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January 19th, 2024

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RE: MARY RIVER PROJECT – STEENSBY COMPONENT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Dear His Worship and Chairperson,

Thank you for welcoming us in your community and for your presence at the Steensby Community Engagement Meetings held on December 1st, 2023. We value the insights and feedback provided by members of your organizations and the public during these sessions.

We have compiled a summary of the main concerns raised, along with Baffinland's corresponding responses in Attachment 1. We have also enclosed a copy of the meeting notes and presentations in Attachment 2.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require further details.

Sincerely,

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Joe Tigullaraq
Head of Northern Affairs

Attachment 1. Summary of Key Concerns Raised and Baffinland's Responses

Topic of Concern	Response
Railway and mining operations and speed of trains impacting caribou	IQ continues to shape the Steensby Component of the Project and has informed several aspects of Steensby Project Certificate and project planning. IQ was used to identify the location of historical caribou routes that interact with the railway and identify areas where caribou could cross. Furthermore, based on input received through the Phase 2 review process, Baffinland will construct the rail line with consideration of longer sections with gentler embankment slopes than originally designed, to facilitate caribou movement. There will be continuous dialogue with communities and Knowledge Holders to understand how caribou interact with the rail line. Baffinland has developed a Caribou Decision Framework for caribou sightings along the railway which can be found in the Terrestrial IQ Presentation (Attachment B).
Dust mitigation	<p>Dust mitigation has been raised as a major priority for Inuit as a result of the existing project. The Steensby Component of the Project introduces several additional dust mitigation measures and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of ore from the top of the deposit, where it is mined, to the processing facility, will be done by a conveyor system instead of heavy haul trucks, reducing dust produced along Mine Site roads • All ore will be crushed and screened entirely within an indoor processing facility at the Mine Site. There will be no processing of ore at Steensby Port • Transport of ore by rail eliminates dust along the transportation corridor. Ore haul truck tires' direct contact with the road is what creates dust along the Tote Road. Steel rail wheels on steel tracks removes that possibility • Enclosures at ore transfer points at the Mine Site and Steensby Port • Consideration of additional dust management measures for the Steensby Port stockpile are underway <p>Baffinland will also extend the dust management system developed for the current Project to Steensby operations where possible. These are mitigations developed over time, based on community input and monitoring, and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of crusting sprays on stockpiles to cover and reduce windblown dust through material handling • Minimize drop distances between stock piles and conveyors • Install hoods, shrouds and covers along any outdoor conveyor systems • Minimize drop distance between ship loader and cargo holds on vessels • Optimization of blasting techniques to reduce dust generation
Multi-community engagement regarding Steensby	A gathering at the Mary River Mine Site for a Steensby Leadership Workshop is planned for 2024.
Impacts of shipping on fish	IQ was used to identify fish presence in the local area, including important fishing areas and water bodies. Baffinland has integrated IQ into the design of fish habitat offsetting opportunities, for example through consideration of Arctic char research projects suggested by HTO members.

Topic of Concern	Response
	Baffinland will apply its Adaptive Management Plan to all construction activities and operations, including the need to seek QIA agreement on adaptive management plans related to narwhal, seal, Arctic char, caribou, dust, culture, resources and land use. Baffinland's monitoring programs will continue to include Inuit from the closest communities, and management plans and monitoring programs will continue to evolve based on direct engagement with Inuit.
Progressive reclamation at Milne Port	Baffinland is in the process of determining what, if any, closure requirements there are for the northern infrastructure and will continue to work with QIA on this. Baffinland will share updates with the communities.

Attachment 2

Meeting Minutes

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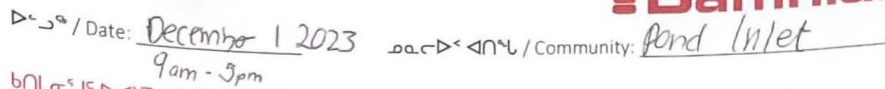
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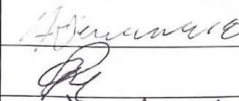
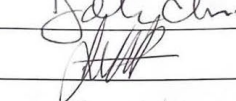
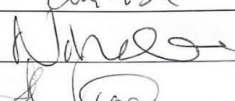
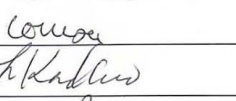
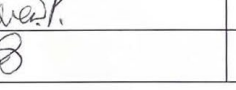





