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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: Good afternoon to

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everybody. I hope that you can all hear me after

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our audio checks, and I see some faces listening.

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So I think that means that our audio checks have

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worked.

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Good afternoon, everybody. My name is

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Stephania Luciuk, and I am one of the

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Commissioners of the Canada Energy Regulator.

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We're going to start our proceeding

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momentarily, but I would like to first invite

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that we open the meeting with a prayer.

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So Mr. Andrew, may I hand things back to you

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for the prayer to begin?

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MS. STELLA BAYHA: Frank is going to do the prayer?

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[OFF-RECORD DISCUSSION]

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: We can hear you and we can

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see you very well at our end, just so that you

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know.

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CHIEF FRANK ANDREW: Okay. We'll do an opening

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prayer. [Speaking Sahtú Dene]

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[Opening Prayer]

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: Thank you for opening
2 our proceeding with that prayer.

3 Again, my name is Stephania Luciuk, and I
4 had the pleasure of saying hello to some of the
5 people in the room there and some of the people
6 online before this session began.

7 But just let me take a moment to introduce
8 what we're doing today to everybody who is now on
9 the meeting and anybody who may be following us
10 online.

11 Today we are gathered online to hear Oral
12 Indigenous Knowledge sessions for the Canada
13 Energy Regulator's 0H-001-2023 hearing, and
14 that's the hearing to decide two applications
15 filed by Imperial Oil N.W.T. Limited, one for its
16 Norman Wells Operations authorization, for the
17 renewal of that authorization, and the second for
18 Line 490 Replacement Activities.

19 Those two applications are being heard
20 together and we're here today to participate, as
21 I said, in a session to hear Oral Indigenous
22 Knowledge, and we're grateful to join you
23 virtually.

24 We know that this environment can be a
25 little bit challenging sometimes. If you have

1 any technical difficulties or you're
2 disconnected -- I know we've all worked with our
3 Process Advisor, Tony Epp. We're going to be
4 watching to make sure everybody is connected and
5 we can hear and see each other. But if there are
6 any problems, please just get in touch with Tony
7 either by email or with his phone number which
8 all the parties have.

9 Let me say that we are very pleased to be
10 gathering with you virtually and we wish that we
11 could be joining you in the Sahtu Region of the
12 Northwest Territories, in Treaty 11 territory.
13 We are in the area encompassed by the Sahtu Dene
14 and Metis land claim area. Although we can't be
15 together, we are thankful that you are joining us
16 virtually today.

17 My Panel Colleagues and I are here in the
18 head office of the Canada Energy Regulator,
19 located within Treaty 7 territory, the
20 traditional territories of the Blackfoot
21 Confederacy, including the Sikksika and Kainai
22 First Nations. And Treaty 7 is also home to
23 Tsuut'ina First Nation and Stoney Nakoda,
24 including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney
25 Nations. And of course, we recognize the Métis

1 that have settled in Southern Alberta and call
2 this place home as well. So we honour the
3 traditional lands and traditional territories
4 where we are all gathering from.

5 Today we will be hearing from the Tulita
6 Renewable Resources Council. This is the final
7 session that we are going to have in our Oral
8 Indigenous Knowledge sessions for this
9 proceeding.

10 With me today to participate in this session
11 are two of my Commissioner Colleagues in person,
12 and I'm going to turn to them for an
13 introduction. We are also joined by a fourth
14 Panel Member online, and I will invite her to
15 introduce herself in a moment.

16 I'm going to then invite the Tulita
17 Renewable Resources Council to introduce
18 themselves and their presenters, and of course
19 Imperial Oil and their participant today.

20 So I'm going to turn to my colleagues here
21 first and to Commissioner Watton. He's on my
22 left, you'll see him on the right, to say hello.

23 COMMISSIONER WATTON: Good afternoon, everyone. Thank
24 you for joining us today. My name is Mark
25 Watton, I'm Commissioner of the CER, and happy to

1 be a member of this Panel and looking forward to
2 hearing all of you this afternoon. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER SAJNOVICS: Good afternoon, everyone. My
4 name is Sandor Sajnovics, I'm a Commissioner
5 here. Glad to be listening to everyone today and
6 thank you.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: We also have
8 Commissioner Kathy Penney joining us, and I'll
9 invite her to say hello to the proceeding as
10 well.

11 COMMISSIONER PENNEY: Good afternoon, everybody.
12 Really glad to be here and looking forward to
13 hearing you today. Thanks.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: So Mr. Andrew, maybe I
15 can turn things over to you to introduce the
16 people that you are with and let you lead us
17 through introductions at your end.

18 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: My name is Frederick Andrew.
19 I'm the President of Tulita RRC and -- the
20 President of RRC.

21 MR. RODERICK YALLEE: Rod Yallee, Renewable Resources.

22 MS. VIOLET WRIGLEY: Violet Wrigley.

23 MR. KURTIS WIDOW: Kurtis Widow, RRC Board member.

24 MR. FRED CLEMENT: Fred Clement for RRC.

25 MR. GORDON YAKELEYA: Gordon Yakeleya.

1 MR. EDWARD KENNY: Edward Kenny.

2 MR. NORMAN ANDREW: Norman Andrew.

3 MR. JIMMY MENDO: Jimmy Mendo from Tulita.

4 MS. CHARLOTTE MENACHO: Charlotte Menacho, Tulita.

5 MR. CARL YAKELEYA: Carl Yakeleya, Tulita Land Corp.

6 MR. DAVID MENDO: David Mendo, Tulita RRC as a member
7 and Tulita land corporation president. Thank
8 you.

9 MS. STELLA BAYHA: That's all we have.

10 The Band office? The Band chamber?

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: Thank you so
12 much -- oh, are there -- sorry.

13 MS. STELLA BAYHA: There's another group in the back.

14 CHIEF FRANK ANDREW: There's 17 of us in the back. My
15 name is Chief Frank Andrew and 16 other members.

16 MS. SALLY ANN TATTI: Sally Ann Tatti, Tulita Band
17 member.

18 MR. MURRAY HORASSI: Murray Horassi, Tulita.

19 MS. SALLY HORASSI: And I'm Sally Horassi for Tulita
20 Band.

21 MR. JACK HORASSI: Jack Horassi.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: (inaudible) with Tulita
23 Dene Band.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (inaudible) Tulita Dene
25 Band.

