

**Community Consultation / Communication Log –
Nordgold (Northquest Ltd.) Pistol Bay Project
March 16, 2019, 08:08 PT**

(Acronyms :) DL = Denise Lockett, SR = Stan Robinson, DS = David Smith, SAO = Settlement Administrative Officer, EDO = Economic Development Officer, HTO = Hunters and Trappers Organization, NIRB = Nunavut Impact Review Board, NPC = Nunavut Planning Commission, GN = Government of Nunavut, NWB = Nunavut Water Board, INAC = Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, KIA = Kivalliq Inuit Association,

Date	Time	Contact	Details
7 Jul, 2016	1:30	Municipal Council, Hamlet of Whale Cove	SR and DS attended the bi-weekly council meeting, outlining the company's plan for the upcoming season and answering questions. The council supported the proposed work program.
Oct 6, 2016	1:30	Municipal Council, Hamlet of Whale Cove	DS attended the bi-weekly council meeting, informing the group that the exploration program had come to an end for the season, and describing the nature of the work. Questions regarding the program were answered, and plans for the future explained. The council expressed on-going support for Northquest's exploration activities near the community.
Nov 17, 2016		Municipal Council, Hamlet of Whale Cove	DS planned to attend the council meeting at Whale Cove, but couldn't get to the community because of the weather.
Nov 18, 2017		Mayor of Whale Cove	DS met mayor of Whale Cove at Rankin Inlet airport. Discussed DNLUP and community issues
Nov 29, 2016	1:16 pm	Mayor of Whale Cove	DS email to Mayor Stanley Adjuk expressing regrets that the meeting in Whale Cove scheduled on Nov 17 did not take place. Also expressed the company's position on the DNLUP, and suggested the Municipality may want to make its views known to the NPC before the Public Hearing submission deadline on 13 Jan 2017.
Dec 17, 2016	3:26 am	Mayor of Whale Cove	DS email to Mayor of Whale Cove, asking if he would like assistance in making a submission to the NPC re the DNLUP.
Jan 4,	8:39	Mayor of Whale Cove	Mayor of Whale Cove email to DS, saying they would probably need

2017	am		help in getting a submission together for the NPC.
Jan 5, 2017		Mayor of Whale Cove	DS email to Mayor of Whale Cove saying it is probably too late to put together a detailed submission from the community to the NPC, but suggested that if the people do support exploration, even a brief note to NPC saying that would be beneficial.
Feb 22, 2017	19:30	<p>Whale Cove public meeting, Hamlet Chambers</p> <p>Susie Kritterdlik (Hamlet Council and translator)</p> <p>Clayton Croucher, Hamlet A/SAO</p> <p>Michael Angituar</p> <p>Jennifer S.</p> <p>Manu Nattar</p> <p>Guy Enliapik</p> <p>Simon</p> <p>Kaura</p> <p>Don</p> <p>David Kritterdlik</p>	<p>Q: in one of your slides you mention that you got 950,000 oz of gold from one locations?</p> <p>A: from the mine in Russia. That is a significant amount of gold.</p> <p>Q: with regards to your current licences, have you been through the Land Use Planning?</p> <p>Denise have receive a positive conformity determination from NPC that activities approved under the Keewatin Land Use Plan.</p> <p>A; have some issues with the Draft Land Use Plan, in that some activities proposed would be in an area that we wouldn't be able to explore on. They would be in a Restricted Area.</p> <p>Q: KIA Land use licence – you are waiting for an extension?</p> <p>A: yes, expired in June last year, requested an extension last March but didn't have the work plan for this year. This is something we are here to request approval for.</p> <p>Q: Vickers?</p> <p>A: it is the project that is closest to the current camp and the one that is the most advanced.</p> <p>Q: in the local businesses used, you mention the sealift facility</p> <p>A: the facilities here. It makes transportation of equipment and supplies a lot cheaper for us than flying everything in.</p> <p>Q: what kind of facilities would you need in the future?</p> <p>A: machine shop, repairs, accommodation to name a few</p> <p>Q: where do you purchase your fuel?</p> <p>A: from the Hamlet. We bring in heli fuel as it is not available in the Hamlet. We have about 200 drums now that came in on the barge, but that is only about a months work of what we need. We</p>