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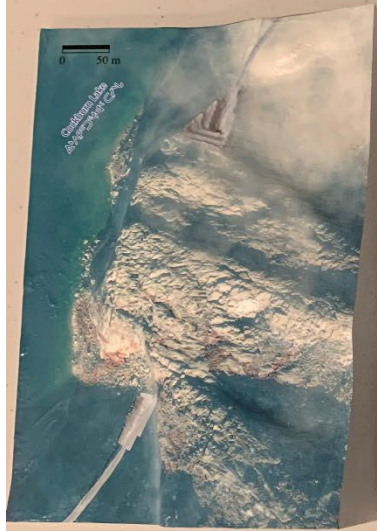
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CONFIDENTIAL MEETING (IE FOR INTERNAL TRACKING PURPOSES ONLY): No

Meeting Date: December 1st, 2023

Time: Meeting 9am – 4pm; **Radio show:** 8-10 pm on November 30th

Meeting Type: Community Workshop

Meeting Location: Pond Inlet Community Hall

Baffinland Participants Present: Joe Tigullaraq, Paul Quassa, Michael Salomonie, Caleb Sangoya, Elisabeth Luther, Angela Bischoff

Other Participants (provide affiliation): Mike Settingington (EDI), Tim Rast (Archaeologist)

Interpreter: Joe Krimmerdjuar

Meeting Description: Steensby Community Workshops – Day 1 of 1

IIBA/ICA Relevance: n/a

Project Phase: Steensby

Meeting began at approximately 9am. The participant sign-in sheet is in Attachment A.

Baffinland presented the Mary River Update presentation (Attachment B).

A summary of the key questions and comments shared by participants is provided below:

- Question: Milne Inlet, Eclipse Sound is going to be for sea lifts only. Do you have an agreement? Was there any consultation as to what changes have been made or if they [Pond Inlet] want to be involved? Will there be an agreement about the environmental effects? Are you going to be and on our land and we want to hear about Igloodik and Hall Beach [Sanirajak].
 - BIM confirmed that there has been ongoing engagement on these topics.
 - BIM: The final plan for Steensby has not been finalized.
 - BIM: We are discussing expectations for Steensby with working groups. We will discuss shipping routes with the seven impacted communities and they will be able to ask questions about our plans.
- Comment: Concerns with caribou strikes with the train going 60km/hr.
 - BIM: We will have monitors to track how fast the trains are going. We will do studies at Steensby regarding the changes happening and how far trains must stop for caribous.
 - BIM: We will have policies about how we use the land and we will do monitoring studies on lakes that have fish or other mammals.
- Question: Question about ships in the Steensby area.
 - BIM: We will do shipping in August but in some cases where the conditions are not favorable we may have to start in September. We will do studies to see if ice breakers can be used to break up the ice.

- Caleb (BIM): your [Joshua's] question was about pollution. Studies are being done at Mary River and Steensby and those who have worked on these could answer your questions.

During the break, meeting participants gathered around the 3D models. A meeting participant highlighted an area South of Ravn River (Figure 1).

