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# Hamlet of Baker Lake Community Consultation Report

Completed by Don Carr  
NWB Hearing Coordinator

March 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 – March 28<sup>th</sup> 2008

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The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Hearing Coordinator, Don Carr, from Mar 26<sup>th</sup> through Mar 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 traveled to Baker Lake for community consultation with respect to the Meadowbank Gold Project.

The purpose of the visit was to encourage public participation in the NWB regulatory process as required by Section 13.3.14 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) which states:

*“Prior to the holding of public hearings in any water application, the NWB shall take all steps necessary by way of notice, dissemination of information and scheduling and location of hearings to provide and promote public awareness in such public hearings.”*

Section 13.3.13 also states:

*“In designing its by-laws and rules of procedure for the conduct of public hearings, the NWB shall:... (b) give due regard and weight to Inuit culture, customs and knowledge.”*

To help carry out this policy a public meeting was planned for the evening of March 27. The public meeting was advertised with noon and evening announcements over the local radio. Set to take place at 7:00 pm, the meeting started with minimal attendance. Due to a large number of people who came in part way though the presentation and near the end, a second presentation took place following the first.

Several comments were made by members of the public including:

- Ensuring that the regulators and mining companies have knowledge of the river system including sources and tributaries.
- Lower water levels than usual have been observed near the potential mine site.
- Lakes need to be kept clean and that efforts should be taken to ensure they stay clean during the spring melting.
- There is an island near the potential mine sight that is dangerous and should be taken into consideration while traveling over ice during the winter. This is especially true when the ice is soft.

## Appendix 1 – Attendance List

- Joe Qiyuk
- Gary Perkison
- Ruby Mautaritnaak
- M. Tickie
- Neal Mautaritnaak
- Martha Jorah
- Silas Quiyuk
- Leslie Nagyoigalik
- Hugh Nateela
- Nancy Sevoga
- Rhoda Perkison
- Gideon Kulek

Several others attended and did not sign their names on the list.