			<p>need about two more barge loads.</p> <p>Q: The Hamlet and the HTO recommended that there be no flying below 500', but my wife saw a helicopter flying about 100' last year. They were scaring the caribou.</p> <p>A: that's not supposed to happen. We can talk with our helicopter company to ensure that they know what the rules are. If they don't follow the rules, they can be replaced.</p> <p>Q: you should have a wildlife monitor that is up at the camp 24/7. We have a wildlife officer here in the community but he can't work out at camp.</p> <p>Denise can recommend to the company that they have a dedicated wildlife monitor to not only keep the field crews/camp safe, but to monitor, record and report all wildlife sightings. They can advise the crews when to shut down work also.</p> <p>Q: you are right on the caribou migration route. They come through in the Spring, Juuly and August.</p> <p>A: saw hardly any near camp last year, but did see a few in an area called "White Rock"</p> <p>Q: they go through on their way to Northern Manitoba. They come North in about March. Calving area at Quartzite Lake.</p> <p>Q: relocating camp.</p> <p>A: with the drilling at the Vickers target,, the idea is to drill on ice – need drill/camp water in winter. Current lake likely freezes to the bottom.</p> <p>Q: (discusses possible lakes that could be used). Stay close to the access trail and avoid damaging the tundra.</p> <p>A: camp move while snow is on the ground. Work with the community to identify appropriate location. ATV use will be limited to emergency use only. Not like 2016. Rules changing.</p> <p>Q: selling the quads? The snowmobiles?</p> <p>A: no. emergency use. Not day to day use.</p>
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			Thanks for coming out. Draw for prizes.
Feb 28, 2017	10:28	Whale Cove KIA, Hamlet, HTO, MLA	<p>Email to, from DL re: Hi everyone.</p> <p>Thanks again for meeting with us last week. As promised here is the presentation we gave. Please contact us at anytime if you have any questions.</p>
May 11, 2017	08:05	Whale cove mayor, sao, cedo, hto, kia, mla	<p>Email to, from dl re: Hello:</p> <p>I am planning on travelling to whale cove next week along with Terry who is planning on interviewing people for jobs this year.</p> <p>I would like to meet the new SAO along with the Mayor and CEDO and rec coordinator to discuss donations and sponsorships. In addition, I would like to meet with the HTO and CLARC to discuss the draft Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation plan and proposed new camp location.</p> <p>Please let me know your availability to meet. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.</p>
May 16, 2017		Whale Cove Hamlet SAO, Mayor CEDO	Discussions regarding use of landfill, donations, sponsorships, project name and location.
June 15, 2017	14:40	Whale Cove Hamlet, Mayor Stanley Adjuk Sr., Sam Arualak, Lewis Voisey, Marie Okalik, Suzy Krittardjuk, Kayla Jones, Ryan Kolit, Mike Panika Sr., Leonard Teenar, SAO Ian Copland	<p>David Smith thanked the Mayor and Councillors for the time at their Council meeting to bring them up to speed on the project. First of all, thank you very much for the letter of support for the project that we were able to provide to the regulators with your application for amendment to the NWB licence and the extension to the KIA LUP.</p> <p>Update plans going forward -opening the camp at Pistol Bay . Terry Wood who is known to the community and others are expected to arrive along with the geologists via helicopter tomorrow.</p> <p>2017 work program is going to be different than last year. This year</p>

