

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS  
Special Meeting**

**MEETING 612  
held in Kuujjaraapik  
on February 24 & 25, 2004**

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**MEETING No. 612**

**02-24-04**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Kativik School Board, for the School year 2003-04, held at the municipal office and at the Cree Youth Center in Kuujjuaraapik on February 24 and 25, 2004.

**PRESENT:**

Sarah Aloupa	President	Quaqtaq
George Haukai	Vice President	Kangirsuk
Charlie Alaku	KRG Representative	Kangirsujuaq
Mary Roussel	Commissioner	Kuujjuaraapik
Adamie Alayco	Commissioner	Akulivik
Peter Angnatuk	Commissioner	Tasiujaq
Lukasi Pilurтуut	Commissioner	Kangirsujuaq
Adamie Kalingo	Commissioner	Ivujvik
Sophie Keelan	Commissioner	Kangiqsualujuaq
Alacie Nalakturuk	Commissioner	Inukjuak
Lydia Akpahatak	Commissioner	Aupaluk

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Annie Grenier	Director General
Mary Aitchison	Assistant Director General
Rita Novalinga	Secretary General
Caroline Alexander	Interpreter
Harriet Keleutak	Interpreter
Alain Gauthier	Associate Secretary General
Gaston Pelletier	Director of Education Services

The following person, upon the invitation of the chairperson of the meeting, attended or took part in the deliberations of the meeting:

Me Mark Peacock	Legal counsel
Luke Inukpuk	Mayor

**ABSENT:**

Larry Watt (Resigned 2/15/04)	Executive Member	Kuujjuaq
Thomassie Sivvuraapik	Commissioner	Puvirnituk
Willie Keatainak	Executive Member	Salluit
Robbie Tookalook	Commissioner	Umiujaq

**1 QUORUM AND OPENING OF THE MEETING**

With a quorum of the members of the Council of Commissioners of the Kativik School Board being present at 9:18 a.m. on February 24, 2004. The meeting was opened with a prayer by George Haukai.

**2 NOTICE OF MEETING**

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The President ascertained that all members of the Council of Commissioners have received notice of this meeting.

### **3**     **CHAIRPERSON**

Sarah Aloupa, the President is appointed to chair this meeting.

### **4**     **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Sarah Aloupa reads the agenda. The Agenda was modified and adopted as attached to the minutes as **Annex I**.

On the matter of the court case and the file of the negotiations for a new form of government, Annie proposed that, after the presentation by Me Peacock and discussions, the staff will leave the meeting and let the Commissioners deliberate among themselves in camera as it is entirely up to them to decide what they want to do.

The Commissioners agree with this suggestion and decide to refer this topic to a private committee session in which they will all take part.

### **5**     **COURT CASE ANALYSIS**

Me Mark Peacock attends the meeting to explain and comment the February 10 judgment of Justice Pepita Capriolo on the interlocutory injunction and the options that are open for the Board. This presentation, the ensuing discussion and question period takes all morning.

As decided earlier in the morning, the Commissioners take the most part of the afternoon to deliberate in camera in a private committee session, strictly among themselves, to decide their course of action. Once their decision is made, it is agreed that their resolution will be passed the following day once the text is finalized.

### **6**     **EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

It is decided that April 26 to 30 will be the dates for the Education Council meeting in Umiujaq.

### **7**     **KRG INFORMATION**

Charlie Alaku, the KRG representative, informs the Commissioners in regards to the criminal files specifically to the lost files, the KRPF are entering them in the computers and sent to the Kuujjuaq office. They cannot lose the information this way and they apologize for the lost files.

Under employment and training, the request for the 390,000 dollars of funding from KRG, the Board will get all the funding.

### **8**     **HONORARIUM**

Alacie Nalakturuk feels that there should be additional honorarium for Commissioners if they are given additional work to do. Adamie Alayco says that he is concerned about it as well. For example, Alacie has to go to the implementation meetings and she will be part of the field trip. She wants to know if she will be making any money at all for this trip.

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Sarah says she will be working for the Board, so she should get salary. Alashuak was reimbursed for loss of salary when he went to the implementation meeting. Alacie says that because it is a special meeting, they will only get an incidental fees which is fifteen dollars a day.

Lukasi says that they didn't receive anything when they were in court everyday. He is thinking that Commissioners should be given a special meeting honorarium. He would like honorarium for sitting at special meetings.

Alain informs the Commissioners about the budget of the Commissioners.

After discussions it is decided that it will be studied further and discussed at the March meeting.

Mary Aitchison says that we will post a resolution for Alacie like we have done for her. Sarah says that we can pay her by time sheet.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned for the day at 4:58 p.m. and resumed the next day at 10:25 with the Education Committee members and Luke Inukpuk, the mayor of Kuujjuaraapik participating,

## **9 SCHOOL BUILDING IN KUUJJUARAAPIK**

Luke Inukpuk says that he is happy to have the Commissioners in his Community.

They have also invited two elders from the community to represent the people. You may have already seen the letter from Mary Roussel and the contents are clear. They also had a meeting on February 11 with Patrice and Mary Hannah with Elena. They also had someone from the Landholding Corporation participate at that meeting. Luke said they decided not to invite that person because it is not really necessary at this point to invite him.

