

Nunavut Impact Review Board

BATHURST INLET PORT AND ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL

SCOPING UPDATE

Where do you send Comments on the BIPAR Project?

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The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hosted two public scoping meetings last week to provide the public in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut with information and to obtain comments on the proposed scope of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPAR) project. The scoping sessions were to facilitate development of issues, components, resources and project alternatives in relation to the Environmental Review of the project proposal submitted by BIPAR Joint Venture.

Albert Ehloak, the Acting Chairman of the Nunavut Impact Review Board, said, "we were thrilled at the turn out. Overall we had sixty people attend, many in Yellowknife. This was the first step in preparing for the review of this important project."



Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott, A/Chair of the MVEIRB, and Albert Ehloak, A/Chair of the NIRB

Summary of Scoping Comments

"NIRB needs to ensure that hamlets benefit from socio-economic agreements."

"NIRB needs to ensure that impacts to wildlife for example the four Caribou herds that cross the NWT/Nunavut border are taken into account."

"Amazing job! NIRB Lets do it again for the next big project."

To date, public comments are summarized into nine main issues:

- 1) Project Description
- 2) Alternatives
- 3) Consultation
- 4) Transboundary
- 5) Wildlife
- 6) Socio-Economic
- 7) Impact and Mitigation
- 8) Cumulative Effects, and
- 9) Monitoring

Memorandum of Understanding Signed

The NIRB and the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) signed a trans-boundary Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 22, 2004. This agreement outlines cooperative arrangements between both Boards to share information.

Future Community Visits

Over the next ten weeks, the NIRB will be sending staff to Bathurst Inlet, Umingmaktok, Holman, Cambridge Bay, and Kugluktuk.



NIRB Scoping Session in Yellowknife
June 22, 2004

The Board will receive comments until **Sept 13, 2004 at 3:00 pm (Mountain Time)**

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