



NIRB File No.: 08MN053

October 10, 2019

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Sent via email

Re: Final Agenda for the upcoming Public Hearing for the NIRB's Assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s "Phase 2 Development" Proposal

Dear Parties:

On September 16, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a *Draft* Agenda for the upcoming Public Hearing in **Iqaluit (November 2-6, 2019)** and **Pond Inlet (November 8-9, 2019)** in support of the Board's assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland or Proponent) "Phase 2 Development" Proposal (NIRB File 08MN053; the Project)¹. The NIRB requested that interested parties review the *Draft* Agenda and provide the Board with their comments as well as confirmation of their planned attendance by October 2, 2019.

On or before October 2, 2019 the NIRB received suggested revisions to the *Draft* Agenda from the following parties:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency-Northern Project Management Office
- Parks Canada
- Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (additional submission October 9, 2019)
- Hamlet of Pond Inlet
- Oceans North

Having considered the comments provided, the NIRB is pleased to issue the finalized agenda attached as [Appendix A](#) for the information of all parties. An Inuktitut translation of the attached agenda will be provided as soon as possible.

In an effort to improve public accessibility, the Board is pleased to advise parties that it is working with Nunavut Independent Television Network to arrange for live streaming of the upcoming public hearing proceedings through the internet, through local cable television in Pond Inlet, and through local radio stations in a number of North Baffin communities. These additional broadcasting measures are intended to enable community members to remotely view the technical

¹ Public Registry ID: 326785

sessions and community roundtable in Iqaluit and assist with utilizing the limited time available in Pond Inlet as effectively as possible. The Board will provide further information on these planned measures as it becomes available.

At this time, the NIRB is also requesting a response from any agencies that have yet to submit the names of individuals to be presenting evidence (technical presentations) to the Board, noting that a written summary of qualifications and experience for technical experts should also be provided. The NIRB respectfully requests that this information be provided directly to the Board on or before **October 15, 2019**. Please note that these submissions will be posted on the NIRB public registry.

As a reminder, the NIRB previously requested that all parties submit their English and Inuktitut presentations to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, on or before **October 23, 2019**. We appreciate the efforts of parties to provide these materials as requested, as the NIRB is preparing information packages to assist community roundtable participants. The NIRB would like to remind all parties to provide sufficient printed copies of their presentation and executive summaries of Final Written Submissions for the information of attendees at the Public Hearing, noting that up to 100 English copies, 80 Inuktitut copies, and 30 French copies may be required.

Should you have questions regarding the upcoming Public Hearing for the NIRB's assessment of the Phase 2 Development proposal, please contact Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor II at samuno@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4603 or to Cory Barker, Technical Advisor I at (867) 983-4607 or cbarker@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachments (1): Appendix A: Final Hearing Public Hearing Agenda (NIRB File No. 08MN053)

**APPENDIX A:
FINAL HEARING AGENDA**

- NIRB File No.:** 08MN053 – Phase 2 Development Project Proposal
- Proponent:** Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
- Location:** Cadet Hall, Iqaluit, NU and Community Hall, Pond Inlet, NU
- Dates:** November 2-6, 2019 (Iqaluit) and November 8-9, 2019 (Pond Inlet)
- Times:** **All times given are approximate. The order of presenters and time given for presentations are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion:**
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| Technical Sessions: | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| Community Roundtable Sessions: | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| Evening Sessions: | 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm |
- Note (1):** Witnesses appearing on behalf of the Proponent and registered Intervenor will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Panels of witnesses may be used for the presentation of evidence.
- Note (2):** All testimony will be recorded and transcribed by the Board and may also be recorded by the media.

