

# Nipiqagtut They Have a Voice

Nunavut Mining Symposium 2014



# Kusugaq Consulting Inc.

- 100% Inuit owned
- Based in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut
- Community Consultation & Engagement
- Facilitating & Moderating meetings/conferences
- Translation & Interpreting

# Purpose of a Community meeting

- People have an opportunity to learn
- People have a chance to ask questions
- People are given an opportunity to use their voice



# Goal of Open House meeting

- Community members have their voice heard
- Community members get informed on issues i.e.) mineral development
- Bring community and companies together through dialogue
- Goal: greater understanding between the two parties

# Top Concerns from Community Members

- Wildlife
- Water
- Environment
- Jobs
- Safety
- Training



# Reasons People of Nunavut go out on Land

- Very close to Land, water and wildlife
- Rest
- Rejuvenate
- Teach
- Learn
- Spend time with family and friends



# People and Environment

Preserves:

- Language
- Traditions
- Values



# Suggestions to Resource Companies

- Talk to the people. Don't talk at them.
- Prioritize what you are presenting and use language that the people understand
- Realize people are your greatest resource



# Most important

- People's voice is most important
- Give the people the opportunity to use their voice
- Cannot move forward without the support of the people

# Nunavut, Mining & Growing Pains

- Issues: high turn-over and attendance
- Signs of changes and coping
- Trying to “catch up”

# How the People Can Help

- Give ideas on coping with changes
- Community meeting: open discussion to get advice on issues
- Balance time with work, family and land



# Ask the Right Questions

- What answers or insight are you seeking?
- May take several interactions
- Interactions lead to asking the right questions



# Education

- Needed to help People strengthen their voice
- Helps people to be informed about local, regional, territorial and national activities
- Will help prepare our young people to develop Nunavut further
- Prepare them for the world
- Prepare them to be contributors to society
- Nunavut Sivuniksavut is a prime example of preparing youth to find their voice



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