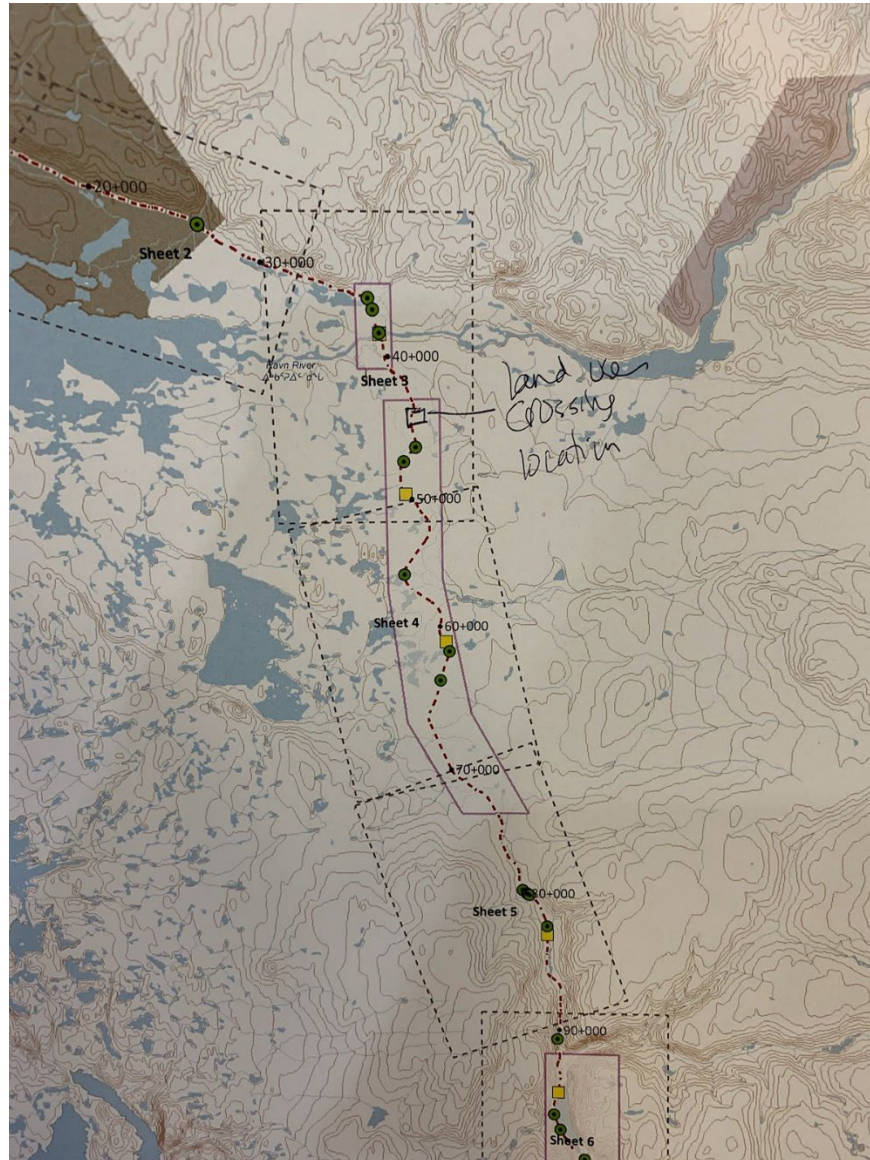


Figure 1. Additional land user crossing location recommended by an Elder in Pond Inlet, December 1, 2023.

Baffinland presented the IQ and Steensby presentation (Attachment B).

A summary of the key questions and comments shared by participants is provided below:

- Question: What activities will be happening in Steensby Inlet? My main concern is related to what is happening with the big equipment and crusher.

- BIM: The crusher will be at Mary River. On Steensby Island, near the harbor where ships will be loaded, the iron is going to be stockpiled and transported.
- Question: How can we minimize the dust that is coming from the mine? If Steensby starts, is there going to be less dust? Is there going to be an agreement with Steensby?
- Question: We heard that Igloolik and Sanirajak have no concerns about ships going through Steensby. There are fewer fish now. What has been discussed before, is Baffinland not writing it down or making reports? Igloolik and Sanirajak should have heard about the concerns that were mentioned in Pond Inlet. Were they not recorded or written down?
 - BIM: Confirmed that all comments and concerns are documented and published in engagement reports.
- Question: Are the fish going to go away with Steensby? Do you now have the environmental effects on fish?
- Comment: Conveyor should be closed in when operating, with more winds in the higher ground, that needs to be a factor considered.
- Comment: Mentioned another iron ore mine in Alaska with a railway and ships, where the equipment has less dust compared to Milne Inlet.
 - BIM: We want to learn from the mine in Alaska. We want to hear their information and what types of equipment they are using. Thank you for sharing this information.
- Question: You said you are going to close Milne Inlet and open Steensby. Are you going to put it back to its original form? When are you going to start cleaning up? Are you going to be having meetings about what you are going to do with Milne Inlet?
 - BIM: Ore shipping in Milne Port will cease once Steensby is fully operational. However, some freight and fuel shipping is expected to continue. Some progressive rehabilitation will take place.
- Question: CBC said several days ago there was someone who got a railway and there are no more caribou. That's how much animals get disturbed. There are few caribou now. We have no more caribou and fish and our way of life is disappearing, you guys are making it disappear.
 - BIM: The caribou move when what they eat is disappearing. We conduct studies to assess caribou movement.

Mike Setterington presented the Terrestrial IQ presentation (Attachment B).

- Question: What IQ said during the 1990s is that the caribou started walking south. This was mentioned that the caribou went south and then came back. When the hunters checked what the caribou had in their stomachs they knew they had come from far away. When Baffinland had a meeting, people said that they had no more caribou and were given information that the caribou would come back to this area. Some people say there is no more caribou and I go out every year and there are a lot of caribous. They walk away and come back. They say they have no more caribou around. Inuit say some are not really telling the truth about caribou disappearing. The mine keeps on going along with the railway are the caribous going to be affected? Will the caribous be coming back? Do the caribou trails change?
- Question: Kimmirut, Kingait, Igloolik, Sanirajak and Pangnirtung said the numbers of caribou are going down. This is what we just heard from people went hunting for caribou. Was there an agreement with Kimmirut and Kingait?

