

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Kitikmeot Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee (SEMC, or 'the committee') met for its annual general meeting on November 30-December 1, 2016 in Cambridge Bay to discuss active resource development projects in the region and the subsequent socio-economic changes in surrounding communities. The meeting was well attended by industry and government, and included representatives from three of the five regional hamlets. The one and a half day meeting included presentations from government agencies and industry proponents, as well as discussion of overall socio-economic benefits, observations and impacts of major development projects in the Kitikmeot.

The meeting began with a detailed overview of the SEMC and included a review of resource development activities and environmental assessment reviews in the region from the past year. Although there are currently no fully operating mines in the Kitikmeot region, there is one major project in the construction and commissioning phase, and one project is working towards regulatory approval.

After a short introduction by ED&T, the meeting continued with a Government roundtable. This involved sharing data on behalf of departments such as Education and the Nunavut Arctic College. INAC was also in attendance and presented on the Nunavut General Monitoring Plan (NGMP). Lastly, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association was well represented and offered information on their training initiatives in the region.

TMAC Resources Inc. presented results from the 2016 Doris North Socio-Economic Monitoring Program (SEMP) report, which included data from 2015 and 2016. TMAC also explained the recent changes to the Doris North SEMP, which incorporated updates to some of the indicators. Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. also attended to present the latest information on the Back River Project including its planned socio-economic monitoring program and the next steps and options to receive regulatory approval. Other participants included Nunavut Resources Corp. (Grays Bay Road and Port project), and representatives from Polar Knowledge Canada and the Canadian High Arctic Research Station.

With Doris North currently in the construction and commissioning phase, and no other major mines currently in production, the meeting was strongly focused on community, industry, and government discussion about socio-economic impacts and what the Kitikmeot would like to see moving forward. Committee members emphasized the need for local training opportunities from these upcoming projects, language barriers and the concern of language loss, and the need to establish support systems to reduce and cope with any potential undesired social impacts. There is a strong interest in extending the next meeting to a full two days in order to have more time for discussions and presentations.