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Re: Igloolik Community Visit

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is reaching out in an effort to support NIRB in their upcoming community visits regarding the Mary River Project. QIA believes that community visits, such as the one planned for Igloolik, are extremely valuable for information exchange.

Recognizing that time is limited prior to your planned visits QIA would like to offer the following suggestions:

1. That NIRB conduct a pre-trip radio session to introduce the community to NIRBs planned trip and to respond to any initial questions from the community. This show should be broadcast live to as many "impacted" communities as possible.
2. While in Igloolik NIRB is encouraged to arrange for a joint meeting of the Hamlet, HTO and CLARCs. These are the local organizations most often engaged in the NIRB process.
3. NIRB should host an evening radio call-in show. This show should be broadcast live to as many "impacted" communities as possible.
4. NIRB should investigate the ability to host a radio-call in-show with regional call-in capability using a toll free 1-800 number.

In large part because of the Mary River Project, Nunavut Independent Television Network (NITV) has developed a web-based radio network. This network allows parties to reach out live to all 5 "impacted" communities at once, whereby live-stream radio can be locally broadcast over community radios. This allows for a much larger group of people to participate in key discussions and results in higher participation rates than "passive" styles of community engagement (i.e. a table in the Co-op). Recognizing that NIRB appears to only be visiting Igloolik, QIA strongly recommended that NIRB investigate the ability to expanding the broadcast capabilities to other communities. As NITV is based in Igloolik NIRB could benefit from local infrastructure and personnel to support NIRB broadcasts.

Best Regards,

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