



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Executive Council
Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council

June 18, 2019

Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project
Commissioner Richard D. LeBlanc
Beothuck Building
St. John's, NL

Dear Commissioner LeBlanc:

**Re: Production of Documents for the Commission of Inquiry
Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project**

At the request of Paul Carter I am pleased to provide the April 10, 2019 Cabinet presentation on the Independent Experts Advisory Committee recommendations and related Minute of Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 729-2844.

Sincerely,


KRISTA QUINLAN



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An update respecting the IEAC Recommendation was received from the Deputy Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council

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Update on IEAC Recommendations

Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment

April 10, 2019

Purpose

- To provide an update on direction related to IEAC recommendations (MC2019-██████)

Outline

- Direction on IEAC Recommendations (MC2019-0011)
- Soil Capping
- Progress on Implementation
- Next Steps

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- New Oversight Committee to be formed to implement recommendations on community-based monitoring and health management
- Discussion to begin on benchmarks and triggers related to an Impact Security Fund by Committee in context of monitoring data and health management; GNL previously directed compensation if consumption advisories needed.
- Direct Nalcor to perform soil capping as agreed to by all voting members of the IEAC; combine with fish habitat work

Soil Capping

- Direction communicated to Nalcor on February 11
- Nalcor indicated soil capping not possible this close to impoundment
- Permit requested July 2018 for Fish Habitat work not approved by MAE within window (prior to December 2018) for work
- MAE decision linked to IEAC recommendations and process was still ongoing
- Nalcor asked to consider capping after impoundment per SNC-Lavalin feasibility study presented to IEAC
- SNC-Lavalin advised there were safety issues due to instability of reservoir banks

Community Fund

- Wetland capping (on scale suggested by IEAC) predicted to reduce methylmercury by 1-2%
- Nalcor had notionally earmarked \$30M for wetland capping
- Nalcor has indicated a small amount of capping can potentially be completed before impoundment
- Nalcor also suggested that the \$30M could more effectively be utilized to support community initiatives that would benefit the health and well-being of Indigenous communities
- Potential for linkage to food security or to enable Indigenous groups to determine priorities

Progress on implementation

- Draft Terms of Reference developed for Oversight Committee
- Premier wrote Indigenous Leaders on April 8, 2019:
 - outlined process to commence oversight committee
 - transmitted TOR
 - requested meeting to discuss how to move forward on physical mitigation and opportunities for community fund

Next Steps

- Indigenous Affairs working to schedule meeting for April 11, 2019
- MAE and IA coordinating on meeting preparation and materials
- Premier and Minister of MAE to meet with Indigenous Leaders