1 MR. ANDREW HORASSI: Andrew Horassi.

2 MS. SHELLEY MENDO: Shelley Mendo.

3 MS. DAWN WIDOW: Dawn Widow, Tulita Dene Band.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (inaudible) Horassi,
5 Tulita Dene Band.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (inaudible)

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (inaudible)

8 MS. EVELYN MACCAULEY: Evelyn Maccauley.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I mean, there's 17 of us
10 here.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: Thank you.

12 Did we give everybody an opportunity? Okay.

13 Well, thank you to everybody for joining us.

14 We appreciate that so many are joining us in a
15 couple of different locations.

16 I'm going to at this point invite the
17 Imperial Oil representatives to introduce
18 themselves and tell us about their role today so
19 please feel free to unmute and turn your cameras
20 on to introduce yourselves.

21 MS. MAEVE O'NEILL SANGER: Good afternoon,
22 Commissioners, and good afternoon to the
23 community members joining from Tulita today.

24 My name is Maeve O'Neill Sanger. I'm from
25 the law firm Osler Hoskin and Harcourt here in

1 Calgary and I'm attending the sessions today on
2 behalf of Imperial.

3 Also with me and attending virtually from
4 Calgary are Nathan Baines. Nathan is supervising
5 counsel for Imperial. And Jessica Snelgrove, who
6 is Socio-economic Advisor for Imperial.

7 So our role in the hearing today is to
8 listen, and we look forward to doing that today.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: Thank you.

10 I'll also just share that we have in our
11 offices and online some of the CER staff who are
12 helping the Commission review the Applications.
13 So some people are in the room with us in person,
14 although they're not on camera, and some other
15 names you will see on the Teams call supporting
16 us in our review of the Applications.

17 We also have court reporters on the call,
18 and they are transcribing the session.

19 With that in mind, I'll just ask everybody
20 to make sure that we speak one at a time and as
21 clearly as we can, and if they let me know that
22 there are any difficulties with what they are
23 hearing, I may interrupt just to make sure that
24 our audio is good.

25 I understand that we have a number of

1 presenters from the Tulita Renewable Resources
2 Council, some of whom may be presenting in the
3 North Slavey Dene dialect, and we have an
4 interpreter there as well, Michael Neyelle. And
5 so I'd like to take this opportunity now to sort
6 of turn the microphones and the videos over to
7 you to take us through your presenters.

8 As I indicated earlier, please let us know
9 if you'd like to take a break and we will be in
10 your hands in terms of what might be a good spot
11 to pause as the afternoon progresses. Whenever
12 anybody begins, I know we've done introductions,
13 but I'd invite you to introduce yourselves again
14 and tell us about your role in the community, and
15 we will be listening here.

16 At the end, there may be questions from the
17 Panel, and we'll ask you if you'd like to answer
18 those today or if you'd prefer to answer in
19 writing.

20 The other matter that I'd just like to
21 remind parties about, if there's something that
22 you wish to present to us confidentially, please
23 make sure you let me know about that so that we
24 can take steps to ensure that confidentiality is
25 preserved regarding that information.

1 With that, thank you. And Mr. Andrew, I
2 think I am handing things over to you to take us
3 through your presentations there.

4 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Okay. My name is Frederick
5 Andrew. I'm the President of RRC.

6 First of all, I'm just going to talk to you
7 about the role and responsibilities of RRC and
8 then I'm going to talk in my own language.

9 Right now, the role and responsibilities of
10 RRC, we look after our land and water. So that's
11 very important to us as well as the community.

12 Now I'm going to talk in my own language.

13 [Speaking Sahtú Dene]

14 MR. MICHAEL NEYELLE: That was Fred Andrew. He says
15 this is a very important meeting. The subject
16 that you guys are going to be talking about in
17 regards to Imperial Oil is a very important
18 matter to talk about and we weren't really
19 prepared. But this is like a rush for us, so
20 some of us never really did any meetings or
21 prepare to have this meeting with you.

22 We know that Norman Wells, when Imperial Oil
23 started way back in the 1930s or '40s, around
24 there, it has a history, what they did to our
25 land, and it's a very important issue that we

1 need to address.

2 We know we're sitting here with you. You're
3 on TV and we're sitting over here and it's -- it
4 feels that it'd be better if you guys were here
5 sitting with us face to face. This way we have a
6 better discussion because this history that
7 Imperial Oil did on our land, it's going to
8 affect our future generations. So that's the
9 reason why there's a concern.

10 And this Zoom-type meeting, it's not
11 really -- they don't really favour these
12 Zoom-type meetings. So maybe afterwards, after
13 we finish -- you're finished your presentation
14 and everything, the group here might have some
15 questions for Imperial Oil.

16 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: [Speaking Sahtú Dene]

17 MR. DAVID MENACHO: Hi. My name's David Menacho. The
18 President, Fred, clearly -- I understand where
19 he's coming from. This meeting was too soon and
20 for us to get all the technology people, for get
21 the lawyers here -- you know, this is important
22 meeting with you guys. You guys have the
23 technology people there, your lawyers. We don't.
24 And I don't know if you guys are making this a
25 consultation or not.

1 So with all that being said, I mean, we at
2 the land corporation, we never got any invite. I
3 just happened to drop by. It's like we're not
4 prepared, the way Frederick's saying.

5 I mean, if you want to talk about something
6 important, then sit across the table from us.
7 It's an important issue here we're going to be
8 talking about, the future for our kids. Like
9 we're going to have a discussion.

10 And I know when we talk about lawyer
11 talk --we're not lawyers here. We don't have the
12 technology people here. Like the President has
13 said, they -- we're not prepared to meet right
14 now until we get our legal opinion.

15 Yeah, and the topic, what is the -- I mean,
16 you guys were the experts here. And I know one
17 of the things we're going to talk about, what's
18 very important is water, wildlife and the way our
19 living is. Like we need our opinion from
20 our -- legal opinion coming from a lawyer, too.

21 Thank you for listening.

22 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Frank.

23 Frederick, ask Frank to go on. He's a
24 presenter, too.

25 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Frank, can you hear me? I

1 think you're a presenter, too. So do you want to
2 speak and say anything, Frank? Máhsi.

3 (PAUSE)

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. My
5 name's --

6 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Just wait. Chief Frank is going to
7 talk.