		<p>drilling, sometime mid July. Next week main focus will be geophysical surveying. Lines of wooden pickets along the tundra where the geophysical crews will survey along the grids.</p> <p>Survey involves laying wires on the ground. Electrical charge into the ground, read the electrical charge. No danger of electrocution. Potential issue re caribou getting tangled up in the wires. Crew not operate if wildlife in the area. The wire doesn't say on the ground. It gets wound up.</p> <p>Soil sample program. Low environmental impact. Cover a lot of ground.</p> <p>Drilling in a months time. Last year the main target was Vickers/Howitzer. Only one drill this year. Between Howitzer and Vickers. Testing drill concepts.</p> <p>Basically what is planned this summer is what I have mentioned. Happy to answer any questions if you have any of them.</p> <p>Craig and Terry were here last month and interviewed people to work with us this year. 14 hired. Thanks to Natasha and others who helped us.</p> <p>Request assistance from Hamlet to encourage people to show up for work. Important that Council encourage people. Last year some people left work early.</p> <p>Appreciate Hamlets permission for us to use the landfill. Happy to pay the tipping fee per truckload.</p> <p>Understand there is a proposal / suggestion for us to contribute towards the upkeep and maintenance of the community access trail. Happy to do that, but don't know yet exactly how it would work.</p> <p>New scoreboard for the Arena is in Quebec and will be on the first barge expected to arrive in Whale Cove on July 12.</p> <p>Have provided support recently for the Fishing Derby, Hamlet Days and Family Days/ Work with the Co-op on Canada Day. When school starts</p>
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			<p>again we would be happy to have geologists talk with students about their work and opportunities in exploration.</p> <p>Heard at the last presentation to Council that there were concerns regarding low level flights. 500' chosen unless you advise otherwise that it needs to be higher. If you have any concerns please let us know immediately and we will deal with it.</p> <p>Another thing brought to my attention, is that we shouldn't use the secondary road which is getting chewed up by ATV's. we would like to use ATV's between the staging area and the main road. Will leave the request with you. Also would like to formally put forward a request that we work with the Hamlet to extend the road to camp. Would like Council to consider this request.</p> <p>Longer term thought – right now we are only using the camp in summer because the lake we get our water from, freezes to the bottom. We would like input as to a new camp location. It doesn't have to happen this year, but would depend on the results of this years exploration program.</p> <p>Finally, regarding a suggestion for a new name for the project. We know you don't like "Pistol Bay Project". Need it to be something that is not too difficult to pronounce.</p> <p>Sam: haven't really made any decisions about where to move the camp. Ther is a lake closest to the road. It is smaller than the fishing lake. The lake has no name. water is drinkable. Happy to hear that you are willing to work with the community and support the community.</p>
June 16, 2017	10:00	Whale Cove recreation coordinator	Discussion regarding role and interest/activities in the community. GN CGS – no training for rec coordinator. Soccer and hockey very popular in the community.
July 11, 2017	10:00	Whale Cove Mayor and SAO	Discussion on disposal of waste oil and waste fuel drums
August 9, 2017	11:00	Whale Cove Mayor and SAO	Informal courtesy call and project update.
Sept 21,	2:00	Whale Cove Mayor, Council and	Formal end of field season briefing of WC leaders by DS.

2017		SAO	<p>1. Work program update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drilling is nearing completion. We just finished 4 holes out near the storage tent (Vickers), and have moved to Sako (south of the road, just past where the road to the camp turns off from the main road) for 1 or 2 holes, then to just north of the camp for the final hole of the year. ○ Other targets drilled this year include Defender and Howitzer (both in the vicinity of where we drilled so much last year) and two holes out near Bannock Lake, 30 km west of camp. ○ Early in the season, we did geophysical surveys, in small patches between Howitzer and the area just east of the camp ○ A major part of the exploration program was collecting soil samples covering the entire claim block that wasn't already sampled (from just north of the airport, to the end of our claims 85km to the west). This work involved using a shovel to pick up about 2 kg of soil and putting it in a sample bag to be sent out for analysis. In total, about 4350 samples were recovered. ○ Most result are still outstanding, so we do not have an idea yet about what follow-up work is required. We will provide an update when we know what we expect to do next year. <p>2. Community Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our plan is to start the cleanup of the drums and propane cylinders at the airport tomorrow. The old drums will be crushed and put into containers. Drums that are in good shape are palletized, ready to be shipped out. The propane cylinders will be consolidated into wooden crates for shipping. All of this will be shipped out on the barge in
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			<p>late October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top Rank, the drilling contractor, is also preparing one of their drills (one we don't use anymore) for shipping south. This is being stored right now at the 2nd barge laydown area outside of town. ○ It has been out pleasure to be able to support the community this year, with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arena Scoreboard ▪ Donation of bicycles for prizes at Canada Day celebrations ▪ Donation for Fishing Derby ▪ Donation for Hamlet days ▪ Contribution to U18 soccer tournament ▪ Hiring WC people for work in camp, field work ○ We restate our offer to assist in the installation of the scoreboard. We can't do the electrical work, but we can probably help putting it up on the wall. ○ Regarding the snowmobiles, if we are not going to do a winter program this year, then we will donate these to the RCMP for the community search and rescue team.
28 Sept 2017	11:00	Manu Nattar (SAR Member) Cpl. Joe Fraser (RCMP) Laurent Alikashuak (SAR Member) Stanley Adjuk (Whale Cove Mayor) Suzie Amitnaaq (SAR Member) Katie Amitnaaq (SAR Member)	Formal handover of 2 snowmobiles by DS to Whale Cove Search and Rescue Group.
Nov 9,	Mail	MLA Elect John Main	Letter to from DS re: congratulations on being elected as MLA

