

Kivalliq

Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee



SEMC participants pose for a picture. © 2013 Gustavo Oliveira

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Seventh Kivalliq SEMC Meeting

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and

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Executive Summary

The Kivalliq Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee (SEMC, ‘the Committee’) and the Meadowbank Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee met in Arviat on 26-27 November 2013. The Regional meeting was well-attended by a variety of organizations, however, lacked the representation of more than half of Kivalliq Hamlets.

We heard from industry on two of the most advanced projects in the region, Meliadine and Kiggavik, regarding their activities this year, and what is expected in the coming months. We also focused on the operations at Meadowbank Mine, with emphasis on the current challenges caused by declining gold prices, as well as an update on several initiatives that were implemented after the last SEMC.

The Committee took a new approach at this meeting in order to better understand current community-led initiatives taking place in the region. Program leaders were invited to discuss various coping mechanisms that have developed in Arviat as a way to deal with the impacts of development. The goal of this approach was to expose organizations and Hamlets to the successes of these initiatives in taking advantage of mining in the region. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive as participants were very excited to hear about the benefits attained through community-led initiatives.

The next Kivalliq SEMC is scheduled to take place in September, 2014 in Baker Lake.