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Dear President Lampe:

On behalf of Premier Ball, I thank you for your letter of July 15, 2016 regarding the proposed methylmercury workshop. I am pleased that the Nunatsiavut Government (NG) appreciates the importance of a timely workshop, and that having the appropriate researchers and scientists present will provide for meaningful discussion on the topic of methylmercury mitigation measures regarding the Muskrat Falls project.

I understand that the July 27, 2016 date does not work for the NG. Having confirmed that your proposed date of August 4, 2016 does not negatively impact the ability of other Aboriginal organizations and relevant provincial and federal departments from participating, we are able to reschedule the workshop, which will be held at Hotel North Two on August 4, 2016. The proposed list of provincial and federal departments that the NG has suggested as needed participants are indeed the same as my department had contacted regarding attendance at the upcoming workshop, with the exception of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, whom we have since invited. I acknowledge that the NG suggested specific staff of federal and provincial departments that you would like present, however we feel it is more appropriate to allow these departments to identify which individual(s) they wish to send as their representatives.

We hope to have confirmation of specific representatives of the various provincial and federal government agencies, including Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, shortly. These names will be incorporated into the broader participants list, for distribution to all participants prior to the workshop. As you are aware, the Innu Nation and NunatuKavut Community Council have been invited to send representative(s) to the workshop and we await confirmation of their representatives. As for whom the NG wishes to represent you at the workshop, this is entirely up to your Government. Based on the attachment to your letter it appears that you wish to have Dr. Sunderland and Dr. Bell attend, as your researchers, as well as political and senior executive representatives. I ask that you invite those representatives and confirm your list with Mr. Bas Cleary via email at clearyb@gov.nl.ca as soon as possible. Please note that as this is a scientific workshop, the provincial government does not intend to have political representation at the workshop, and thus far, federal participation appears to be at the official/scientific, level only. However, if you or Minister Shiwak wish to attend you are certainly welcome to participate.

With regard to a workshop facilitator, my department has already arranged for the services of Mr. Wayne Thistle. Mr. Thistle works with the Centre for Innovative Dispute Resolution and is a well-known and experienced facilitator - independent of government. Mr. Thistle's role is to facilitate an open, inclusive and respectful discussion amongst the scientists and report back with regard to the outcome and

the merits of the various perspectives. I have attached his biography for your information, and further information on the Centre can be found at <http://www.idrcanada.ca/>.

A workshop summary will be compiled by the facilitator, shared with participants and provided to me, as Minister of Environment and Conservation, to provide a clear accounting of the input and findings of the scientists and experts. It is essential that this input also include Nalcor as a full participant so they have the opportunity, as will all groups represented, to present their science and modelling of methylmercury production and mitigation measures as the proponent of the project.

It is my expectation that the outcome of this workshop will inform all decision-makers on the next steps regarding methylmercury and the Muskrat Falls project in the same manner as the March 22, 2016 workshop helped inform decisions made to date, in particular my recent approval of Nalcor's Human Health Risk Assessment Plan. Contrary to a statement in your letter, my decision to accept that plan was based on both the published Schartup *et al* 2015 research as well as the Lake Melville Scientific Report, among other inputs. This was clearly stated in my letter to Minister Shiwak following that announcement. Even though the Report was not discussed at the March workshop it was indeed considered in making my decision. Notwithstanding that, further discussion of the report by the broad group of participants is welcomed and I look forward to receiving the workshop summary report from those discussions.

Our government shares your desire to protect the health and well-being of all downstream users in Lake Melville. We hope that the outcome of this workshop will inform a path forward that is in the best interests of all aboriginal and other residents.

In an effort to expedite our efforts to finalize the arrangements for the workshop, I have attached a draft agenda, which I believe aligns with the suggestions in your proposal. I welcome your comments on the agenda. By way of cc I also invite the Innu Nation's and NunatuKavut Community Council's comments as well.

I look forward to receiving the final list of participants from the NG. If your officials have any questions regarding the workshop please contact Mr. Martin Goebel, ADM Environment at 729-2559 or Mr. Bas Cleary, Director Environmental Assessment Division at 729-0673.

