



Public Meeting Summary

Uranium Information Session

**Baker Lake
October 16, 2006**

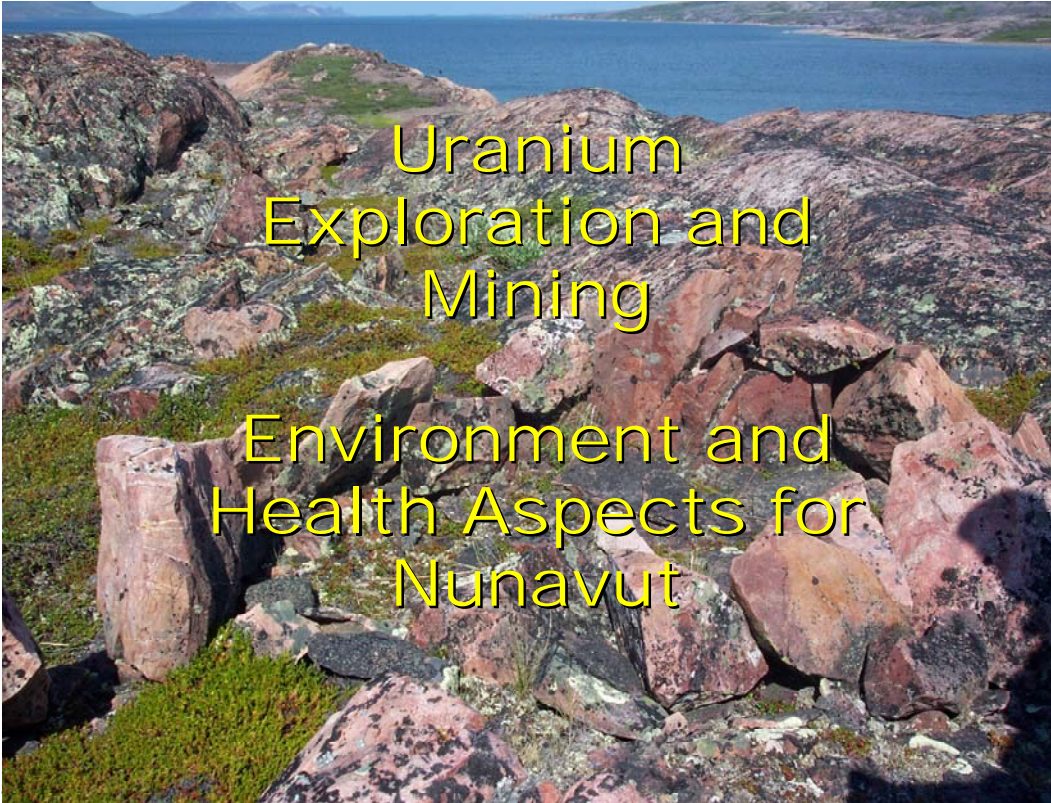
In response to increased exploration activity in the Baker Lake region and NTI's proposed Draft Uranium Policy a workshop was prepared for the residents of Baker Lake. The information session was prepared to inform and provided non-bias information as it pertains to uranium, and uranium mining.

The information sessions were held on October 16th, 2006 at three locations. The first focus group (cancelled due to other meetings) included elected representatives from the HTO, CLAC's, Mayor, and Hamlet council. A second session was held at the local high school and involved the grade 11 and 12 students. In the evening, a third information session was presented to the general public.

Various forms of advertisements were used to inform the public including flyers, advertisements on the local radio, personalized invitation letters to various representatives, and advertisements placed on the local TV station.

A two hour presentation was prepared by SENES Consulting Ltd. covering topics such as;

- What is Uranium
- Use and needs of uranium
- History of Uranium Mining
- Potential development in Canada
- Introduction to uranium processing
- Controls on uranium development
- How would a uranium mine affect Baker Lake
- Managing Health and Environment concerns



The morning information session with the Mayor and invited guests was cancelled as the President, Vice President and Baker Lake Director attended special meetings with the Hamlet council.

The presentation at the local high school was well accepted with a few questions relating to potential job opportunities asked. No apparent opposition to uranium exploration or mining was raised. Questions asked during the Uranium presentation have been summarized below.

**Jonah Amituaq High School
October 16, 2006 2pm-4pm**

Questions- How long would a typical mine operate for?

Answer- SENES- It all depends on the type of mine. For uranium it takes about 20 years. From the start of exploration to mining to abandonment it could take as long as 35 years.



Question- Do mining companies allocate money for closure?

Answer- SENES- Yes, from the time a company submits their project proposal it must have a reclamation plan.

KIA- The Inuit association is responsible for holding a security / reclamation deposit.

Question- Is there summer employment opportunities at a typical mine?

Answer- SENES/ KIA- Yes, most companies hire summer students.

- In the KIA IIBA employment opportunities are outlined including scholarships.
- In the mining industry opportunities are endless. You can be a truck driver, cook, administrator, geologist etc. with the right training.