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Jan 25, 2018	10:49	MLA, Whale Cove KIA, Hamlet, HTO KIA Rankin Inlet	<p>Email to, from Dave Smith re: <i>Hello and Happy New Year</i></p> <p><i>I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday with family.</i></p> <p><i>Planning has started for Nordgold's 2018 exploration program at the Pistol Bay Project but unfortunately we don't have the budget this year that we have previously enjoyed. What this means is that the program will be a lot smaller than in previous years. Though the company is still keen to move the Pistol Bay project forward, demands on the company's resources this year to develop one of the Russian mines means that we will not be in a position carry out a large exploration program at Pistol Bay in 2018.</i></p> <p><i>Our current plan is to have a small operation where we would have perhaps 3-4 geologists on site, with the assistance of a camp manager and 2-3 Whale Cove employees. We expect the camp to be open for about one month, starting around mid-late June.</i></p> <p><i>Please rest assured that we at Nordgold value very highly the strong and friendly relationship we have built with the people and leaders of Whale Cove, and we hope this relationship will survive a temporary downturn in activities. Of course, we will still continue to shop at the Co-op and provide support to the community as much as possible.</i></p> <p><i>I hope to be able to come up to Whale Cove in the near future to meet with the council and the people of the community, to shed additional light on our plans, and to answer any questions you may have. I will shortly be in touch with the Hamlet office to schedule a date for this visit. In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached via email at david.smith@nordgold.com</i></p> <p>David Smith Nordgold SE Exploration Manager, Canada</p>

Jan 25, 2018	09:31	Whale Cove SAO Ian Copland	<p>Email from, to DS re: Hi David, and Happy New Year!. Thanks for the update – the news is not unexpected as our MLA John Main mentioned to me that the Company was putting some priority this year on one of the Russian mines. Look forward to seeing you again and your visit. Whale has a good relationship with Nordgold and have appreciated the employment and donations the company has provided.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Ian</p>
Feb 7, 2018		Alana Kuksuk, KIA Director for Whale Cove	<p>Email from, to DL re: Good day Denise,</p> <p>Thank you for this information.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing and hearing this project moving forward in the future.</p> <p>Alana KIA Whale Cove Director</p>
Feb 13, 2018		Hamlet of Whale Cove	<p>Email to, from DS re: Hello Ian,</p> <p>I trust the northern winter isn't getting the better of you. I understand its been nippy up there lately! If its any consolation, it dropped below freezing last night in Vancouver!!</p> <p>I am trying to schedule a community visit to Whale Cove in the coming weeks, and I'm wondering if you would be able to help me out by letting me know when Municipal Council meetings are going to be happing in the near future. If possible, I will try to request an invitation to an upcoming meeting around which I can plan a trip to the community.</p> <p>All the best,</p> <p>David Smith Nordgold SE</p>

			Exploration Manager, Canada
Feb 20, 2018	11:23	Whale Cove Hamlet, KIA, HTO, MLA, KIA in Rankin Inlet	<p>Email to, from DL re: Hello: I am trying to determine if it is possible to have a public meeting in the Hamlet Chambers on the evening of March 12 in order to give the community an update on exploration plans for the company this year. It is possible to use the Hamlet Chambers that evening, and would a translator be available? The meeting would be open to the public with Mayor/Council/Staff, HTO and KIA also invited to attend.</p> <p>Please let me know if this is possible so I can make arrangements.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Denise A Lockett</p>
February 22, 2018	10:57	Rankin Inlet KIA HQ & INAC Whale Cove Hamlet, HTO, KIA, MLA	<p>Email to, from DL re: Hello everyone:</p> <p>David Smith, Exploration Manager and myself plan on travelling to Whale Cove on March 12 in order to discuss the upcoming exploration plans for the Company. In addition, I would like to ask elders and knowledge holders for advice on wildlife timing and movements for planning and mitigation purposes.</p> <p>We plan on having a public meeting at the community hall at 7 p.m. I will send a meeting poster once it is translated for distribution and advertising.</p> <p>Chris: can the community hall be set up theatre style with two tables at the front, a screen on the wall and may we use the Hamlet's projector for the presentation? We also need chairs set up and translation equipment. I will need two tables at the back of the room, one for refreshments, and the other for prizes.</p> <p>Many thanks and talk with you soon. (I will also be bringing in soccer gear for the community from the people on Bowen Island where I live)</p> <p>Denise A Lockett, for</p>