Luke says that we will have to involve the MEQ in the construction of the school and the site. The school was built before the KSB and it has been there ever since. There was no Education Committee then. The school was built on a baby's grave. They are trying to find another site for the school because the school is right on top of the grave.

It is the second time that the school has burned on that site. The community would like the school relocated somewhere else.

Jimmy Fleming the Education Committee members knows that the school is in a site where a baby was buried many years ago. People have heard a baby crying in the school. He believes there will be another catastrophe if there is a school built there.

Mary Oninngak she is here to confirm Jimmy. She heard that there was a baby that was buried there and they were in the camp when that happened. She doesn't want the school built again in the same site. She says when we die, we would like the same respect. She would really like to make sure the school is built somewhere else.

Louisa Cookie Brown says that Luke Inukpuk said at the meeting that the Federal Government didn't ask for permission to build there but they were told not to build the school because there was a grave.

No one has ever consulted the community, so the CSNQ were the ones that bought the land and transferred it over to the KSB. Luke Inukpuk says he's not blaming the KSB.

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Louisa Browns says there used to be incidents when things were moving by themselves. Janitors have heard a baby crying but there was no one there. There were also teachers that had been affected and getting mad with no cause. Even the Principal was affected by a spirit.

Luke doesn't want the Commissioner to put this important item in their pocket and forget it nor does he want them to put it on the shelf. The temporary school is under renovations and the work is progressing. He is willing to wait for another year to make sure that the board does not rush for the annual sealift. They would like a study done and are willing to wait for a year.

Patrice says that they met with someone from the MEQ. If we moved the school site it would cost an additional 5 million. If we changed the position of the school it would cost 7.5 million. We would have to fund raise 10 million dollars if we are to relocate the school.

Patrice says if it was possible to move the old part of the school. It can be an in between solution. He made two drawing of the place to avoid the old site where the baby may be buried.

Luke says that he cannot answer the proposal right now. He said there will be a conflict regarding the funding and he also stated that they can wait another year. He doesn't want to jump to a conclusion right away because they have a temporary school. He will study it in details.

Adamie Kalingo says that the Municipality makes the town plan and he feels that the site can be designated as a grave site. That is one recommendation that he would like to make.

George thinks there should be a prayer for the baby and healing for the people involved.

Sarah says that she is also worried about it since the school burned down. It would cost 5 million for the site.

Luke says that the Education Committee will have to inform the population that the building of the school will be delayed a year. The temporary site is sufficient for now.

### **9 NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

After discussions the following resolution is passed.

On a motion duly made by Sarah Aloupa, seconded by Sophie Keelan, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the following resolution no. 2003-04-18.

WHEREAS pursuant to previous resolutions from the Council of Commissioners and supported by the Education Council, the Commissioners have given the mandate to its legal counsel to take appropriate legal action, including interlocutory injunction in order to ensure respect for the Political Accord under which the Nunavik Commission was created, and to seek to prevent the (non-consensus) recommendations of the Nunavik Commission from being used as a basis for negotiation with Québec and Canada;

WHEREAS the hearing on the motion for interlocutory injunction took place in December 2003 and Justice Pepita Capriolo rendered judgment on February 10, 2004, not granting the interlocutory injunction and whereas that judgment was critical of KSB not participating in the contested negotiations under the Framework Agreement;

WHEREAS the issues involved in this court case are very important and negotiations are ongoing without KSB's participation, which could be harmful for Education;

WHEREAS the President of Makivik in its February 11, 2004, Press Release has expressed a new openness to seek to resolve the outstanding litigation;

RESOLVED:

THAT the Council of Commissioners hereby decides not to seek leave to appeal Justice Capriolo's decision of February 10, 2004, on the interlocutory injunction;

THAT the Council of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Executive Committee and its President to initiate discussions with the Executives of Makivik and other members of the Nunavik Party as may be required, to attempt to open a dialogue and explore the possibility of:

- 1) Resolution of the litigation amicably through a mediation process, including court mediation;
- 2) Appointment of a fourth negotiator representing the interests of the School Board and its stakeholders in any matter affecting Education and its jurisdiction; and
- 3) Participation in the current negotiation process to protect and promote Education's interests, including participation in the Technical and Advisory Committee;

The whole without prejudice to the rights of the Kativik School Board and its constituents in the ongoing litigation which seeks to clarify the parties rights and obligations.

That Makivik be and is hereby asked to produce a similar resolution, to formally confirm its commitment to see the concerns of KSB addressed and resolved in good faith, and to stop its undermining and attack of KSB and education representatives on the radio and otherwise.

**10     IMPLEMENTATION FIELD TRIP**

Mary Aitchison informs the Commissioners of the upcoming trip to the Commissioners. The schedule of their field trip to Nunavik is attached to the minutes as **Annex II**.

Peter Angnatuk says that they will have a school opening when the field trip members are in Tasiujaq as well as Quaqtaq.

**CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 12:06 p.m. since the agenda items are completed

Sarah Aloupa           Annie Grenier  
President Director General   Secretary General

Rita Novalinga