8 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: I want to just ask you if
9 [Speaking Sahtú Dene]

10 Go ahead. The floor is yours. Máhsi.

11 CHIEF FRANK ANDREW: Good afternoon. My name is Frank
12 Andrew, the Chief of Tulita here in Tulita.

13 It's good to have a little discussion on
14 what we're talking about here today.

15 We know where we came from. We've been here
16 all our lives. And also, it's good that the
17 people are saying that we should have a
18 face-to-face meeting, and I believe that's the
19 true fact of that. We should have all the
20 hearings -- if it's a hearing, it's so important
21 to us because it's going to improve something for
22 us some day. It would be good if you guys came
23 to visit us on that, sat with us here and had a
24 good discussion together.

25 Look at our country, and then you'll know

1 what we're talking about. Look at our river,
2 look at our mountains. Look at what we have
3 here. You don't see anything right now, you
4 know. How are you going to understand us? I
5 don't understand that.

6 So I think the way people are talking about
7 things, maybe we should reschedule and try to do
8 a face-to-face meeting together with Imperial Oil
9 and (inaudible). We have a lot of time in our
10 life yet, you know. Time is on our side yet, so
11 I think we should do that, you know.

12 I think a lot of people want to meet you
13 guys, too. So it's important that you take a
14 good message from our people wanting to have a
15 face-to-face meeting with you and the rest of
16 Imperial Oil people.

17 There's a lot of things we want to talk
18 about, I want to talk about, but I don't like
19 talking to a TV. When I talk to a TV, I feel
20 like I'm talking to myself, so sometimes it's not
21 good for me. So that's all I wanted to say.

22 Thank you.

23 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Who else is going to be presenting?

24 Charlotte.

25 [OFF-RECORD DISCUSSION]

1 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: [Speaking Sahtú Dene]

2 MS. STELLA BAYHA: We have another presenter. That's
3 Charlotte Menacho.

4 MS. CHARLOTTE MENACHO: [Speaking Sahtú Dene]

5 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Michael.

6 MR. MICHAEL NEYELLE: That was Charlotte Menacho.

7 She says -- I'm going to present (inaudible)
8 Dene language.

9 And he says the subject what you're talking
10 about -- what we're talking about here is a
11 subject that we need to address. Like to see you
12 on TV, it's not really -- we don't feel too
13 comfortable because what we're talking about, the
14 issues we're talking about, it's very important
15 issues. So we should be sitting with each other
16 face to face.

17 You Imperial Oil reps that are on TV, you
18 have all the resources and workers to help you to
19 deal with this. And it's not like that with us
20 here in Tulita so that's why you can't really
21 make a good plan. We want to make a good plan
22 with you for the future, but we can't. We need
23 to be sitting with each other first.

24 We know in the past we had lots of
25 differences, and we know that our people suffered

1 a lot and that's -- that we went
2 through -- according to Charlotte's mom, that's
3 what their people really had a hard time in the
4 past. They suffered a lot.

5 And you resource people, Imperial Oil, you
6 have everything made for you, and your parents,
7 too, to guide you. And it's so different for us
8 here.

9 So I think in the future you should come and
10 meet us here face to face to talk and plan for
11 the future.

12 He says my mother, she taught us since we
13 were about seven years old and how we can
14 understand today the English mola, white people.
15 So this is why I think a meeting which should be
16 in order face to face.

17 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: [Speaking Sahtú Dene] Violet,
18 anybody.

19 [OFF-RECORD DISCUSSION]

20 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Michael, can you --

21 MR. MICHAEL NEYELLE: The Elder over here, he says the
22 Applications -- that you guys applied two
23 Applications. The Elders here have no idea or
24 they can't really understand what's your
25 intentions with these Applications.

1 MS. STELLA BAYHA: If anybody else is going to do a
2 presentation, then they'll probably answer the
3 questions.

4 [OFF-RECORD DISCUSSION]

5 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Our next presenter is Gordon
6 Yakeleya.

7 MR. GORDON YAKELEYA: Good afternoon. [Speaking Sahtú
8 Dene]

9 MR. MICHAEL NEYELLE: That was Gordon Yakeleya.
10 He says that his mother used to talk a lot
11 about this Imperial Oil operation in Norman
12 Wells. And not only that, all of us probably
13 here went through residential schooling.

14 And our people, especially the Elders, they
15 always say they don't want nothing to happen to
16 the land. They don't want no harm happening to
17 the water. And we have relatives in Fort Good
18 Hope and down the river, and if there's a
19 pollution or a fuel spill by Imperial Oil
20 contaminating the river somehow, it will harm
21 people down the river.

22 And we've always listened to each other as
23 Dene people. We always tell each other what we
24 care for, what we want to (inaudible). And a lot
25 of our people live in Norman Wells and we always

1 shared concerns and really talked a lot.

2 We have to listen to our Elders. As Dene
3 people, our Elders are very important. And the
4 wildlife, too, the animals, they are very
5 important to us, and we don't want nothing -- no
6 harm to come to them. And also the water. The
7 water is so important.

8 And then today you notice that there's a lot
9 of changes today, lots of different things
10 happening in our world, and we wonder why that's
11 happening. So maybe you should, as Imperial Oil,
12 come and visit us. Maybe we can understand each
13 other better, and we should have a meeting.

14 And there's a lot of us here, we lost our
15 fathers, we lost our mothers. So if you come
16 visit us and have a good meeting, that would be
17 really good.

18 Norman Wells is -- Imperial Oil Limited
19 started, and how come they don't tell us outright
20 their intentions of these two Applications? But
21 they didn't. So we need better consultation and
22 we need -- and we had lots of problems in the
23 past with Imperial Oil operations.

24 Okay.

25 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Any more presenters?

1 We have another presenter, Violet Wrigley.

2 MS. VIOLET WRIGLEY: This is Violet Wrigley

3 (inaudible). I'm very concerned what's going on
4 on our land in Norman Wells. You know, it would
5 be good if -- excuse me -- you can come around
6 and sit with us and explain whatever you know.
7 Where you're out there (inaudible) we don't have
8 all kinds of source to know everything what's
9 going on.

10 And I know Norman Wells. My dad worked
11 there for many years, and I lived down there. I
12 wonder sometimes what has happened to the oil
13 spill in the ground. There was a lot -- we lived
14 there. And I see a lot of things like that
15 happening when I was young. And I'm just
16 thinking about it with all -- you know, we have
17 to protect our water, land.

18 We have animals. We live with all kinds of
19 wild animals around us. And with all this oil
20 around us spilling, what happens to it? Is it a
21 clean-up well or what is going on?

