

Qamani'tauq (Baker Lake) Community Consultation

March 23, 2004

Representing Dunsmuir Ventures

- Jennifer Pell
- Jim Excell
 - Qamani'tauq means "Where the river widens"

Meeting at Hamlet Office

- Met with Mayor Joe Niego and Administration Assistant Robert Seeteenak
- Joe has been Mayor for 2 years and is also a GN wildlife officer
- Jennifer reviewed the purpose of trip and outlined the proposed work to be carried out by Dunsmuir Ventures during March-April and in the summer
- The mayor was very interested and suggested he would attend the evening meeting
- He stated there was a need for jobs for the youth and also recommended that the HTA be visited as well.
- Robert suggested we contact Michael at Cumberland resources (793-4610). Michael is the Community Liaison Officer for Cumberland and knows the people well in the community.
- Robert suggested that Dunsmuir should write a letter to the Hamlet council describing their project, where it is and what they plan to do.
- They were interested in secondary processing of diamonds. Jim reviewed what is happening in Yellowknife and stressed that the real economic driver is the mining of diamonds.
- Jennifer offered her availability if any questions or concerns were raised in the community
- Met with Tara Fesyk, Community Economic Development Officer
- Jennifer reviewed the project work and gave a review of the diamond exploration process.
- Tara offered her assistance in any way to assist the project

Meeting with Community Members

- The meeting was held at the Nunamiut Lodge in Baker Lake. The meeting commenced at 700pm and final questions were answered at 835pm
- Dunsmuir Ventures was represented by Jennifer Pell and Jim Excell
- Attendance reached 30 and there were 21 names registered on the attendance list
- Percy Tutanauq provided translation service
- Jennifer gave the power point presentation reviewing Dunsmuir Ventures and the proposed exploration plan for the spring and summer program

- She stressed that the work was in its early stages and no mine has been discovered at this time.
- Following the presentation, questions were fielded from the audience. The general content of the questions were technical in nature. There were several prospectors present and they were interested in the characteristics of kimberlite and the techniques for determining if diamonds were present in the kimberlite.
- The question and answer session is summarized below:
 - Q – What tools do you need to find diamonds?
 - A – Shovels, drills, laboratory analysis, camp, helicopters and geophysical equipment
 - Q – Sometimes I feel that I have found kimberlite with diamonds. What else should I do?
 - A – Jennifer showed a map of the area and suggested that they contact companies working in the area of the prospectors find.
 - Q – Are you looking for gold or only diamonds?
 - A – Mainly for diamonds but we always keep our eyes open for other minerals.
 - Q – I have taken a prospectors course in 1973 but kimberlite was not included. What is the description of kimberlite?
 - A – If we think back to 1973, not many Canadians new very much about kimberlite. Kimberlite is a soft rock, green, has a distinctive sound when hit with a hammer (a “thung” as opposed to a “ting”)
 - Q – Like carving stone?
 - A – Yes, but texture is less consistent.
 - Q – On the tundra there is lot’s of gravel. Companies say not to look there. Why not?
 - A – I do not understand why they would not want to look there.
 - Q – I have claims and have interesting outcrops. I need money to drill the property. What should I do?
 - A – You should talk to the companies working in your area. Drilling is very expensive so a company would want to see before committing to drilling.
 - Q – You are only looking at the Dunsmuir area. The audience should understand this. The local prospectors fall in love with there properties and have a hard time getting interest. They have difficulty in getting companies interested.
 - A – We are happy to talk to local prospectors, but we can only explore on granted lands or open lands. There will be many companies working in this area this year. I stress that the prospectors should contact those working in their area.
 - Q – Have any kimberlites been discovered in this area?
 - A – Referring to presentation map, Jennifer pointed out three areas where kimberlites have been discovered. She said that so far none of these have been determined to be economic although more work is being done. The discoveries have been made by Shear

Minerals-north of Rankin Inlet, BHP Billiton-near Repulse Bay and Stornoway- near Igloolik.

- Q – How big is your camp and where do you buy your fuel?
- A – Camp will have between 10-14 people at any time. We are buying our fuel in Baker Lake. We will also buy some of our groceries in Baker Lake.
- Q – Are you looking for diamonds or kimberlites?
- A – We are looking for diamonds but must find kimberlite first. We hope to find a kimberlite with diamonds, if we do find kimberlite we will first test it to find very small diamonds. If successful, we will return to take a bigger sample to see if the diamonds are present in larger sizes. It must be understood that diamonds are not like gold, where an ounce is an ounce. All diamonds are different and have different values, some may sell for \$0.50 per carat and some may sell for \$3,000 per carat.
- Q – How many employees will come from the community?
- A – For the drilling program in April we will probably be hiring one camp assistant. In the summer we will be hiring Camp assistants, prospectors, till samplers. We have some employment applications with us.
- Jennifer thanked the community members for attending. Please enjoy the refreshments and we will stay on to answer other questions.
- After the close Jennifer answered many questions about employment and kimberlite.
- Jennifer and Jim spoke with David Aksawnee, head of the Hunters and Trappers Association. He was very helpful. He also said that the 8 HTA's in the area will be meeting in Baker Lake soon and he requested that the exploration companies make a presentation to this forum. We agreed to see what would be possible. David to get back to us with the dates.

Attendees

Peter Tupatai – Peter's Expediting
David Aksawnee – HTA
M. Tickie
Joe Niego – Mayor
John Nukik
Mr & Mrs Matthew Kunangnaq
Lucy Andy - Prospector
Andy Andy - Prospector
Hugh Ikoe – Power engineer 4th class
Mark Kingilik
Effie Toolooktook – prospector/carver
Minnie Kinnowatner
Simon Arnaluaq

Lucy Mautaritnoraq
Dianne Peterson
Bazil Aptanik
James Anigat
Samson Agnauyok
Mary Ellen Arnaluaq
Victor Utatauq