting your work without any permits?

BJ: never do work without permits. We are in the process of applying for our permits and licenses. Start work in June 2012.

Mayor: since you mentioned that coal could be used for steel making furnaces – could that contribute to climate change?

BJ: most steel making is done in Japan, South Korea. There are strict rules regarding emissions.

Mayor: with your exploration work, because every mine starts with exploration. You will start a mine. **There are concerns regarding wildlife and the environment. Baffin Bay, we have concerns regarding shipping and marine animals. If you ever went into production, shipping would go through Baffin Bay.** Need to know the number of ships, seasonal or year round.

BJ: impossible to know at this stage. Will not ship year round. Only during open water season. Details are many years into the future. This is very early in our plans and a long way off before decisions will be made. Years away.

Mayor: we hear on TV and on the news, that coal mines are dangerous and that there are many accidents. Will you mine via open pit or underground?

BJ: depends on what we find and at what depth. Can only tell once we know things better.

Mayor: with the airplanes, we only have one airline that services all three communities. Sometimes even people going out for medical reasons get bumped off the plane. You still need MOU's etc. with government, **but will you use scheduled aircraft or have your own planes?**

BJ: if need be, we will charter.

Mayor: your map shows 8 areas where you have licenses, can you estimate the volume of the area, how many miles etc.?

BJ: Looking at area A and possibly I. Likely small areas within those areas. Impossible to cover everything in those areas.

Mayor: how many square kilometres or miles?

BJ: likely about 1000 sq km in A. won't likely explore the whole area.

Mayor: it is a big area to cover. Would you pick up samples via helicopter or just use a helicopter to drop off/pick up your workers?

BJ: take the samples out via helicopter. Look at the best of the area, not all of it. There needs to be a lot of detailed planning first before coming into the area. We wanted to meet with you first before we do the detailed planning.

Mayor: what was the outcome of the meeting in Grise Fiord?

BJ: wildlife concerns. Certain areas that they were concerned about. We will work with them. Will be working very closely with the community of GF as they are the only community on the island.

Mayor: we also keep in touch with the people of Grise Fiord and will ask them if there are any outstanding concerns.

Q: earlier there was a picture on the map. Can you show me on the map about where that picture is?

BJ: shows area on map

Q: June 2012 or Fall of this year?

BJ: June 2012 to start sampling

Q: up to August/September?

BJ: 6-8 weeks likely

Q: translation says "volume:

BJ: size of all coal licenses. Won't be exploring on all of them.

Q: since you don't know what is going to happen yet, e.g., G,E, F – are you going to build a dock or are these study areas?

BJ: we have picked up all the historic coal licenses. Won't work on all of them, but will have control of the old areas.

Q: says in your hand-out that you will use helicopters and small planes. Looks like you have a plan to do some exploration. Have you submitted a plan to the Hamlet. Will you be applying for permits?

BJ: Yes, developing plans for permit and license application.

Q: when you do your detailed plan, **remember we are very concerned regarding wildlife and marine animals.**

Mayor: as Mayor, want to say thank you for coming in. Many exploration companies come in late. You are coming in at the planning stage. This is a good way to start. Thank you.

Recommendations and Follow-up:

- **Send electronic copy of presentation along with corrected translation of one-pager handout**
- **Send updated map showing Canada Coal coal leases, once finalized.**
- **Schedule follow up meeting with community**

Monday, October 31, 2011

8:20 a.m. Ron Elliott, MLA. Good meeting, reiterated concerns re: environment and all communities asked about IIBA's. Only one community (resolute bay) asked about jobs. Agree, need to focus efforts on Grise Fiord. MLA committed to keeping in touch and advising CC of feedback in the communities with respect to community consultation visits. **Requested a digital copy of the presentation to table in the Legislative Assembly.**

- 9:00 a.m. AANDC. Jeff Mercer was away on duty travel.
- 9:15 a.m. Linda Ham, Manager of Minerals, Government of Nunavut: reiterated meetings, well attended and with good discussion. No concerns re AH island. Concerns re: environment and IIBA's. Company committed to coming back several times prior to being "on the ground".
- 10:00 a.m. Salamonie Shoo, QIA Lands Administrator: reiterated meetings, well attended and with good discussion. Salamonie questioned by consulting with Arctic Bay when so far away from project area. Suggested that since they are going to side with Grise Fiord, that CC may wish to "drop them". Questioned Salamonie re: issue re: translation. Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay have slightly different dialect than Arctic Bay as a result of relocation from Northern Quebec. Commented on issues raised in Arctic Bay re: translation – makes sense.
- Discussed when QIA would be having a board meeting and suggested that CC may wish to make a presentation to the Board at that time. DL committed to following up.
- Discussion re: LUP application. Salamonie committed to reviewing in draft and will provide as much assistance as required. Many thanks.
- 10:30 Translators – dialect issue discussed and resolved. Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord have a slightly different dialect as a result of the relocation from Northern Quebec. Arctic Bay is a slightly different dialect from them.