Sincerely,



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District of Lake Melville
Minister

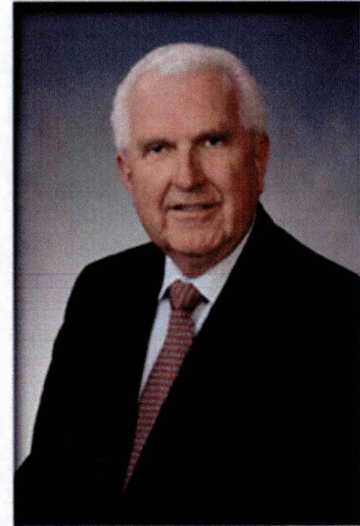
cc. Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier
Grand Chief Anastasia Qupee, Innu Nation
President Todd Russell, NunatuKavut Community Council
Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Nunatsiavut Government
Mr. Carl McLean, Deputy Minister, Nunatsiavut Government
Mr. Randy Edmunds, MHA, Torngat Mountains

Attachments

Wayne Thistle

B. Sc. (Hons), B. Ed, MA, Q.C., C. Arb, C. Med

Wayne Thistle has been an active Arbitrator and Mediator for the past thirty years assisting parties throughout Canada in resolving disputes primarily in labour, insurance, industrial and commercial areas. He has worked with all levels of governments and Crown agencies, and with many employers and unions in diverse sectors including natural resources, particularly oil and gas, mining, forestry and fishery sectors, the airline industry, the health sector, the education sector, transportation and communications sector, the insurance industry and the banking and financial sector. He has experience in complex multi-party mediations and fact findings and is a named arbitrator in a number of provincial and national collective agreements. He has been described as “one of Canada’s most noted educational administrators and one of Canada’s leading and highly respected arbitrators and mediators.”



Mr. Thistle was admitted to the Chartered Arbitrator designation by the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Canada in 1988 and is currently qualifying for the Chartered Mediator designation. He has completed the Advanced Program in Alternative Dispute Resolution presented by the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, and Stitt Feld Handy Houston law firm of Toronto. He also has undergone training offered in the Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation specializing in Conflict Resolution and Human Resource Effectiveness. Mr. Thistle has served in various administrative capacities over a thirty-five year career at Memorial University of Newfoundland and prior to his retirement in 2003 held, for twenty-one years, the position of Vice-President (Administration and Finance) and Legal Counsel. He has taught Commercial Law in the Faculty of Business Administration and Education Law in the Faculty of Education. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours Math and Physics) degree, a Bachelor of Education Degree and a Master of Arts Degree from Memorial University and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University.

Methylmercury Mitigations and Muskrat Falls: A Discussion of Practical Solutions

Scientific Workshop

Hotel North Two, Happy Valley – Goose Bay, August 4, 2016

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8:30 am	Opening Welcome	Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops origins, objectives and themes 	
8:45 am	Review of Workshop Process and Agenda	Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review workshop process and agenda and facilitator/recorded role 	
9:00 am	Participant Introductions	All participants
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each person will have a few minutes to share information on: their personal/professional background; the organization they represent; and their interest in or connection to this topic. 	
9:30 am	Opening Comments	Martin Goebel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Environment and Conservation will discuss their Role re: this topic and how they will use the information gathered. 	
9:45 am	Coffee break	
10:00 am	Pre-inundation Mitigations: Evidence and Options	All participants
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each participant will have 10 to 15 minutes to introduce their perspective and evidence on mitigation options for methylmercury reduction. Discussion amongst participants 	
1 pm	Lunch Break	
2 pm	Post-inundation Mitigation/Monitoring and other tools	All participants
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each participant will have 5 -10 minutes to outline their perspective regarding the monitoring program in place. Discussion amongst participants 	
3:30 pm	Coffee Break	
3:45 pm	Post-inundation Mitigation/Monitoring and other tools (Continued)	
4:30 pm	Closing Comments	Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Facilitator will explain how the outcome summary document will be completed and distributed to participants. Thank all participants for attending the workshop. 	
4:45 pm	Close of workshop	