22 I'd rather see you come here and tell us and
23 explain whatever we're asking for. I want to
24 know what happens with all the oil spills around
25 the land. Are you protecting it that it's safe

1 or what?

2 It would be better if you came here and
3 talked with us and explain it to us because we're
4 very concerned and we need the land, we need the
5 water, we need the fish. That's our food and our
6 drinks.

7 So I would be really glad if you can come
8 face to face with us and sit with us. Thank you
9 very much. Máhsi.

10 MR. MICHAEL NEYELLE: That was Violet Wrigley who says
11 we're concerned about what's happening on our
12 land.

13 [OFF-RECORD DISCUSSION]

14 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Anybody else? Carl Yakeleya,
15 (inaudible) presenters.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: Stella, sorry. I just would
17 like to interrupt for a moment because I want to
18 make sure that we have the interpretation of what
19 we just heard before we go to the next person.

20 So I just want to make sure before we carry
21 on that if we can stop and if we could have the
22 interpretation and the name of the person so we
23 don't miss that.

24 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Violet did it in English and then
25 Michael translated. Okay?

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: Yes, please. Thank
2 you.

3 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Carl Yakeleya.

4 MR. CARL YAKELEYA: Yeah, I was just going to ask a
5 question. If you were to come to Tulita, would
6 it fit into your timeline with the water licence?
7 Are we up against the wall? Because this is the
8 last meeting, apparently, you're having with us.

9 Could we reschedule this meeting where you
10 could come and re-meet with all of us? Would it
11 fit in their timeline or is there some way we can
12 make some room? Because I think this is very
13 important for the future of all of us that are
14 here and we all have grandchildren and children,
15 so we -- it's our homes we're talking about. So
16 we invite you to our homes. Thank you.

17 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Any more presenters?

18 MR. DAVID MENACHO: My name's David again, Menacho.

19 I guess try to reschedule this meeting. I
20 mean, this is Application for water. I mean,
21 we've got to do our research here. We have other
22 communities that are impacted, like Fort Good
23 Hope. We've got to reach out to them to see
24 which way they're going because we're both
25 impacted with the water and with their fish and

1 the way of their living.

2 I mean, we're upstream. Again, we have to
3 do our homework and work with these groups, other
4 organizations. But I feel that we should
5 reschedule this meeting and for us to do our
6 homework here because I just don't want to go
7 against whatever the Fort Good Hope group are
8 going and that's where -- if we have a
9 disagreement, that's where the fight will start.
10 So we've got to be on the same page as them, as
11 they're the ones that will have the impact on the
12 water and on their wildlife, on their fish,
13 again, the way they're living.

14 In past history, there was a lot of cancer
15 due to water. So for us, we've got to listen to
16 them, too, and work with them. So if we could
17 reschedule this meeting again so we could do our
18 homework.

19 We always work together. And you guys sit
20 across the table from us. I know you guys had a
21 hearing in Fort Good Hope about a month ago. And
22 I heard some of the people that are talking, they
23 were crying or hurt.

24 I heard (inaudible) invited there. So if
25 that's the case, you should be here and you

1 should invite them, too, as the -- as our next
2 meeting if we are going to reschedule, if the
3 timeline is good. Thank you.

4 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Any presenter, Frank, on your end?
5 Do you have anybody that's going to make
6 presentations?

7 Can you hear me, Frank? You can hear me,
8 Frank?

9 MS. SALLY ANN TATTI: This is Sally Ann Tatti, the
10 Band Councillor. I have a question.

11 My question is, this hearing is very
12 important to the people of Good Hope and Tulita,
13 and I'm wondering -- this is a big thing that we
14 don't understand very well that we need to
15 understand it before we even make a decision for
16 you guys on these two Applications.

17 We don't even have an Application in front
18 of us to look at so how do we understand the
19 Application you guys are presenting to us? And
20 we can't make a decision without nothing in front
21 of us, and we just got this invite this morning.

22 So how do we -- like for me, it's like how
23 do we -- how do we work together as both groups.
24 And we should be really looking at this really
25 hard because it affects the water, affects the

1 wildlife. If any oil spills, it affects the
2 fishes in Good Hope area and the ducks, all the
3 other animals that drink the water, the moose and
4 stuff like that.

5 So we really have to think about what this
6 Application is for and we really have to study it
7 because right now we're in the dunes. Like we
8 don't know if we're going to be hurting Good Hope
9 because of the water, and if we decide to say
10 yes. This is like for me it's a big thing under
11 the band because we're deciding this stuff. We
12 can't just make a decision today and have a
13 hearing and say, yeah, we made a decision. But
14 we don't have the information in front of us.

15 So it's better off to do face to face
16 meeting too, I think. That's all I have to say.

17 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Máhsi.

18 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Any more presenters over there?
19 Frank?

20 CHIEF FRANK ANDREW: I don't think we have any more
21 presenters here. But, you know, there was a
22 question asked about if we should reschedule or
23 something and if it meets the timeline? Can
24 somebody respond to that from one of the
25 organizations there? Thank you.

1 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: I want to say something.

2 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Frank got delayed. He's gonna
3 answer to the question.

4 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Let them answer that question
5 first because --

6 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Did you hear that question?

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: I did. So I wanted to
8 make sure that I -- I wanted to make sure that I
9 left space for the translation to happen and that
10 I wasn't interrupting everybody.

11 But I have heard the question at the end
12 here about whether it's possible to pause here
13 and resume at a later date, and I've certainly
14 heard the comments about the benefits of being in
15 person, and so as a Panel we've heard those.

16 I just want to take a moment and share a
17 little bit about the process, because there was
18 also a question about the process generally.

19 So this hearing today is about the two
20 Applications that Imperial Oil filed with the
21 Canada Energy Regulator, one for its operating
22 authorization renewal was filed in November of
23 last year, and then subsequently after that they
24 filed another application for their Line 490
25 Replacement in February of this year. And those

1 are the two Applications that this Panel of
2 Commissioners has to consider.

3 There are also filings before the Sahtu Land
4 and Water Board, and that is where the water
5 licence will be considered and where decisions
6 will be made about the water licence. That is
7 not before us, but I just wanted to clarify that.

