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Re: Piqqiq the Fall Caribou Crossing National Historic Site and Pacific Ridge Ltd.

Under the **FALL CARIBOU CROSSING NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, Conservation and Presentation Report** Inuit Heritage Centre is the Manager of Piqqiq, Fall Caribou Crossing National Historic Site. This report was prepared by Harvaqatuq Historic Site Committee, Baker Lake, Nunavut and Parks Canada and written by Darren Keith, Planner in November 1997. The report is a basis for the development of the Fall Caribou Crossing National Historic Site and the FALL CARIBOU CROSSING NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE COMMEMORATIVE INTEGRITY STATEMENT was signed 1997 by Luke Tunguaq, Chair, Harvaqatuq Historic Site Committee (Jan. 10, 1997), Tom Lee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Parks Canada (August 4, 1997), Donna Petrachenko, Director General-West [Parks Canada] (May 15, 1997) and RECOMMENDED BY: Christina Cameron, Director General, National Historic Sites, (July 30, 1997) and Ken East, A/Field Unit Superintendent, NWT (April 15, 1997).

Orin Durey has worked with Inuit elders in various projects including mapping, GPS, and in search and rescue. He has also flown a helicopter for mining companies and has also flown for a survey company to install boundary markers during the Inuit Land Claim parcel survey for INAC and land claim agencies in 1996. Orin Durey also has taught Northern Studies and mining at the local school.

With this in mind, I, the Manager of Inuit Heritage Centre requested Orin Durey, a private citizen of Baker Lake, to present his findings to the Hamlet of Baker Lake concerning **Piqqiq, The Fall Caribou Crossing National Historic Site** and the effects Pacific Ridge Ltd activities will have on Piqqiq if its drilling is permitted in Zone 694 and to explain the effects Pacific Ridge Limited's other activities will have on Piqqiq and its vicinity. According to Inuit traditional knowledge even Inuit were not permitted to pitch up camp upwind from the caribou crossings so that the caribou would not be disturbed from their migration routes. Nobody was allowed to be in the path of the migrating caribou and calving caribou were not disturbed.

From Orin Durey¹ we were able to understand the following:

- Two reports are available at the Inuit Heritage Centre that concern Piqqiq, Fall Caribou Crossing National Historic Site Conservation and Preservation. The two reports are FALL CARIBOU CROSSING NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE prepared for Harvaqtuuq Historic Site Committee, Baker Lake, Nunavut and Parks Canada by Darren Keith in November 1997 and Report of a Preliminary Investigation through Archaeology and Oral History of the site of Piqqiq (150X), a Caribou Water-Crossing on the Kazan River, District of Keewatin, Northwest Territories by Andrew Stewart prepared for Directorate National Historic Sites Parks Canada, 1994.
- Pacific Ridge Exploration Limited has amended plans to drill in Zone 694 and set up camps within or near the borders of Piqqiq, Fall Caribou Crossing National Historic Site.
- Zone 694, which is right at Kazan Falls, is a drill site which was first drilled with six drill holes in 1969 therefore it was named the 694 and it was the fourth zone being drilled hence 694. The companies let the drill license lapse therefore no companies have grandfathering rights to drill there as yet.
- The CPA and CPM can protect Piqqiq but because the CPA (Caribou Protection Areas which protect the caribou calving grounds and post calving grounds) and CPM (Caribou Protection Measures which include CPA and protect the caribou grounds from mining activities and any other activities like airplanes and helicopters. Everything is suppose to be quiet when caribou are around. Helicopters and engines are suppose to turn off their engines when they see caribou) have not been legislated yet in the House of Commons, these regulations cannot be enforced by law and CPA's have not been updated since 1994.
- Orin Durey's report, *Piqqiq Fall Caribou Crossing National Historic Site and Pacific Ridge Exploration Limited Exploration Plans*, we can see that there are many radiometric grid coverage, uranium mineralized zone with historic drill holes and uranium prospects within and near Piqqiq.
- Baker Lake elders and young people went with archaeologist to explore the Piqqiq area and reported many historical findings such as Utaqivvikjuaq, tent rings, shelter or hunting blind, artifact concentration, inuksuit or marker stones, cache for meat or hides, graves, qajaq stand or storage place, fox trap, hunting blind, hearth, caribou trail, as well as other unknown findings left by our ancestors.
- On March 25, 1997, Kivalliq Inuit Association board resolution BR 97-03-10, the KIA board voted all in favour that, "Therefore be it resolved: that the Nunavut Planning Commission ensure that the Fall Caribou Crossing national Historic Site and Kazan River be protected through formal written inclusion in the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan before final legislative approval is granted.

¹Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd Baker Lake Intervention, 2BE-KAZ Kazan Falls Project Uranium Exploration Plan, Nunavut Water Board