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Feb 22, 2018	11:24	Whale Cove CEDO	<p>Email from, to DL re: Hi Denise,</p> <p>Just so you know I will be out of the Office more like out of town on duty travel March 11 to 17 but I can Announce it on local radio and on Whale Cove only Facebook page about your public meeting</p> <p>Also a big thanks you for bringing some soccer gear! That is awesome to hear thank you so much for thinking of the children of Whale Cove!</p>
Feb 22, 2018	14:01	John Main, Whale Cove MLA	<p>Email from, to DL re: Hello Denise,</p> <p>Thank you for including me on this message. Unfortunately I will be in Iqaluit during this time for our winter sitting. However, I've included Constituency Assistant Pat Enuapik on this message and she is great at keeping me informed.</p> <p>I hope that the meeting goes well, and look forward to working with you to maximize local benefits from the Pistol Bay project.</p> <p>Matna, Thanks</p> <p>John</p>
Feb 23, 2018	13:21	KIA HQ: Brenda Osmond	<p>Email to, from DL re: Hi Brenda:</p> <p>David Smith and I are travelling to Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove on March 11 and 12. We have time the morning of March 12 to meet with the KIA, if that can be arranged.</p> <p>Can you please let me know. Kind regards</p>
Feb 23, 2018	11:38	KIA HQ: Brenda Osmond	<p>Email from, to DL re: Hi Denise,</p> <p>Do you want to meet with the lands department? If so, the lands department can meet with you and David Smith at 10:30 am on March</p>

			<p>12, 2018.</p> <p>Brenda Osmond</p>
March 2, 2018	09:58	Whale Cove Hamlet, KIA, HTO, Rankin Inlet KIA HQ	<p>Email to, from DL re: Hello everyone:</p> <p>See attached posters advertising for the public meeting for Nordgold's Pistol Bay Project near Whale Cove on March 13. The meeting will be at the community hall from 7-9 p.m.</p> <p>I still need to confirm with Chris Jones that the hall will be set up for the meeting and that there is a screen and projector for the meeting as well as translation equipment. Chris please confirm as soon as possible.</p> <p>Can I please also have a recommendation for a translator?</p> <p>Can someone please go on radio to advertise the meeting and put up posters at the airport, the Hamlet and the Co-op? (another other good places to put them?)</p> <p>Kind regards and it will be great to see everyone again.</p>
March 9, 2018	08:55	Whale Cove Hamlet, KIA, HTO, MLA	<p>Email to, from DL re: Hello there everyone:</p> <p>Can you go on radio and remind people of the meeting next week? Also, if anyone is interested in working with the company during the summer, to please come to the meeting to talk with Dave.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Denise A Lockett</p>
March 9, 2018	10:55	Whale Cove Hamlet Mayor, SAO, EDO, KIA Director, KIA CLO, MLA,	Email to, from DL re: Hello there everyone:

		HTO	<p>Can you go on radio and remind people of the meeting next week? Also, if anyone is interested in working with the company during the summer, to please come to the meeting to talk with Dave.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Denise A Lockett</p>
March 9, 2018	09:06	Whale Cove KIA Acting CLO	<p>Email from, to DL re: It has been announced on the radio several times</p> <p>😊</p> <p>Thanks,</p>
March 9, 2018	10:30	Whale Cove KIA Acting CLO	<p>Email to, from DL re: yes but we want to ensure that people who want to work with us this year come to the meeting.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
March 13, 2018	08:08	Whale Cove Hamlet, KIA, HTO	<p>Email to, from DL re: Hi Ian and everyone:</p> <p>We had about thirty people come out to our public meeting last night, but didn't realize that we were competing with a bingo night. So we had the radio announcer say that we would hold a public meeting again tonight. The weather looks like we won't be going anywhere anyhow, so we will plan to have another public meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Hall. Can someone please go on the radio to remind people.</p> <p>Many thanks.</p> <p>Denise A Lockett</p>
March 12, 2018	7:30 pm	<p>Whale Cove Community Meeting:</p> <p>In attendance: Nordgold : Dave Smith, Denise Lockett</p>	<p>Denise thanked everyone for coming out and apologized that the company booked a community meeting on a BINGO night, but no one had told them of the conflict. A meeting would also be held the next night for those who were not able to come to the meeting on the Monday</p>

