

**Independent Experts Advisory Committee (IEAC)
Teleconference
August 14, 2017**

Attendees:

IEAC Staff

Dr. Ken Reimer- Chair
Ms. Marina Biasutti-Brown- Research Director (Regrets)

Oversight Committee Members

Mr. Martin Goebel – Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Mr. Greg Nuna – Innu Nation
Mr. Carl McLean – Nunatsiavut Government
Mr. George Russell – NunatuKavut Community Council
Mayor Jamie Snook – Municipalities (Town of HV-GB)
Mr. Peter Madden – Nalcor Energy
Ms. Abla Hanna – Government of Canada

Alternates

Mr. Peter Penashue – Innu Nation
Mr. Rodd Laing – Nunatsiavut Government
Mr. David Haley – Nalcor Energy (Regrets)
Ms. Isabelle LaPorte – Government of Canada (Regrets)
Mr. Wyman Jacque – Municipalities (Town of HV-GB) (Regrets)
Ms. Tammy Lambourne – NunatuKavut Community Council (Regrets)
Mr. Haseen Khan – Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (Regrets)

Technical

Ms. Franca Smith – Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Ms. Kyla Brake – Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (Regrets)
Ms. Jennifer Dorr – Government of Canada
Ms. Brigid Rowan – NunatuKavut Community Council
Ms. Cathy Guirguis – Innu Nation
Ms. Donna Paddon – Innu Nation

1. Agenda

The following items were approved for the agenda:

- i. Update on Independent Experts Committee
- ii. Communications strategy
- iii. Other business
- iv. Next meeting

2. Update on the Independent Experts Committee

Chair spoke to the six scientists that were recommended and two of the expert knowledge members. As recommended in the previous call, the Chair discussed compensation with each. It was noted that four of the six scientists were consultants and would require compensation for their time and work. It was agreed that \$125/hour would be fair. It was noted by the group that the expert knowledge members should be paid the same rate. The Chair noted that there is only \$50,000 allocated for committee in the budget but there was potential to reallocate funds from other line items such as travel costs and office set-up. The oversight committee would be sent an amended budget for review prior to any changes but gave Chair authority to proceed with contracting experts at rates noted above.

The dates for the face to face meetings of the independent experts committee and the oversight committee are yet to be confirmed. The Chair will be in Happy Valley-Goose Bay from September 5-22 and the meetings will occur during that period. The Chair will work with members to confirm availability.

The committee also noted the need to mitigate against conflict of interests. The Chair will monitor activities and provide any required updates.

Action:

Chair will get IEC committee working

Chair will send updated budget to oversight committee for review.

Chair will confirm face to face meeting dates for September.

Chair will monitor any conflict of interests and provide updates to oversight committee.

3. Communications Strategy

It was noted that a communication strategy was required for the IEAC. The first media release was released through the Province, however it was agreed on a go-forward basis all communication should be done through the Chair. A communications committee with representatives from all groups will be formed and they would be the first point of contact on communications issues. It was noted that a communications policy should be drafted that outlines how communications will be done and what communication support is available.

Action:

Chair to work with oversight committee to form communications committee.

4. Other Business

A draft press release has been written regarding the experts committee. It was noted that all members have not reviewed the release and it will be shared with committee for input. As the IEAC does not yet have a webpage, there was discussion on how the release should be transmitted. All groups will be provided the release for their websites and the Chair will provide to media sources. The Chair will also discuss release with experts committee.

Action:

The Chair will continue work on the press release and update committee.

An update was provided on the office set-up. The office space has been accessed and work is being undertaken to have it operational by September 5. The job ad for administrative support has been posted in Labradorian newspaper with a closing date of August 25.

Action:

Work will continue to have office operational by September 5.

Concern with accountability of the closed corporation set-up of the IEAC operations inc. was noted. It was noted that the current terms only require accountability to the Province and not oversight committee. The Innu Nation will send an email outlining their concerns to the committee.

Action:

The Innu Nation will email concerns over set-up of IEAC operations Inc.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 30 at 2:30 Atlantic.

Action: Chair will arrange agenda for next meeting.