**Community Hall
October 16, 2006- 7:00-10:00pm**

The evening session at Baker Lake Community Hall was a success. Approximately 90 residents from Baker Lake attended. Questions asked during the Uranium presentation have been summarized below.

Question- USA reserves of 3% rather than Canadian reserves at 12%. Concern was if USA better understands the dangers of uranium and do not want to get deeply involved.

Answer- SENES/ KIA- The Baker Lake area has very good potential and with current market prices it is worth while to be exploring. NTI and KIA staff visited northern Saskatchewan last year. We were shown how uranium is mined and milled. We are not thinking of opening a mine at this time. This session is for the residents of Baker Lake. We are here to hear your concerns and questions.

Question- With all the exploration activity going on in the territory we are worried about our health. Over the last few years more and more people are getting cancer.

Answer- SENES- It is unlikely exploration activities are causing health problems. There are no high effects of radiation in core samples. Explains pathways of radiation through water, air and dust

Question- This mine may be built just outside of Baker Lake. The people from Baker Lake rely on the caribou and land for food. Most of us have been to Saskatchewan and have seen the facilities there. We would now like the hunters, trappers and businessmen to come visit us in Baker Lake to talk about how things have changed for them.

Answer- KIA-We will look into having a group from Saskatchewan come visit.

Question- What is the purpose of KIA's presentation? We are not ready to make a decision. KIA is the first organization to come and talk with us. We can't make a decision based on one night. Do you want to open a mine?

Answer- KIA- No mine or decision to be made. We are here for community feedback.

Question- When Kiggavik was proposing to build a uranium mine in the 1980's they said there would be 200 million tones of radioactive waste left on the tundra.

Answer- SENES- We really don't know all the details from the Kiggavik project. It's very unlikely under current regulation that any radioactive material would be left on the land. Current regulations are very strict.

Question- Cancer is on the rise in Baker Lake. It has not been a part of our lifestyle. We are worried about the drill core and drill cuttings out on the land. Is exploration the reason for cancer going up.

Answer- SENES- It is very unlikely that cancer and exploration activity around Baker Lake is connected.

Question- I'm concerned about the caribou. I worked for a mining company and found a whole caribou dead on the land many years ago. Might be from uranium but don't know for sure. Back in 1964-65 people found a lot of dead or dying caribou on the land. My father told me it might be from the heat and climate change.

Answer- SENES- The caribou affected by climate change would seem to be the likely conclusion.

Question- I've been to the Saskatchewan mine site 3 times. People working at the mine and around the communities appeared to be happy. In the 1960's we were all relocated and we've been looking for a place to live. Smoking in small area may cause cancer. Propane and Coleman stoves are used in tents and cabins which are small. People today are starting to smoke very young. Also second hand smoke can cause cancer. The hunters and Trappers organization in the region need to communicate together. Let's not put down uranium. Let's try something new and not be afraid.

Answer- KIA- They are finding new safe ways to burn energy. One pellet of uranium is used compared to 4 barrels of fuel. Companies are being more careful. We are still trying to understand all of this. These are the types of fuel they are looking for to prevent pollution. Coal smoke goes into the air and then settles to the ground which our animals eat, which we eat. I'm not saying we are running out of fuel or gas but rather we need to produce less pollution.

Question- Years ago I was given a license for exploration and was given stakes to claim the land. At that time I was told there was radiation present everywhere and if we did not have radiation we would die. We need jobs. I am not for or against mining but we need jobs and options. In the 60's people would show us films of radiation and people sick and dying. We were show films of harm maybe due to negligence. If the mines are carefully regulated and watched I am not afraid now. Now that I understand more about uranium I feel more comfortable with it.

Answer- KIA- what he said is very understandable. Your concerns are very important.

Question- Will uranium mined in Nunavut be sold for weapons? Just recently somebody was stopped in Australia for producing uranium without a permit. What will Baker Lake uranium be used for?

Answer- SENES- Electricity only.

Question- I heard that exploration companies to the south of Baker Lake may be driving the caribou away. They should know better. When we lived on the land it took 3 or 4 days for the caribou to cross. Not that long anymore. As long as a mine doesn't affect the caribou I support it.

Answer- SENES- The uranium industry is very tightly regulated.

Question-I use to work at Lone Gull in 1974 and it was good. Back then there was a little bit of uranium but now they say there is a lot. Is the uranium growing? I work at exploration camps because I need to work. We need jobs but we have to protect the environment.

Answer- KIA- What we have heard is very important. We will continue to consult with communities.

Recommendations/ Conclusion

The questions asked during the information session were excellent and specific answers for each concern should be addressed with a follow-up meeting for closure. It would be in KIA/ NTI's best interest to return to Baker Lake with a formal reply to the questions asked for consistency and closure. At this point the general public is not ready to make an informed decision and both NTI and KIA should continue with information workshops. Important decisions should be made based on knowledge and understanding.

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