		<p>(consultant)</p> <p>Whale Cove: Leonard Teenar, Mayor Stanley Anablak, Don Voisey, Micah Sammurtok, Gerard, Samantha, Melanie Teenar, Steve Shimout, Lisa Jones, Mirah Okalik, Mona, Martha Panika, (name in Syllabics) Lor Laurent A., Mary Sammurtok, Sandra N., Barb E., Karen Okarlik, John Enuapik, Michael Angartatuar, Michelle A., Martha a Arualak, Martha N Arualak, Frankie T., Lewis Voisey.</p> <p>Nordgold : Dave Smith, Denise Lockett (consultant)</p> <p>Whale Cove: Leonard Teenar, Mayor Stanley Anablak, Don Voisey, Micah Sammurtok, Gerard, Samantha, Melanie Teenar, Steve Shimout, Lisa Jones, Mirah Okalik, Mona, Martha Panika, (name in Syllabics) Lor Laurent A., Mary Sammurtok, Sandra N., Barb E., Karen Okarlik, John Enuapik, Michael Angartatuar, Michelle A., Martha a Arualak, Martha N Arualak, Frankie T., Lewis Voisey.</p>	<p>night.</p> <p>David: power point presentation.</p> <p>Dave explained that Nordgold was a privately owned gold exploration and development company based in Russia. He compared the company with Agnico Eagle for size and numbers of mines in various location.s</p> <p>He emphasized that the Pistol Bay project was only exploration and at this time was not a mine. He stated that if they didn't discover more gold, it would not become a mine. If more gold was discovered, it could possibly become a mine within ten years.</p> <p>He further stated that it was important for people to understand that at this time, it was not known if the project would or could become a mine.</p> <p>He summarized the 2017 exploration program as one that conducted soil sampling, ground geophysics and employed one drill for core sampling. He further emphasized the companies commitment to Safety and Respect for the Environment. All wildlife sightings are recorded and reported in the NWB annual report which was shared with the NIRB, INAC and the KIA.</p> <p>In 2017 around 8-900 empty fuel drums in storage near the airport, were drained, crushed and loaded into seacan and transported south for disposal on the last sealift.</p> <p>22 community residents were hired in 2017 to work on the project. There were three lost time injuries and although they were minor in nature, the company would prefer that there be no lost time injuries. It is important that everyone work safely.</p> <p>Q: are there daily safety meetings? David: yes, as well as mandatory weekly safety meetings.</p> <p>David talked about donations and support provided to the community eg., Hamlet Days, Fishing Derby, Nunavut Day, Canada Day and Family Day as well as support for a YMCA program and the Soccer Team. In</p>
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		<p>addition, two snowmobiles were donated to the local Search and Rescue organization. (applause from the community)</p> <p>Dave further commented that the company really liked working here and with the Community. It was a pleasure working with a community that was so supportive.</p> <p>For 2018, Nordgold is currently building a mine in Russia and that has impacted the Pistol Bay exploration project's budget. This year the project will be quite a bit smaller involving just geological mapping and soil sampling but no drilling. The project also would only be a month in duration. So, 4-6 local employees would be hired. David asked that interested people stay after the meeting and provide their contact information to him. People can also speak with Natasha at the Hamlet office who could pass along information to the company. Work would likely start sometime in June.</p> <p>In addition to the geological mapping program, the company would like to go back to all old drill sites and make sure that the drill collars are cut to ground level to avoid injuries to wildlife and people. He hoped that the exploration budget would be back to 2017 levels for 2019.</p> <p>David went on to speak about the NPC initiative to have a Nunavut-wide Land Use Plan. Currently there is a Keewatin Land Use Plan, that in the absence of a Nunavut Land Use Plan, stands. The recent draft plan calls for huge areas to be deemed not available for mineral exploration and development due to an understanding that they were sensitive caribou calving grounds or post calving grounds. Hence, the desire to work with the community to examine maps and identify migration and sensitive areas. (done prior to meeting) The company firmly believe that exploration and mining can be conducted in a way that doesn't negatively impact wildlife.</p> <p>As it stand, the KIA have told the company that the current Land Use Permit will not be renewed past the October 2018 expiration date due to a policy with the KIA that no exploration or development be conducted on Inuit Owned Land. David asked that if the community of Whale Cove was happy with the way Nordgold was conducting its exploration work,</p>
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			<p>to tell the Hamlet who can help with this issue with the KIA.</p> <p>He further commented that Nordgold is working with the Hamlet to get together a submission to the KIA this week.</p> <p>Q: if there is a caribou herd, do you shut down? A: we would work somewhere else from there the caribou area. Helicopters don't fly around caribou. They are told to stay away from caribou herds. So far, we have never had to shut down.</p> <p>Lewis: wolves are more of a problem to caribou than helicopters. They are used to the noise now. A; We try to do our best. We have a Policy that our flight elevations are 500' or higher above the tundra. If you see our helicopters behaving in a way that isn't right, tell us and we can do something about it. AEM and others flying helicopters in the area also.</p> <p>Q: KIA President cannot stop mining. Hunters from town know more about caribou movement. Not a caribou calving ground. KIA shouldn't just stop it. Caribou pass by. Good area for you to be exploring in,</p> <p>Thanks and prize draws.</p>
March 13, 2018	10:08 am	Whale Cove Hamlet SAO, Mayor, KIA Director, KIA CLO, HTO	<p>Email to, from DL re: Hi Ian and everyone:</p> <p>We had about thirty people come out to our public meeting last night, but didn't realize that we were competing with a bingo night. So we had the radio announcer say that we would hold a public meeting again tonight. The weather looks like we won't be going anywhere anyhow, so we will plan to have another public meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Hall. Can someone please go on the radio to remind people.</p> <p>Many thanks.</p> <p>Denise A Lockett</p>

