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Cc: Alan Ehrlich
Subject: RE: Notes from August 13 Information Session - Paramount Cameron Hills Extension EA

Hi Martin

Just a point of clarification on the RWED comment on a single public hearing in Kakisa. I will distribute the minutes to other staff in case there are other

First off, the 4th to last comment on the last page is not an accurate reflection of the discussion. The point raised referred to the likely need for a second hearing location that fits the natural geography and, therefore, the potential interested stakeholders. This referred to Hay River as a second location, not Yellowknife.

Secondly, the RWED observation was that public meetings in small communities do not necessarily result in openness. Community members in small communities may feel intimidated by large outside representation particularly if the cultural mix is different. The siting of public meetings was suggested as a critical issue in the Board being exposed to issues. Hay River likely represents a location that would better allow open expression of the business and metis interests given the road patterns and distance from the project area.

Thirdly, the short time permitted for a community meeting may not permit a complete airing of issues. The example given was the Northrock community meeting in Tulita. As mentioned, government representatives typically listen to community concerns and try not to distract or compete for time with the community members. A hearing in a larger community could be designed to allow for a longer hearing which would encourage greater openness. While a potential option is Yellowknife, the GNWT experts for key topics of concern such as caribou and forest management actually reside in Hay River, Ft Simpson and Ft Smith. It is not our suggestion for a hearing in Yellowknife as it would likely reduce the attendance by community members closest to the project area unless it is considered to be a useful mechanism for the Board.

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Dear Interested Parties:

For the benefit of those parties that could not attend the information session on August 13 in Yellowknife I have attached brief notes. They may not be complete and if anyone wants to add to them, please feel free to. Also, please let me know asap if I have misrepresented anything.

Regards
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