8 We started the process as the Canada Energy
9 Regulator wanting to ensure that we created time
10 and opportunities to hear from Indigenous Peoples
11 in the North who wanted to participate, and as
12 you know, we looked for opportunities to make
13 sure that we could go to the North and be with
14 you. We were able to organize sessions in Fort
15 Good Hope in May, as somebody noted. We were
16 there for just about a week, and we were grateful
17 for the opportunity to be there.

18 Today we are online, and I wanted to say
19 thank you all of you for joining us online. I
20 know that it's not -- it's not the best format
21 and it's not the easiest format, and for those of
22 you that are joining us on short notice, thank
23 you for making time to join us.

24 What I will say is that the schedule that
25 the Canada Energy Regulator has set out, we based

1 it on the information that we heard back as part
2 of the communications that we sent out, and we
3 got to a point where we would be in the North in
4 May and we would do virtual sessions today. And
5 so that's where we are.

6 But we of course want to make sure that we
7 hear from everybody, and I'd like to talk to my
8 Panel Colleagues here on the Commission about
9 your question and your request to defer and what
10 to do about that. And I'd also like to make sure
11 that if there's anybody there in either of the
12 spaces you're using in Tulita who has anything
13 more to say, I think it would be good to take a
14 break and just make sure if there's anything else
15 that you'd like to tell us today, we'll take a
16 break and we'll certainly resume, and if there's
17 anything more you'd like to hear from us -- or
18 hear, share with us, we would like to hear from
19 you.

20 But what I'm going to suggest is that we
21 take a break until 3 o'clock, and at that point
22 in time, having consulted with my Panel
23 colleagues, we can come back and speak to that
24 question and what additional process or steps we
25 might need to follow to properly consider that

1 question. And so, for now we're going to break.

2 And I just wanted again to lead off to say
3 thank you. I know this is not your preferred way
4 of doing things and we have heard you. But I'd
5 invite you, because we are all here together this
6 afternoon and we are set up through this link on
7 Teams, even though it's virtual, if there's more
8 that you would like to share with us or if
9 there's anybody else who would like to present,
10 we'll make sure that we make that space at 3
11 o'clock.

12 But we'll take a break. Please feel free to
13 mute your audio and your videos, and we will come
14 back on at 3 o'clock to continue.

15 So we'll take a break for about 20 minutes
16 here.

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18 (RECESSED AT 2:44 P.M.)

19 (RESUMED AT 3:03 P.M.)

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21 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: Okay. Good afternoon,
22 everybody, and welcome back.

23 I just want to double-check that you can
24 continue to hear me clearly in Tulita and I also
25 wanted to make sure that we have Imperial back.

1 So I saw a thumbs up, I think, from the room
2 and from the Imperial representatives I see
3 counsel is back on. Thank you for turning your
4 camera on.

5 When we left off before the break, I had
6 taken a moment to very briefly explain the two
7 Applications that have come to this Panel through
8 the Canada Energy Regulator and it was helpful
9 for me to talk to my colleagues because we make
10 decisions as a Panel, so thank you for the time
11 to have that discussion with the other
12 Commissioners.

13 I wanted to just add as background one more
14 comment about the two Applications, especially
15 for those who are joining in Tulita more recently
16 and without having had an opportunity to look at
17 the Application.

18 In February of this year, as a Commission,
19 we put out our first letter proposing the process
20 that we would follow for this Application and
21 seeking comment from parties and those who -- and
22 looking to confirm who would like to participate
23 as intervenors in this process. And since
24 February, we have issued a revised schedule and
25 refined the process. And it was very important

1 to us as a Commission to ensure that we had an
2 opportunity to go to the north and to
3 communities, and so we had offered to go to Fort
4 Good Hope and Norman Wells and Tulita. And we
5 appreciate that not every participant in our
6 process joined the process right away, and so we
7 do want to hear from you regardless of when
8 you've joined and have an opportunity to
9 participate.

10 Today we certainly, as I said, heard the
11 request to potentially have meetings in person to
12 be able to spend time with Imperial to understand
13 their intentions and to have more time to
14 understand the Application, and I have the -- I
15 have a couple of comments to share and guidance
16 from the Panel, and the first is this.

17 We'd like to make sure that we understand
18 very clearly what it is that is being requested
19 and what it is that the Tulita Renewable
20 Resources Council would like to see happen as
21 part of the process before the Commission. And
22 we wanted to share that, of course, at any time
23 the parties can meet, so Imperial can meet with
24 you, you can meet with Imperial, and you are
25 welcome to tell us about that engagement and how

1 that has gone.

2 But in terms of what the community would
3 like from the Commission, if there is a request
4 to add more time with us for Oral Indigenous
5 Knowledge sessions or have time in the community,
6 we think it would be beneficial and fair to have
7 that come to us as a letter confirming what it is
8 that's requested and why that would be
9 appropriate.

10 And I'll just share that we do have a
11 hearing record before us where Imperial and other
12 parties have filed information. And I'll remind
13 everyone that Imperial has filed information
14 about timing and some of the timing
15 considerations it thinks that the Commission
16 should consider, and so I would invite the Tulita
17 Renewable Resources Council, if you file a letter
18 asking for additional process steps or meetings
19 that involve the Commission in your community,
20 please respond to those comments as well because
21 those are now on the record before us. And that
22 will allow Imperial to provide a response and for
23 us as a Commission to make a decision because,
24 with the questions that were posed today, we're
25 really not in a position to make a decision.

1 The other thing that I wanted to note is we
2 aren't making a decision today and we certainly
3 aren't asking anyone else to make a decision or
4 tell us what their final views are on the
5 Applications before us. We have a number of
6 process steps that we still have to go through
7 before we even get to the stage where we start
8 making a decision, and those include the
9 opportunity to file evidence, so that could be
10 written evidence from your group, it could be
11 evidence in other forms by June 17th. And there
12 will be also opportunities to comment on
13 conditions that could apply to any decision to
14 grant Imperial's request, and there will also be
15 an opportunity to file argument to make your
16 views known.

17 So with all of that in mind, if there is a
18 request to change the process, please write us a
19 letter so that we can consider it and hear from
20 Imperial.

21 The one general comment that I would make
22 is, as a Commission, I know we aren't with you
23 there in Tulita now, but we certainly hope that
24 we could be if we could make that work because
25 when we hear Oral Indigenous Knowledge, we

1 certainly prefer to be in the community. And I
2 expect that as the Canada Energy Regulator
3 continues to regulate Imperial Oil that we will
4 look for opportunities to be back up north and we
5 hope we'll continue to hear from you in the
6 context of that so we can get to the north and
7 meet with you in person, whenever that may be.