**Saturday November 2, 2019 – Iqaluit
Day 1 of Technical Sessions (*including evening session*)**

General Opening

1. Opening prayer
2. Welcoming Remarks by the Mayor of Iqaluit (or Delegate)
3. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*30 minutes*)
 - i. Identification of motions or objections
 - ii. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc.
 - iii. Review of Agenda
 - iv. Housekeeping Items

Technical Session

4. Presentations by the Proponent. Time for questioning by Board Members and Intervenor will be provided immediately following presentations. Note that cumulative effects will be included in discussion for each item iv-vii below.
 - i. Introduction and Project Overview (*60 minutes*)
 - ii. Public Consultation and Inuit Qaujimaningit (*45 minutes*)
 - iii. Alternatives Assessment (*20 minutes*)

- iv. Atmospheric Environment (*25 minutes*)
- v. Terrestrial Environment (*65 minutes*)
- vi. Freshwater Environment (*25 minutes*)
- vii. Marine Environment (*65 minutes*)

Close of Day 1

Sunday, November 3, 2019 – Iqaluit
Day 2 of Technical Sessions

Technical session (Continued from Day 1)

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
2. Presentations by the Proponent. Time for questioning by Board Members and Intervenors will be provided immediately following presentations. Note that cumulative effects will be included in discussion for each item i-ii below.
 - i. Socio-Economics and Food Security Updates (*50 minutes*)
 - ii. Human Health and Exposure Potential Assessment (*25 minutes*)
 - iii. Adaptive Management, Management Plans and Monitoring Programs (*45 minutes*)
3. Presentations from registered Intervenors – Note: witnesses appearing on behalf of registered Intervenors will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Unless otherwise indicated, each Intervenor has been allotted up to 30 minutes for their presentations. Following each Intervenors' presentation there will be time for questions by Board Members, other Intervenors and the Proponent.
 - i. Qikiqtani Inuit Association (*30 minutes*)
 - ii. Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization (*30 minutes*)
 - iii. Hamlet of Pond Inlet (*30 minutes*)
 - iv. Community of Igloolik (*30 minutes*)
 - v. Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization (*30 minutes*)
 - vi. Government of Nunavut (*30 minutes*)

Close of Day 2

Monday, November 4, 2019 – Iqaluit
Day 3 of Technical Sessions (including evening session)

Technical session (Continued from Day 2)

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
2. Presentations from registered Intervenors (*continued*)
 - i. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (30 minutes)
 - ii. Transport Canada (30 minutes)
 - iii. Parks Canada (30 minutes)
 - iv. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (30 minutes)
 - v. Environment and Climate Change Canada (30 minutes)
 - vi. Health Canada (30 minutes)
 - vii. Natural Resources Canada (30 minutes)
 - viii. Oceans North (30 minutes)
 - ix. World Wildlife Fund (30 minutes)
 - x. Nunavut Independent Television Network (30 minutes)

Close of Day 3

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – Iqaluit
Day 1 of Community Roundtable (including evening session)

General Opening

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

Community Roundtable Session

3. Presentation by the Proponent – **Introduction and Overview of Project** (90 minutes)
4. Questioning of the Proponent and Parties by community representatives and members of the public, organized by project components/activities
5. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to present.

Close of Day 4

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 – Iqaluit
Day 2 of Community Roundtable

General Opening (Continued from Day 4)

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

Community Roundtable Session

3. Questioning of the Proponent and Parties by community representatives and members of the public, organized by project components/activities
4. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to present.
5. Closing/summary Remarks by Community Members

Close of Day 5

Friday, November 8, 2019 – Pond Inlet
Day 1 Community Roundtable

General Opening (Continued from Day 5)

1. Opening prayer
Welcoming Remarks by the Mayor of Pond Inlet
Opening statement by QIA (*10 minutes*)
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*20 minutes*)
 - i. Identification of motions or objections
 - ii. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc.
 - iii. Review of Agenda
 - iv. Housekeeping Items

Community Roundtable Session

3. Presentation by the Proponent – **Introduction and Overview of Project** (*90 minutes*)
4. Questioning of the Proponent and Parties by community representatives and members of the public, organized by project components/activities
5. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to present.
 - Pond Inlet Youth

Close of Day 6

**Saturday, November 9, 2019 – Pond Inlet
Day 2 Community Roundtable**

General Opening (Continued from Day 6)

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

Community Roundtable Session (*continued*)

2. Questioning of the Proponent and Parties by community representatives and members of the public, organized by project components/activities
3. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to present.

Closing Remarks –Proponent and Intervenors

Close of Day 7