

Joint Memorandum

The Northern Village of Kangiqsualujjuaq and the Qiniqtiq Landholding Corporation of Kangiqsualujjuaq hereby express their position against uranium mining in Nunavik, more specifically around Kangiqsualujjuaq, based on consultations held in the village.

Uranium exploitation is linked to important risks that could impact the environment as well as the health and well-being of our population. The Arctic environment is fragile and easily impacted by mining activities. Surveys have shown that there is uranium potential in the area of Kangiqsualujjuaq. However, uranium is a hazardous substance that is highly toxic, radioactive and persists in the environment. The Northern Village of Kangiqsualujjuaq and the Qiniqtiq Landholding Corporation fear that its exploitation would affect human and wildlife populations and leave permanent scars in the environment.

Several of the sites containing uranium deposits are located in or near Kangiqsualujjuaq Category I and II lands which are essential for subsistence harvesting. Hunting and fishing is deeply rooted in our culture and Nunavummiut today still rely heavily on the country food it provides. Uranium is a chemically toxic radioactive substance that accumulates in organisms. Its impacts on the environment, our resources and our health would have multigenerational effects.

The area surrounding Kangiqsualujjuaq is home to migratory species such as the George River caribou herd. In the last few years, this herd has known an important decline. It has been recognized that this species is very sensitive to human activities and modification of its habitat. The caribou is important both culturally and as a source of country food. Uranium mining represents an important risk to this herd's recovery and might affect the quality of caribou meat.

The community of Kangiqsualujjuaq places great value in tourism and economic development. Some of the potential uranium mining sites are located in proximity of fishing camps and the future Parc national Ulittaniujalik. The presence of mining activities might affect both tourism and fishing in this area. While uranium mining could provide employment for local people, uranium is a toxic and radioactive substance that represents a health hazard for the workers. There is also a current lack of scientific knowledge around the effects of uranium mining and an absence of proper monitoring of uranium mining activities.

With regards to this information, uranium as a substance and its related mining processes represent risks for the environment, subsistence harvesting, health and well-being of the population. Therefore, the Northern Village of Kangiqsualujjuaq and the Qiniqtiq Landholding Corporation are opposed to uranium mining in Nunavik.

For the Northern Village of Kangiqsualujjuaq



Hilda Snowball, Mayor

For the Qiniqtiq Landholding Corporation



Willy Annanack, President



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Resolution No. 2014-38

Concerning a memorandum on uranium mining in Nunavik to be submitted at the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) public hearing on uranium industry issues in Québec.

- Whereas** on March 3, 2014, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks entrusted the BAPE with the mandate to conduct an inquiry and public hearing on uranium industry issues in Québec;
- Whereas** public hearing in Kangiqsualujjuaq will be held on December 3, 2014;
- Whereas** the Northern Village of Kangiqsualujjuaq (NV) wishes to express its opinion at the public hearing;
- Whereas** a memorandum has been prepared to be submitted to the BAPE;
- Whereas** the Council has reviewed the above-mentioned memorandum and agrees with its content.

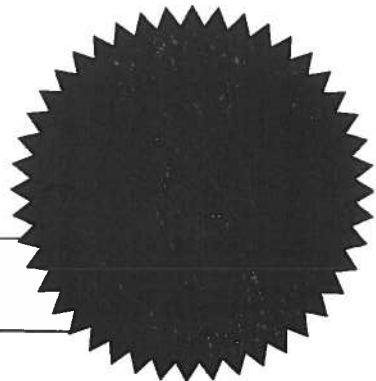
It is therefore resolved that:

1. the preamble be an integral part of this resolution;
2. the above-mentioned memorandum on uranium mining in Nunavik be approved and be submitted to the BAPE;
3. the Mayor be authorized to sign any and all documents required to implement this resolution;
4. the Mayor be authorized to represent the NV at the public hearing;
5. this resolution come into effect on the day of its adoption.

MOVED BY:	Vinnie Baron
SECONDED BY:	Norman Snowball
IN FAVOUR:	4
OPPOSED:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0
ABSENTEES:	3
DATE OF ADOPTION:	December 2, 2014
MAYOR'S SIGNATURE:	(S) 

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S SIGNATURE:





QINIQTIQ LANDHOLDING CORPORATION OF KANGIQSUALUJJUAQ

Board of Directors Meeting

Resolution No. 2014-12-02A

RE: CONCERNING A MEMORANDUM ON URANIUM MINING IN NUNAVIK TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE BUREAU D'AUDIENCES PUBLIQUES SUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT (BAPE) PUBLIC HEARING ON URANIUM INDUSTRY ISSUES IN QUÉBEC.

WHEREAS on March 3, 2014, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks entrusted the BAPE with the mandate to conduct an inquiry and public hearing on uranium industry issues in Québec;

WHEREAS public hearing in Kangiqsualujuaq will be held on December 3, 2014;

WHEREAS the Qiniqtiq Landholding Corporation of Kangiqsualujuaq (Qiniqtiq) wishes to express its opinion at the public hearing;

WHEREAS a memorandum, attached hereto as schedule 1, has been prepared to be submitted to the BAPE;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Qiniqtiq has reviewed the above-mentioned memorandum and agrees with its content.

THEREFORE, UPON MOTION MOVED AND SECONDED, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the preamble be an integral part of this resolution;

THAT the above-mentioned memorandum on uranium mining in Nunavik be approved and be submitted to the BAPE;

THAT the President be authorized to sign any and all documents required to implement this resolution;

THAT the President be authorized to represent the NV at the public hearing;

THAT this resolution come into effect on the day of its adoption.

Moved By: Willie Etok - v.p.

Seconded By: Johnny Sam Annarack - D.

In favour: 6

Against: 0

Abstent: 1

Absention: 0

