

Historic and Heritage Resources Component Study

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<p>The Historic and Heritage Resources Component Study does not adequately address the historic use of the project area by members of Ekuanitshit and other lower north shore Innu communities.</p> <p>Nalcor has not conducted any direct research into the historic use of the project area by the Innu of Ekuanitshit. Nor has Nalcor reviewed any secondary material that describes the historic use of the territory by this community.</p> <p>There is at least one study that describes this use: Robert Comtois, <i>Occupation et Utilisation du Territoire par les Montagnais de Mingan</i>, Conseil Attikamek-Montagnais, 1983. Nalcor has access to this study, yet has chosen not to review it when preparing its component study. For this reason alone, the component study is inadequate as the basis for the environmental impact statement.</p> <p>The Council has provided a great deal of information to Nalcor regarding the historic use of the project area by its members. In fact, at the hearings of the Joint Review Panel for the hydroelectric dams, several elders from the community testified regarding their historic use of the project area. This information is clearly available, should Nalcor wish to take the time to engage with the community.</p> <p>Please note that all of the historical information provided as part of the environmental assessment of the dams was provided under reserve of the need for Nalcor to conduct a study of the community’s historic and contemporary land use to fulfill its obligations under the <i>Guidelines</i>.</p> <p>Finally, we note that neither of the documents cited by Nalcor in its component study as a source of information regarding the Quebec Innu provides any information on historic use by the Innu of Ekuanitshit. Nalcor often makes reference to a study authored by J.G.</p>	<p>The Province advises that the Historic and Heritage Resources Component Study was conducted by qualified, experienced and reputable archaeologists who have undertaken the necessary studies that were required to inform the Component Study. Knowledge of historic land use is sufficiently documented in the existing literature used to inform the Component Study and through recent research conducted by the project archaeologists. The Province is satisfied that the Component Study is sufficient to adequately satisfy the archaeological work required to identify the historic sites of any cultural group in the area.</p> <p>That being said, we have provided your comments respecting the references to additional information that may be relevant to the Historic and Heritage Resources Component Study to the proponent for further analysis and response.</p> <p>Recommendation The proponent be required to consult the studies identified by Ekuanitshit, conduct the necessary analysis and respond to the comments raised.</p> <p>As set out in the Guidelines, the proponent is required to demonstrate in the EIS its “understanding of the interests, values, concerns, contemporary and historic activities, Aboriginal traditional knowledge and important issues facing Aboriginal groups, and indicate how these will be considered in planning and carrying out the Project” (Guidelines, section 4.8).</p> <p><u>Nalcor Response:</u> Nalcor has gathered and compiled information on historic and contemporary land use by Innu from lower north shore communities. Attempts to engage Ekuanitshit in a community engagement agreement to date have not been successful despite numerous attempts (see Chapter 7 of the EIS: Aboriginal Consultation and Issues Scoping).</p> <p>If relevant information becomes available, Nalcor will consider and incorporate such information into Project planning as appropriate.</p>

Deschênes. Mr. Deschênes' study, however, refers only to the community of Pakua Shipi (Saint Augustine) and not to Quebec Innu generally. The other document which Nalcor draws upon in this regard, that of Paul F. Wilkinson & Associates Inc., is merely a review of the pre-existing literature and is not a study of the historic use of the project area by the Innu of Ekuanitshit."

Contemporary land use, including Robert Comtois, *Occupation et Utilisation du Territoire par les Montagnais de Mingan*, Conseil Attikamek-Montagnais, 1983, is used in the *Socioeconomic Environment: Aboriginal Communities and Land Use Component Study* as well as the Environmental Impact Statement.

Réponse de Nalcor :

Nalcor a recueilli et compilé des informations sur l'utilisation contemporaine et historique du territoire par les Innus des communautés de la Basse-Côte-Nord. Nos nombreuses tentatives à ce jour visant à conclure avec les Innus de Ekuanitshit une entente d'engagement communautaire n'ont pas été couronnées de succès (voir le chapitre 7 de l'EIE : Consultation des Autochtones et détermination de la portée des enjeux).

À cet égard, Nalcor examinera toute information pertinente dès qu'elle sera rendue disponible et l'intégrera dans la planification du projet, le cas échéant. L'utilisation contemporaine du territoire, y compris le rapport de Robert Comtois, *Occupation et Utilisation du Territoire par les Montagnais de Mingan*, Conseil Attikamek-Montagnais, 1983, est utilisé dans l'étude *Environnement socioéconomique : Étude sectorielle sur les communautés autochtones et l'utilisation du territoire*, ainsi que dans l'étude d'impact environnemental.