

Irniurviit ACMC - Meeting #7

April 9-12, 2018

Hamlet of Coral Harbour – Chamber Room

DAY 1 (1PM – 5PM)

Present:

Noah Kadlak (Chair)
Kevin Angootealuk (member)
Willie Adams (member)
Annie Ningeongan (member)
Louisa Kudluk (member)
JF Dufour (Vice-Chair)
Ron Ningeongan (CLO)

1. Chair welcoming comments

2. As several members were new to the ACMC, we did a quick roundtable of introductions.

3. ACMC reviewed agenda, prioritized items and rearranged schedule and added discussion with GN archaeologist.

4. Vice-Chair gave a brief orientation presentation for new members covering: ECCC protected areas, the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement, ACMC responsibilities, Irniurviit ACMC history and status, and management plans (see ORIENTATION FOR NEW MEMBERS.pptx).

4a. ACMC reviewed guiding policies and procedures:

Code of Conduct - #9 discussed and agreed that communication would be through the CLO as Louisa, Willie and Annie are not on email. Kevin preferred communication through Facebook.

Vice-Chair collected signatures of all ACMC members on a blank piece paper and explained that signatures would be applied to final versions of documents.

Kevin was unsure about his continued membership, but confirmed his interest in reappointment.

A/I – Finalize policies and procedures with signatures and indicates these were reviewed.

DAY 2 (9AM-5PM)

Joined: Michael Tucktoo (KIA)

Regrets: Kevin Angootealuk (member)

5a. ACMC members that participated in the site visit in August 2017 discussed the trip and recounted their experience with new members. Confirmed beluga estimate (~400) and 2 Bowhead whales in East Bay. A suggestion was made to overnight at camps next time to allow more time for elders to share.

5b. Members individually reviewed the draft Site Visit Report, which serves as the ACMC's annual report.

Suggestions were made to report findings to GN Archaeologist, and ensure it is captured in NTI's cultural resource inventory. It was also suggested to create a webpage and Facebook page to share report, photos and videos of the site visit.

ACMC approved the report with no changes.

A/I – Translate report, print 20 copies and mail to CLO.

5c. ACMC reviewed Jim Leafloor's permit application for goose banding. ACMC watched a YouTube video on how goose banding works.

Concerns that were brought forward by members were: travel routes and low altitude over camps and harvesters, and the hiring of Salliqmiut for the research. Questions were saved for Jim's presentation the next day.

5d. The ACMC reviewed the draft workplan and budget for the following year. The main expense will be the Orientation Training Workshop for new ACMC members. The ACMC will be send 3 new

members, Kevin who has never taken the training, and the Chair, Vice-Chair and CLO will serve as resources and share their experiences with group. The ACMC can also have a side meeting to advance the management plans.

5o. The ACMC discussed the expiry of Chairperson appointment and the need to conduct a new vote. The ACMC voted and unanimously re-elected Noah as ACMC Chair.

A/I – Draft letter to KIA from ACMC recommending the reappointment of Noah as ACMC Chair, and the appointment of Annie and Louisa as ACMC members before KIA Board of Directors meeting April 23-27.

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The ACMC met by teleconference with GN Archaeologist – Sylvie LeBlanc. Sylvie reviewed cultural site pictures from the ACMC's site visit. She believed the main site in Ikkattuaq MBS documents bird hunting, for which archaeological sites of that nature are rare. She suspects that based on its size it is a very significant find as she is not aware of any others that large. All site need to be properly recorded, mapped and protected.

Site recording would involve an archaeological team to record, measure, draw and map every item at a site. Items get a registration number, there's an official record. It could take anywhere from a week to a month, no excavations are required for this and a report is produced at the end.

In order to proceed, Sylvie would like to assess the significant site which would require a single day visit and dependent on funding.

Sylvie also explained the legislation and Act protecting Archaeological sites in Nunavut. Sites and features are protected by a 30m buffer, and anything older than 50yrs is considered an archaeological site.

Michael Tucktoo from the KIA provided an update to the ACMC about the tourism funds under the IIBA. KIA will be discussing at the Meeting of the Parties where the funds should be spent. The idea at the moment would be to set up a cultural centre as a tourist attraction and also a sewing area. Coral Harbour is a priority and he is working with the Executive Director. There is \$500K available from the IIBA, but the budget estimate for the project is \$2.5-2.7M, and they are looking for more funds.

ACMC members brought up concerns about the lack of Cultural Resource Inventory, an NTI obligation under the IIBA. KIA is to look into this. The ACMC reviewed section 6.4.6.7 of the IIBA about the need for the cultural resource inventory. This will be identified as a gap in the MPs.

Michael Tucktoo, as KIA rep, is to attend ACMC meetings moving forward. There are IIBA funds set aside now for this purpose and KIA would like to provide input into the management plans.

A/I – Vice-Chair to send KIA the Vision, Goals, Objectives Workshop report.

6a. The ACMC reviewed site visit photos and selected several of them as MP cover photo options.

A/I – Vice-Chair to insert selected photos into MP cover template and develop options for the next meeting.