8 So those are the sort of remarks that I have
9 in response to the questions that were posed, and
10 they were fair questions in terms of the process.

11 This afternoon, with the little bit of
12 background that I've provided, I'd like to open
13 up the session again to see if there are any
14 others who would like to take the time to share
15 with us, whether it's comments about process or
16 the effects of the Norman Wells Operations or the
17 Applications. We're here, and if there were any
18 other presenters who wanted to present or who
19 wanted to make any additions, we'll continue to
20 take the time for that this afternoon.

21 So those are the Commission's remarks
22 regarding the question that was posed.

23 I'm going to at this point because we've
24 heard from presenters and you've heard from me, I
25 would just like to give an opportunity to

1 Imperial Oil as well if there are any comments on
2 any of the process questions that you would like
3 to speak to today.

4 We're not making a decision, but if there's
5 something that you would like to offer as a way
6 of a submission today, I'll give you the
7 opportunity to do that now.

8 MS. MAEVE O'NEILL SANGER: Thank you, Chair.

9 No substantial submissions to make. I would
10 just note that we've been listening. That's sort
11 of the purpose of this step in the process. So
12 Imperial is here to listen today.

13 Imperial does consult on a regular basis,
14 including -- I'm advised that there were some
15 meetings last August in Tulita. Imperial's been
16 reaching out to try and find a date that works
17 for everyone to have another meeting. It'll
18 continue to do so.

19 So we'll continue to follow the process that
20 the CER has set out for this proceeding. Thank
21 you.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: Okay. Thank you for
23 that submission.

24 So I appreciate that may not be the exact
25 response that you were hoping for, but I hope it

1 at least sets out a process. And if there is a
2 request for additional process steps, the only
3 other thing that I would add is, number one, I
4 would invite a letter. If you wish to write a
5 letter or wish to make a request, that that occur
6 promptly because it gives us an opportunity to
7 hear all of the submissions and examine all of
8 the opportunities that we have to engage in
9 person or through other steps in the process. So
10 I would encourage you to examine the potential to
11 file that promptly.

12 The other thing I would offer is Tony is
13 certainly available and I will ask him as well to
14 reach out again to ensure that access to all of
15 the materials related to the applications are
16 easy to find and something that anybody who
17 wishes to find, they will know where to find
18 them.

19 So from a process perspective, the materials
20 are available online, but that doesn't mean that
21 they are always easy to locate when you're
22 looking for them. So Tony on behalf of the
23 Canada Energy Regulator is available and I'll ask
24 him to reach out proactively to make sure that he
25 assists with locating any materials that anybody

1 may be struggling to find.

2 So I understand that we might have had a
3 glitch with the room in Tulita, but that it's
4 fixed. Is everything okay there? I'd like to
5 turn things over to you, having given you sort of
6 the response to the question and to hear if there
7 are any other presenters who would like to add,
8 or new presenters who would like to continue with
9 us this afternoon, because we would like to hear
10 from you if you are available and ready to go.

11 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Can we get a translation after
12 what -- the remarks you made? Thank you.

13 Michael is going to translate.

14 You're going to do another one?

15 Craig Andrew, Jr. is going to do
16 another -- he's going to be another presenter.

17 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Can you hear me? Can you hear
18 me?

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: We can hear you well.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: I have a comment and a
22 question. But I'm going to state them in my own
23 language. The comment I was going to state in my
24 own language and the question is in English.

25 [Speaking Sahtu Dene]

1 I have one question regarding 490 corridor
2 replacement. The reason we say for you guys to
3 come and meet with us, because it's very
4 important. In regards to 490 corridor
5 replacement, and I know where it's at, it's by
6 Bear Island. And the Bear Island, in the
7 springtime, we have -- like we said, we have
8 Goose Island too. And since the beginning of
9 time, we have food for geese, on Bear Island and
10 Goose Island. That's why every springtime, we've
11 got a lot of activities happening, pipe sticking
12 out, but nothing stops them from going there,
13 geese.

14 But now that you had a broken pipe there,
15 it's of really concern to us. We don't know how
16 much Imperial Oil expects to draw from the river,
17 the water, and complete this project. How low
18 will the water level impact this project too? So
19 that's my question because right now -- right now
20 we have climate change is happening. It's really
21 affecting how high we are on Mackenzie River.

22 So if you're going to have to change a
23 broken pipeline, you know, there are some other
24 things that we really need to look at. That's
25 why -- [Speaking Sahtú Dene] Máhsi. [Speaking

1 Sahtu Dene]

2 MR. MICHAEL NEYELLE: That was Fred. He says we spoke
3 about this Imperial Oil thing for many, many,
4 many years. Whatever we said to Imperial Oil in
5 the past, we're not going to change it. We're
6 going to keep saying it. And that's the
7 decision, to make that Renewable Resources
8 Council. And one decision there is for you to
9 visit.

10 But your request to write a letter, the RRC
11 to write a letter to you, he says we don't need
12 to write a letter to you guys because we made
13 that request here at this meeting. So we need to
14 meet right away without this letter being
15 written.

16 And there's one area that Fred mentioned was
17 the 490 corridor replacement, Bear Island area
18 and I think, Goose Island. That's why it's
19 important to meet with Imperial Oil. And those
20 islands that Fred referred to, those are really
21 good habitats for geese on those two islands.

22 But if you look and visit those two islands,
23 you'll notice that there's a lot of pipes, steel
24 pipes sticking out of the ground, broken pipes.
25 But still the geese go there to the island. And

1 that island, because of the geese, it's very
2 important for Tulita.

3 So how -- the question here is, how will
4 Imperial Oil deal with these two islands, and
5 especially now with the low water level
6 happening, and global warming, climate change is
7 happening all around us too.

8 Those are the concerns that Fred had.

9 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Anybody else, presenter?
10 David?

11 MR. DAVID MENACHO: Thank you. My name is David
12 Menacho.

13 I mean, questions were asked here today
14 about extending this meeting for another date. I
15 mean, I don't know if my question got to the
16 Panel or to Imperial Oil is that, okay, if we do
17 a letter from the RRC, when will we get a reply
18 back of saying, yes, we'll meet or no, we can't
19 meet in person?

20 So that's a question. When will they get a
21 reply back of extending the meeting? Máhsi cho.
22 Thank you.

23 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Any other presenters? Gordon?

