

Kivalliq Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee

2015 Annual Meeting Executive Summary

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut: October 27-28, 2015



Core samples at the Meliadine exploration camp, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Kivalliq Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee (SEMC, or ‘the committee’) gathered in Rankin Inlet for its annual meeting on October 27-28, 2015 to discuss and review resource development activity in the Kivalliq and the subsequent socio-economic changes in surrounding communities. Despite having only three of seven hamlet representatives able to participate, the meeting was otherwise well attended by government agencies, training organizations, and industry. Further, a youth and an elder representative were in attendance to provide additional perspectives to the complex topics that were discussed during the two days.

Day one of the meeting began with a government roundtable introduction and discussion from various departments and agencies in attendance. The conversation touched on some of the different services and opportunities offered in the region with emphasis on education, training, and employment. Agnico-Eagle Mines (AEM) then provided updates on the Meadowbank and Meliadine projects, which included training and employment numbers for 2015, as well as the company’s expected activities for 2016. Much of the day was devoted to an extensive review of the draft Meadowbank Socio-Economic Monitoring Program (SEMP) report. Staff from Stratos Inc. who helped with the development the draft SEMP report went through each indicator with committee members and described the observed data trends, as well as AEM’s response and management plans. This allowed the Kivalliq SEMC to ensure that the report covered all monitoring priorities and to provide comments and feedback prior to the report’s final submission to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

The second day of meetings included a presentation and discussion from the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics (NBS) on socio-economic indicators and data collected by government agencies. Some of this data was included in the Meadowbank draft SEMP report and was discussed earlier in the meeting, but was useful to review with added insight from NBS staff. Upon conclusion of the meeting, Agnico-Eagle arranged for a site tour of Meliadine mine for interested committee members.

A common theme throughout the two days of presentations and discussion was the significance of quality education and training opportunities for Kivalliqmiut. SEMC members routinely expressed their optimism regarding training and employment with the opportunities offered at Meadowbank but would also like to see more support for students in secondary school. These areas of interest continue to be a priority for the Kivalliq SEMC and are among the many indicators that will be monitored in the Meadowbank SEMP annual reports.