

**Independent Experts Advisory Committee (IEAC)
Oversight Committee (OC)
Teleconference
August 30, 2017**

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 (Regrets)
Mayor Jamie Snook – Municipalities (Town of HV-GB) (Regrets)
Mr. Peter Madden – Nalcor Energy (Regrets)
Ms. Abla Hanna – Government of Canada (Regrets)

Alternates

Mr. Peter Penashue – Innu Nation
Mr. Rodd Laing – Nunatsiavut Government
Mr. David Haley – Nalcor Energy
Ms. Isabelle LaPorte – Government of Canada (Regrets)
Mr. Wyman Jacque – Municipalities (Town of HV-GB)
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

Agenda

The following items were approved for the agenda:

- i. Update on Independent Experts Committee
- ii. Revised Budget
- iii. Update on Administrative Assistant
- iv. Communications
- v. Innu Nation Comments on Ops. Inc.
- vi. Other business
- vii. Next meeting

1. Update on the Independent Experts Committee (IEC)

The IEC held its second teleconference on August 29. There have been excellent discussions and a database has been created and shared with the group. The members will be reviewing the data that is currently available and looking at the monitoring data to date. Meetings will be held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay on September 7-8. All members have confirmed their attendance.

The Chair will be in Happy Valley-Goose Bay from September 5-22. It is expected that the IEC will tour the Muskrat Falls site during as part of their meetings. Presentations are expected on the Harvard work (Elsie Sunderland), the EEMP, and on Nalcor's new modeling. Group will also consider the letter from the Nunatsiavut Government re: raised water levels. There will be an evening event on the 7th where all OC members who are in town are invited to meet the staff and IEC.

Action:

IEC will hold face to face meetings on September 7-8.

2. Revised Budget

The budget was updated and sent to the oversight committee for review. Savings were identified in the budget for travel, supplies, properties and furnishings. The money was reallocated for the IEC which now has a \$135,000 budget (previously \$50,000). The \$200,000 for professional services has been protected and the overall budget remains the same. The group was reminded that Provincial/Federal/Nalcor representatives will pay for travel as per Terms of Reference and the budget has been constructed with the assumption that IEAC will pay for only one member from each group represented on the OC. The Chair indicated that the budget may need to be adjusted as work proceeds.

Action:

Oversight committee approved revised budget.

3. Administrative Assistant

Interviews were held on August 30 for the two applicants for the Administrative Assistant position. Both applicants did well in the interview stage however Roxanne Mitsuk had a stronger background with the skills that will be required for the position such as coordinating a multi-party committee related to environmental monitoring and research.

Action:

Roxanne Mitsuk will be offered the position. Start date will be September 5.

4. Communications

The IEAC issued a press release on August 22 announcing the appointments of the IEC. The website has yet to be developed so the Chair will be releasing any media advisories. The IEC will work on a communications strategy. The issue of communications will be discussed during the face to face meeting on September 20.

Action:

Communications will be added to September 20 agenda.

5. Innu Nation comments on Ops. Inc.

The group received the comments from the Innu Nation regarding Ops. Inc. It has been tabled and will be discussed at a later date.

Action:

Innu Nation comments on Ops. Inc will be considered at a future date.

6. Other Business

The domain name for the IEAC has been registered and is www.ieaclabrador.ca. Email addresses will also use ieaclabrador.ca.

Signage for the building was discussed and will be deferred to a later date. It was noted that IEAC should have an identifier included. Marina will seek input from the communications people associated with each group.

Action:

Building signage will be discussed at a later date.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20 in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Meeting location, time and agenda to follow.

Action: Chair will arrange agenda for next meeting.