Tim Rast presented the Archaeology presentation (Attachment B).

No comments or questions.

General Comments

- Joshua Idlout, Deputy Mayor, inquired about a plaque that was given to them in 2016, and the writings to be remembered.
- There was acceptance that some of the benefits will not be available once Steensby starts.

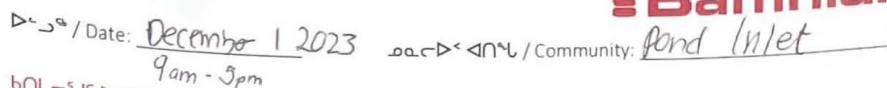
Meeting Ended at 4pm.

Baffinland held a radio show on November 30th from 8-10pm.

- David Qamaniq on local radio, suggested a road be made to the soapstone quarry
- BIM should help in bereavement assistance in airfare;
- Why not also diesel vouchers like the gas vouchers

Meeting photos provided in Attachment C. 3D models of the Steensby Railway, Steensby Port and some of the key elements (tunnel, bridge and land user crossing) were set up for viewing (Attachment D).

Attachment A – Sign-in sheet



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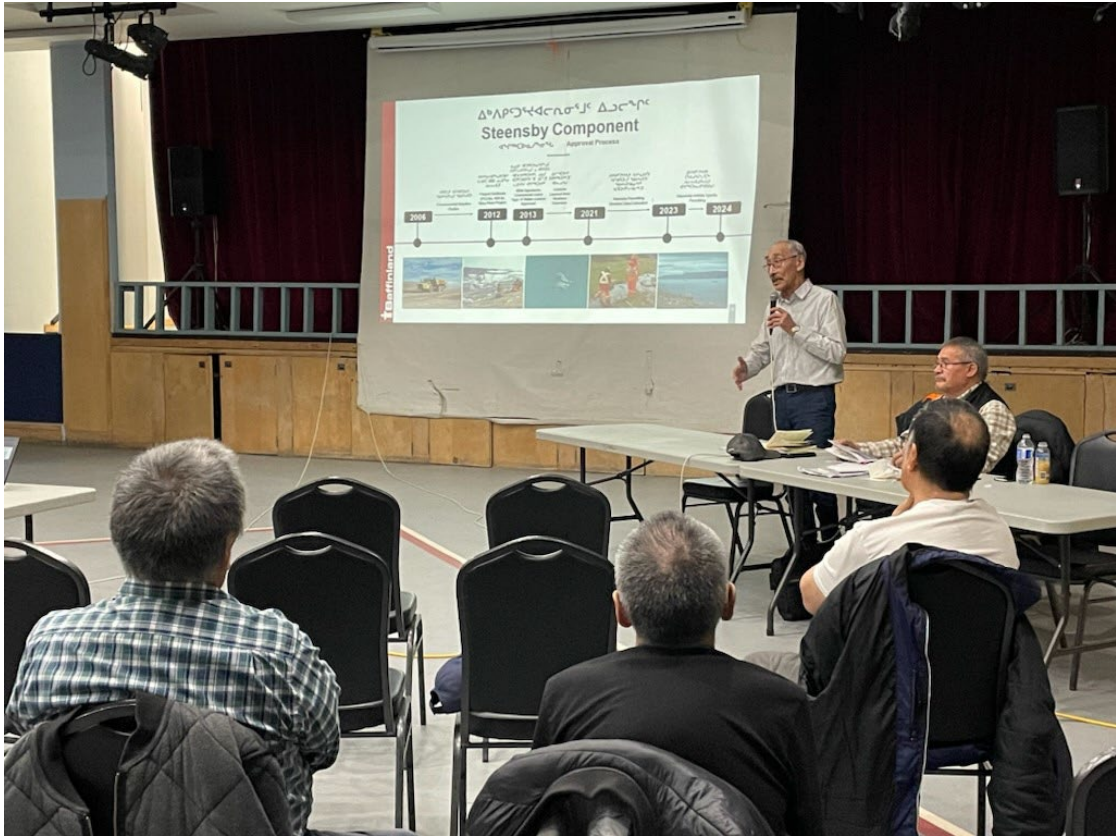
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Attachment B – Presentation Materials (Mary River Update, IQ and Steensby, Terrestrial IQ and Archaeology presentations)

Attachment C – Meeting Photos







Attachment D – 3D Model Photos





