

The Torngat Mountains National Park Co-Management Board had a virtual meeting on May 25 with discussions on research, summer program for the Park, date for the CMB face-to-face meeting and CMB business. Elizabeth Ford is the newest appointee for Parks Canada. She is replacing Noah Nochasak.

The Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve Co-Management Board had a virtual meeting on April 28 with updates on recruitment for the Rigolet Parks position (there should be job ad posted for a permanent position in early June). There was also discussion on Cain's Quest and the proposed route for 2024, a cabin being built in the Beaver Brook/Swallow Harbour area, and next face-to-face meeting.



Non-Renewable Resources Division:

Since the last Assembly meeting, the Non-Renewable Resources Division has been engaged in the following files.

Mister Speaker, Vale has been approved to conduct mineral exploration on Labrador Inuit Lands on their mineral licenses adjacent to the mine, this year's work includes drilling, prospecting and ground geophysics. On May 29th Vale has also completed a community consultation Nain, on their upcoming program.

Mister Speaker, Labrador Uranium completed a two-phase geophysical survey at their Mustang Lake Property located on Labrador Inuit Lands, between February 24th and May 5th. Work included 85 line-km of ground gravity and 342 km of UAV drone Magnetics. Labrador Uranium plans to continue exploration in the Central Mineral Belt (CMB) this summer. The program includes a large regional airborne, radiometric, gravity and magnetic geophysical survey. Labrador Uranium has also announced that their approved groundwork for this summer has been postponed. With the focus on the airborne

geophysics. The information will play an integral part in their machine learning and will help guide exploration targeting for the future.

Mister Speaker, prospector Wayne Guinchard has been approved to explore his mineral licenses in the Voisey's bay area located on Labrador Inuit Lands. His program consists of basic boots on the ground prospecting and sampling. His short program will be based out of Nain.

Mister Speaker, Viridian Metals plans to continue exploration on their Wolverine Property in the Flowers River Rare Earth Complex located in LISA. Their approved work plan includes prospecting, airborne geophysics, a fly camp and drilling. Recently the company confirmed that they will use a backpack drill. Work includes 8 shallow holes, about 5m depth.

Mister Speaker, Arc Pacific Resources, a new company to the region has applied to explore the Tasisuak Lake (Fraser Lake Area) for nickel, copper, and cobalt. Their licenses are located on LISA. The work plan includes prospecting, hand panning, channels sampling and ground geophysics. Arc Pacific has also recently submitted a drilling work plan to the Province. This application is still currently under review.

Mister Speaker, Torngat Metals, has been actively communicating with the division, with their plans for road and mine development. Torngat Metals formerly Quest Rare Metals is proposing to develop the Strange Lake deposit located in Quebec. Torngat Metals is also proposing to development a seasonal road from the deposit that connects to Vale's port at Edward's Cove. Torngat Metals has planned a drill program for the Quebec side of the deposit, with no drilling on Labrador Inuit Lands. The discussions with LNR are in the very early stages, and the division continue to be engaged.

Mister Speaker, Aurora Energy has submitted a work plan for their Michelin project located on LIL. The work includes prospecting, geological mapping, geochemical sampling, rehabilitation of the discovery site, and a fuel drum recycling program. The proposed work plan is currently under review.

Mister Speaker, the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) has completed public engagement sessions in Nunatsiavut on their upcoming summer research program. The GEM GeoNorth and Newfoundland Geological Survey program will include airborne radiometric survey, geological mapping, surficial mapping, and geochemical sampling that will be based out of Hopedale.

Finally, Mister Speaker, the ICG's of Nain, Postville and Rigolet has resubmitted their quarry work plan applications for renewal. These ICG's has active quarry permits located on Labrador Inuit Lands that requires annual work plan approval. These applications are currently under review.

Environment Division

Since the last Assembly meeting, the Environment Division has been engaged in the following files.

Mister Speaker, the Environment Division, in partnership with Renewable Resources, hosted a Wildlife Research Workshop in Hopedale, May 23-26th. The workshop included participants from all Nunatsiavut communities and Upper Lake Melville, as well as participants from the Torngat Secretariat, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador,

Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Memorial University. The workshop included presentations from participants on the variety of different wildlife research topics that they are currently working on, and provided opportunities for discussion with community members on their issues, concerns or ideas. The main topics of discussion were caribou, polar bear, moose, and birds.

In May, the Environment Division hosted members from Environment Canada and Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada in Nain to get an understanding of the Nunatsiavut region and to discuss climate change. The intention was to do a trip out on the ice, but due to quickly melting ice, we were not able to go out on the ice for safety reasons. Meetings took place with relevant NG staff and they gained a good understanding of Nunatsiavut and the implications of climate change here, as well as an understanding of the ongoing initiatives of the Nunatsiavut Government.