24 Gordon Yakeleya.

25 MR. GORDON YAKELEYA: I'm just going to stay and speak

1 here.

2 I guess one thing that has Dene people up in
3 (inaudible) area, we have signed a land statement
4 which states that what we want to see. I know
5 consultation is one of the big words that we use.
6 We want to know as individuals and leaders and
7 everybody in Tulita knowing what's going on.
8 This is why I think that consultation,
9 negotiations with the Norman Wells oilfield
10 (inaudible). That's under section, I think, 9.2.

11 And I think as Imperial Oil and Canada has
12 an obligation to the people, the Dene people, to
13 consultation properly so we know what to comment
14 on when you talk about this Application. We
15 never seen the Application.

16 One of the things I wanted to remind you
17 guys is that when you meet at Tulita, we want you
18 to meet with everybody as a whole, not with
19 different organizations, because we have a right
20 to know, everybody has the right to know for
21 their future, like somebody mentioned, for our
22 future generations. We want to make something
23 out of them for them to have a better life.

24 That's why I think that is very important to
25 us, consultation. We heard across Canada

1 Indigenous people bringing up this concern about
2 consultation.

3 I believe that's right, it's true, all of
4 it. We all have kids. All of us. We want to
5 have the best future for them. And without
6 consulting us, we wouldn't know what's going on.

7 So I think that you guys have an obligation
8 to negotiate in good faith that we want to work
9 together with you guys and tell us what's exactly
10 (inaudible) so we can comment properly way when
11 coming back to you guys.

12 And another one I have with that, somebody
13 mentioned about that water licence. I
14 guess -- like I think you might have a body in
15 place in the Sahtu that deals with that issue,
16 but what is the deadline for that? We don't
17 know. I don't know.

18 I need -- we need to know what the deadline
19 for Esso to get that water licence. That's
20 another issue that I think we need to understand,
21 too.

22 So I just wanted to say this. I think it's
23 very important for us that we have a face-to-face
24 meeting. After we learn about the Application,
25 we can have all the comments to you guys and you

1 can hear a lot from us. Máhsi.

2 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Michael?

3 Any other presenters? Norman?

4 And you guys say your name.

5 MR. NORMAN ANDREW: [Speaking Sahtu Dene]

6 MR. MICHAEL NEYELLE: That was Norman Andrew. He says
7 the Applications, why? Why the three
8 Applications? We know it's written, but still,
9 there's still the question. It's okay with the
10 Application, but we need to have face-to-face
11 meetings. Here you guys are on TV, on the Zoom,
12 and that's not good enough for Norman.

13 Elders always sit and taught us that we need
14 to -- if we're going to talk with each other, we
15 need to have face to face, plus we need to share
16 all the important information. And public
17 meetings, like public gatherings, I think is
18 needed to deal with these applications that are
19 here. And once we review these two applications,
20 we'll make a presentation to you guys.

21 We need the land for food to survive. Today
22 Norman was saying that the only food that he gets
23 is from the store. But, you know, he still lives
24 a good life and likes to continue to depend on
25 the traditional food and fish. And today he

1 noticed too that the water level was down, and
2 that affects fishing. You can't really set nets
3 for the fish. And that seems to be disappearing.

4 And the oil development. If these two
5 applications go ahead, it will affect our way of
6 life and it will affect -- continue to affect
7 Fort Good Hope, who are still suffering, and we
8 will continue to complain, because then Good Hope
9 people, they depend on the fish. And not only
10 Good Hope but all the way to Iklavik too.

11 And this water too. If it gets
12 contaminated, it will affect the fish habitats
13 and that's the one reason why we're concerned.
14 We want our children to survive also in the
15 future. Very important. Like right now, Norman
16 was saying that he doesn't have any children but
17 he's got a lot of nephews and nieces, and he
18 wants to make sure that they're going to live
19 long and survive.

20 The Government of Canada is trying hard, but
21 Imperial Oil Limited, I don't think they're
22 trying hard. They must consult us for us to live
23 a good life. Imperial Oil's application, I don't
24 know if it's good or it's not good. I don't
25 know, he says. That was Norman.

1 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Máhsi. Anybody else? Edward
2 Kenney.

3 MR. EDWARD KENNEY: My name is Edward Kenney. I was
4 wondering this application for 490 is very
5 important to you guys, because you put it on the
6 table. And the thing is my concern is we could
7 say yes or no, but the downstream people, like
8 Fort Good Hope, they're the ones that have got to
9 say the most things, they could say yes or no,
10 but for us we're concerned about our people
11 downstream from you guys.

12 And 490 is really important from Bear
13 Island -- [technical difficulties] But I don't
14 know what the content is going to be, oil or
15 water. It doesn't say in the application. I was
16 just looking through it. But I don't know what
17 you guys are going to be transporting, oil or
18 water. It's going to be important to you guys so
19 you're applying for this application 490.

20 But pretty well all my life I've worked for
21 Imperial Oil Norman Wells Esso, and I've seen
22 downstream people suffering more than upstream
23 people, you know? Good Hope, they are the
24 worst -- they get the worst end of it. So we
25 could put them together, like put Good Hope, and

1 Tulita, and the whole communities concerned
2 together as one group and then we could discuss
3 this issue with you guys. Thank you.

4 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Translation.

5 No other presenters? Joe? Anybody?

6 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: On the other side, any
7 presenters? No more?

8 MS. STELLA BAYHA: We have Eldon here that wanted to
9 speak.

10 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Great. Go ahead.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: We can hear you.

12 MR. ELDON HORASSI: My main concern is -- my name is
13 Horassi. My main concern is lack of knowledge
14 currently. I'm not aware what -- it's been
15 brought up several times about this application.
16 I believe two applications were presented
17 forward, and it hasn't gone into detail yet what
18 exactly these applications entail. So I was just
19 wondering if we can go into detail exactly what's
20 being brought forward. With the first and second
21 applications.

22 MS. STELLA BAYHA: You can hear? Okay.

23 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: The Panel can hear us?

24 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Any more presenters?

25 If there's no more, then we'll go back

1 to -- we'll go back to you guys.

2 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Frank, you guys could hear us?

3 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Yeah. Sophia? [Speaking Sahtu
4 Dene]

5 Can the Panel hear us?

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: We can hear you.

7 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Sally, you can hear us?

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: We could.