6b. The ACMC reviewed instructions for 'Management Challenges' section of the MP template. The ACMC reviewed identified management challenges for both MBSs and discussed whether challenges were a) inside, adjacent or outside MBS, b) historical, current or future, and c) within or outside our control.

A/I – Vice-Chair to apply details to the draft MPs.

DAY 2 (9AM-5PM)

Joined: Jim Leafloor, CWS

Regrets: Kevin Angootealuk (member)

7a. Jim Leafloor, CWS Winnipeg – Goose Biologist, gave a presentation to the ACMC about goose research and banding in the Arctic. (See GOOSEBANDING.pptx).

ACMC members provided many comments during the presentation:

- Ross' Goose numbers increased on Southampton Island in the last 10yrs, similar to trends observed on Baffin Island.
- Atlantic Brant have been declining on SHI; are not harvested much by Salliqmiut as meat is tougher than light geese; Salliqmiut collect the down feather – it's the best down.
- People eat Eel Grass [Malishaga? in Inuktitut]; no longer there too
- Snow geese are eating local crowberries and there is less picking; they don't eat cranberries.

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Joined: Kevin Angootealuk (member)

7b. Jim Leafloor discussed potential Goose body condition study. A sample of 30-50 female snow geese are required. Local hunters would be paid for the collection and shipping.

The ACMC is supportive of the study as long as 2-3 local harvesters are paid to collect and not the GN Conservation Officer.

The ACMC discussed opportunities for the banding crew to facilitate the GN archaeologists visit to the Ikkattuaq MBS significant cultural site.

7c. The ACMC reviewed the Ahiak Queen Maud Gulf MP sections related to snow geese management considerations and approaches with Jim Leafloor present. The ACMC supports using the same wording as the Ahiak MP with minor changes to reflect the local population.

The ACMC asked if there had been any studies about spreading seeds to improve habitat. Jim answered that there had been a fertilizing study at McConnell MBS near Arviat; geese preferred fertilized areas but the costs associated for the scale at which fertilizer would be needed makes it unfeasible.

7b. The ACMC is supportive of Jim's goose banding and habitat studies permit application. It's understood to the ACMC that a local resident will be hired to assist this summer and this is always encouraged. The ACMC also recognizes a need to fly low during goose banding, but encourages to maintain caribou-friendly altitudes (>300ft) to reduce disturbance and address Salliqmiut concerns.

A/I-Vice-Chair to draft letter of recommendation for Jim's permit application.

6b. The ACMC discussed justification for MBSs conversion to NWAs.

For Qaqsauqtuuq MBS: emphasize polar bear denning sites; year-round feeding for caribou and calving to the north; beluga COSEWIC special concern; Walrus COSEWIC special concern; better protection for cultural sites and many more along the ridge.

For Ikkattuaq MBS: emphasize polar bear denning sites; arctic char running up Boas River; better protection of cultural site and significant find; beluga COSEWIC special concern; bowhead whale; harbour and ringed seals.

6b. The ACMC also discussed and clarified some terms used throughout the MPs: Sallirmiut – historic Island Peoples; Salliqmiut – current residents of Coral Harbour; Salliq – Coral Harbour. Inuit name of the MBS to be used throughout the MPs. The ACMC also discussed that results of the Snow Goose IQ report would also be included in the MPs.

Vice-Chair worked with Willie to develop his biography for his ECCC appointment to the ACMC.

DAY 3 (10AM-4PM)

Joined: Dominique Henri (ECCC S&T)

Paul Smith (ECCC S&T)

Regrets: Kevin Angootealuk

Dominique gave an update about the Snow Goose IQ project to the ACMC by teleconference. Steering Committee meetings in Coral Harbour over the next few days will be at the Anglican Church. Draft reports will be distributed and reviewed. Willie and Noah will represent the ACMC at the Steering Committee meetings.

Paul asked about research priorities the ACMC may have for shorebirds. Funding application was submitted to address local priorities. Paul will hire Lenny Emiktaut with some of the funds.

Paul talked about the Inuit Training Program he initiated with Grant Gilchrist at Qaqsauqtuuq. KIA has a scholarship for environmental programs.

5c. Paul discussed the amendment to his permit. The ACMC did not have any concerns about the amendment.

A/I – Vice-Chair to draft a letter of recommendation for Paul’s amendment.

6d. The ACMC discussed next steps regarding management planning. The ACMC’s preference for the review the draft management plans is: to review individually as homework, compensation will be provided to each member for 5 days, review hardcopies, provide at least 1 month in advance of next meeting, drafts to be reviewed in English only, translation to happen later.

In terms of consultation in Coral Harbour, it was agreed to meet with the HTO, CLARC and Hamlet, have multiple open houses, pay taxi to bring elders to consultation, have many posters, send invitations, meet with the Kivalliq Wildlife Board, have several radio shows, potential locations include the Church Hall, Hamlet and Community Hall, provide door prizes.

A/I – Vice-Chair to include management planning discussions into the draft MPs, and provide copies one month prior to next meeting.

DAY 4 (9AM-5PM)

SNOW GOOSE IQ PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS – see separate meeting summary.