March 13, 2018		Whale Cove Hamlet SAO	Email to radio station and recreation department, cc to DL re: See below from Nordgold re public meeting tonight at 7pm to be announced on radio. Ian
March 13, 2018	7:330 p.m.	<p>Whale Cove Community Hall:</p> <p>In attendance: David Smith, Denise Lockett</p> <p>Whale Cove: Melanie Teenar, Lorne Arikashuak, Joe Ford, Anthony Teenar, Michael Adjuk, Lazaras Teenar, Emerson Kabloona, Michelle Ford, John Angoo,</p>	<p>The projector and Dave's laptop were not compatible so, Dave and those in attendance sat around in chair and examined a map that Dave brought showing the project location. Wildlife movements were discuss, camps and other features were also put on the map.</p> <p>David mentioned at the beginning of the meeting that Nordgold was not AEM. Currently Nordgold was conducting exploration activities only, and if a mine was to be developed, it would take many years – if at all. He went on to describe the exploration activities that would take place likely at the end of June this year.</p> <p>Q: rumor about drilling in the winter Dave: always lots of rumors but no, not happening this year. Previously talked about moving the camp to an area where it would make more sense, but not happening this year. (reviewed map to identify possible lakes that did not freeze to the bottom and were located along the road route)</p> <p>Dave also asked that persons interested in working this year (4-6 persons) to please let him know, or Denise or Natasha.</p> <p>Thanked everyone for coming and draw prizes.</p>
March 21, 2019	14:07	Hamlet, Recreation Coordinator, HTO	Email to, from DL reHello and I hope this finds everyone well. David Smith is planning on coming to Whale Cove on April 17 and 18. He would like to have a public meeting the evening of April 17 at the community hall, or if it isn't available, then the hamlet chambers. This meeting would be open to the public and the HTO would be encouraged to attend also.

			<p>This meeting will be followed by a meeting with the Hamlet Council on April 18.</p> <p>Please let me know if this is possible.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Denise A Lockett, For Nordgold</p>
March 12, 2020	13:00	Hamlet A/SAO Darren Flynn	Phone call to, from DL re: query any concern of company coming in for meetings during issue of COVID-19. Was told by the A/SAO that there way no concern, and to still plan on coming to the community
March 13, 2020	11:38	Hamlet of Whale Cove: Mayor, SAO, CEDO, MLA, HTO, KIA CLO	<p>Email to, from DL re: Notice of Meeting Postponement:</p> <p>Hello:</p> <p>After many discussions, and with the health and welfare of Nunavumiut and Nordgold's staff and contractors in mind, Nordgold has made the decision to postpone the meetings and interviews planned for the week of March 23, to the end of April. No firm date has been identified yet, but we will consult with you on preferred dates, once we know more.</p> <p>We will continue to monitor the situation with the virus and hope that all continue to be in good health.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Denise A Lockett</p>