9 MS. STELLA BAYHA: She said she could hear us.

10 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Can you see my hand?

11 MS. STELLA BAYHA: She said she could hear us.

12 CHIEF FRANK ANDREW: You can hear me?

13 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Yeah, we can hear you. I don't
14 know about --

15 CHIEF FRANK ANDREW: I want to say something.

16 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Go ahead.

17 CHIEF FRANK ANDREW: Okay. [Speaking Sahtu Dene]

18 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Michael?

19 MR. MICHAEL NEYELLE: Frank was saying that as Dene,
20 like, that's why we have meetings. It's very
21 important that we have meetings like this because
22 we have our concerns and we have our worries. As
23 Dene, what's important for us is very important.
24 And to live the land, to live as a Dene, the
25 water is very important. Wildlife is also very

1 important.

2 And we live here, we were born here, and we
3 will continue to live here. And where we live on
4 a land that is rough, maybe harsh, and the water
5 is part of our life, especially the Mackenzie
6 River, at least to the Arctic Ocean.

7 In 19 -- I don't know what year it was when
8 Berger -- Berger did an inquiry, and at that time
9 people were saying that the land and the water
10 are so important to us. As Dene people, we want
11 to keep our land and water for the future. We
12 have our own laws, how to take care of our land
13 and water which is sacred to us.

14 Today everything seems to be changing.
15 Land, water changing. And it affects our way of
16 life. Even forest fire is also becoming a major
17 problem.

18 We want the future to look good for us and
19 the future generations. As Dene, lots of changes
20 the way of our life. We've faced a lot of
21 changes.

22 Like Frank, he's over 60 years old and lived
23 the way of the non-Indigenous people. These
24 Applications asking us to support for -- support
25 from the people here. If we give you support,

1 what will you give us in return?

2 Our land given to us by the Creator, and we
3 want to take good care of our land and the water.

4 Our food is also a concern for our people
5 like ducks, beaver, caribou, moose, goats,
6 ptarmigan, grouse, fish, everything.

7 Fort Good Hope people, we want to work with
8 them. We want to work as a team. And also with
9 Imperial Oil and Canada. We've got to listen to
10 our people.

11 The pipeline that happened that they
12 constructed from Norman Wells, it broke, had a
13 leak around Wrigley area. And those things
14 should be prevented.

15 So saying that maybe we should write a
16 letter, the TRRC should write a letter to protect
17 our land and not to waste our land like a city.
18 A city they don't have anything probably, good
19 land or water any more.

20 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Any more presenters?

21 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Any more from the bank, Frank?

22 CHIEF FRANK ANDREW: Yeah, I think we're okay on this
23 side from the bank -- the Band chamber.

24 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: [Speaking Sahtu Dene]

25 CHIEF FRANK ANDREW: Just a little thought on the

1 letter that they're asking for. I think it's a
2 good idea to give them a letter, write them a
3 letter so they follow up on what they're saying,
4 they come visit us. Máhsi.

5 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Okay. We do that. And I
6 guess --

7 [OFF-RECORD DISCUSSION]

8 MS. STELLA BAYHA: Sophia?

9 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Everybody from the Panel can
10 hear me? Sophia?

11 [OFF-RECORD DISCUSSION]

12 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Hello? Anybody from the Panel,
13 can you hear us?

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: We can hear you.

15 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Okay. So the band and RRC
16 here, I think that everything is finished and
17 we're going to wrap up. So we just want to know
18 if you have any comment or question?

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: I wanted to take a
20 moment to again say, thank you. I know this
21 is -- this has been a challenging format, you
22 have said, in terms of participating today, and
23 we thank you for working with us. And thank you
24 to the interpreter, to Michael Neyelle, for
25 helping us and translating back and forth. We

1 really appreciate that assistance very much and I
2 know that's not easy.

3 There were a few questions that were asked,
4 and what I would say, I just have a couple of
5 comments regarding those.

6 There was a question about how fast we would
7 respond. If there's a letter filed that says we
8 would like to meet with Imperial Oil in Norman
9 Wells, or we would like to have face-to-face
10 meetings with the Commission and explaining that,
11 what I can say is that the Commission will
12 respond to that as quickly as we can. And so
13 that would mean that you would hear from us
14 within days and weeks in terms of getting a
15 decision. That is something that we would take
16 very seriously and move ahead quickly.

17 There was also a question about having the
18 applications explained, and I just wanted to
19 reiterate that I will ensure that we have our
20 Process Advisor reach out to the community to
21 make sure that the applications are located. And
22 also I would encourage direct communication and
23 engagement, which Imperial counsel's referenced,
24 is to reach out to the group and to engage.
25 Because certainly that is an opportunity to also

1 address questions.

2 And then just the last question I wanted to
3 address, there was this very specific question
4 about the Line 490 application and the islands,
5 and I would just advise Imperial Oil that the
6 Commission would certainly receive a response to
7 that question as part of the package of questions
8 that has been issued. So for clarity, that is an
9 opportunity for Imperial to respond to that
10 question that has been posed in the context of
11 this session, but that can be included with the
12 responses that I think are filed next week.

13 So those are my comments, just in response
14 to the questions that I have heard.

15 Thank you to all of us joining from multiple
16 locations. On behalf of my colleagues, we're
17 grateful for what we were able to hear from you
18 about the applications, about the Norman Wells
19 application, your experiences and relationships
20 with Fort Good Hope and some of the things that
21 are important to you. And I know -- we hear you
22 that this was not all that you would like to
23 share with us, but thank you for at least taking
24 the time this afternoon to share what you did.

25 For this afternoon, that concludes the

1 formal part of the session from my perspective,
2 but I do understand that we were going to close
3 to with a prayer that would be led from -- led
4 from you, I believe, Mr. Andrew. Is that right?

5 So I will send that back to you and again I
6 would like to say thank you. There will be a
7 transcript of this. We will be following up to
8 make sure that we have captured all of the names
9 correctly and corrections can be filed if there
10 are any mistakes that are made. As I said, we
11 look forward to following up and moving ahead
12 with what we have heard today from everybody. So
13 thank you.

14 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Yeah, we're going to do that
15 closing prayer, and Gordon is going to do that
16 closing prayer for us.

17 [Speaking Sahtú Dene]

18 [Closing Prayer]

19 MR. FREDERICK ANDREW: Máhsi, Máhsi. Thank you.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER LUCIUK: Thank you to you all.

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