

**Independent Experts Advisory Committee (IEAC)
Teleconference
August 8, 2017**

Attendees:

IEAC Staff

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

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 (Regrets)
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

Technical

Ms. Franca Smith – Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Ms. Kyla Brake – Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Ms. Brigid Rowan – NunatuKavut Community Council
Ms. Cathy Guirguis – Innu Nation
Ms. Donna Paddon – Innu Nation

1. Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to:

- a) Provide update on status of IEAC set up;
- b) Finalize composition of IEAC;
- c) Other Items;
- d) Next Meeting

2. Status of IEAC

IEAC Operations Inc. has been formed. The organization will have a bank account. Directors will be the Chair Research Director and Administrative Assistant with two

signatures required for transactions (Chair and Research Director). The corporation has been set up under Provincial laws. It was requested that the Chair send the articles of incorporation to committee members.

Action:

Chair will send articles of incorporation to the committee members.

3. Composition of IEAC

Chair noted that he had reviewed minutes from last meeting and the six Independent Expert Committee members had a broad range of expertise. The Chair will be contacting the six members to discuss their appointments. If anyone is unable to serve the IEAC members will be notified. The amount of remuneration for the scientists will have to be determined. There is currently a \$50,000 budget for remuneration and \$200,000 for research. A number of options to be considered include different rates for salaried versus unsalaried scientists and/or a flat rate for attendance at meetings and an additional payment for other work. It was recommended the Chair would discuss with the scientists their expectations regarding remuneration.

Action:

Chair to notify recommended scientists to discuss appointment and remuneration.

4. Other Items

The three Traditional Knowledge members have been proposed as per Terms of Reference. The Chair will be contacting to set up a meeting. The Chair will tentatively be in Happy Valley-Goose Bay from September 11-22, 2017 and is proposing face to face meetings during that time.

Action:

The Chair will work with the Independent Expert Committee in preparation for the upcoming meetings.

The job ad for Administrative Assistant has been drafted. The Chair and Research Director will seek endorsement of group prior to hiring. Closing date for position will be August 25. Committee members have requested to see list of potential candidates. It is expected that the office will be operational on September 5.

Action:

Chair and Research Director will proceed with job posting and engage with committee members as requested.

The Terms of Reference and news release naming the Chair and oversight committee members was issued on August 4. The committee will need to examine how it will provide public updates in the future. It was agreed that the best approach would be for the IEAC to issue releases when it is operational and not through NL Government.

Action:

A news release regarding the appointment of the Independent Expert Committee is in the process of being drafted and reviewed.

An update was provided on the Natural Resources Canada's meeting on August 3 with representatives from the Labrador Land Protectors. It was agreed that the IEAC would direct people to last week's news release with the Terms of Reference and Oversight Committee members.

Action:

Further information will be provided through news releases.

The issue of water levels and methylmercury was brought forward. The Chair noted that they are committed to the work and to make recommendations to Nalcor. The Chair noted he would contact each group individually as well as initiate discussion with the scientists as soon as possible.

Action:

A communications plan will be developed for the IEAC.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 14. Time to be confirmed.

Action: Chair will arrange time and agenda for next meeting.