

MI'GMAWEI MAWIOMI SECRETARIAT

GNUA'TAQUAN

IGANIGA'TUNEJ SAMQWAN



SPECIAL ISSUE 2 - DECEMBER 2017

Let's Talk MORE About: OIL & GAS

4 Sessions • 85 Participants

Gesgapegiag • Gespeg • Listuguj • Montreal



LISTUGUJ
GESPEG
GESGAPEGIAG

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LET'S TALK MORE: OIL & GAS (SECOND ROUND OF SESSIONS)

Welcome to another Special Issue our *"Iganiga'tunej Samqwan"* Gnu'a'taqan, which means *"Putting Our Water First"*.

In this second Special Issue of *"Iganiga'tunej Samqwan"*, we once again provide the results, comments and questions from the series of Community Sessions entitled 'Let's Talk', with the subject being Hydrocarbons. The second round of sessions were held during late November and early December 2017.

In total, 85 participants joined us during these informative presentations, which also allowed for Question & Answer periods from the audience after each presentation, all of which we share in this publication.

The first presentation of the evening, was Richard Jeannotte, MMS Legal Counsel, who gave a presentation on Mi'gmaq Rights and Title. Richard spoke about the constitution of Canada and the division of powers between the federal and provincial government, Section 35 of the Constitutional Act, 1982 was explained and linked to the legal obligation of the crown to consult and accommodate Mi'gmaq rights and title. The hydrocarbons legislation drafted by Quebec was also reviewed and analyzed.

Bassem Abdradou, P.Eng. M.A.Sc, Senior Project Manager, LMG presented a reflection on the Risks of Oil and Gas production. Bassem's presentation included the different stages oil and gas goes through before it can be used and

the concerns and risks associated with each step. When Bassem wasn't available at some of these sessions, Mathieu Lehoux-Gray of MMS presented on his behalf.

Scott Metallic, Field Monitor for MMS gave the last presentation; he presented a short summary of his visit to the Junex site. He informed us of the water tests near the Gault sites and the water analysis data from the observation wells that are on each site. He also showed us pictures of Junex's environmental safeguards.

The feedback from the participants were shared with the Mi'gmawei Mawiommi Leadership during their Assembly meeting on Dec. 12 & 13th, as were the survey results. Community members can still have a voice by taking part in the surveys that are conducted in each community. See the next page for more info.

If you were unable to attend these sessions, we will have some of the presentations from both first and second rounds available on our website: www.migmawei.ca

Follow us on Facebook for more information on any future 'Let's Talk' sessions that will be in your community.

Bookmark our Events page for updates.

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COMMUNITY SURVEYS - YOUR SAY

- Leadership met on Dec. 12-13 for a formal update and direction on further steps.

- Leadership gave the mandate to continue the Community surveys on Oil & Gas in Gespe'gewa'gi.

If you haven't filled out a survey on Oil and Gas yet, please contact Erika Barnaby at 418.788.1760 ext. 8141 or by email at ebarnaby@migmawei.ca to set up your appointment.

Conducting the Oil & Gas surveys are:

- Nancy Jalbert in Gespeg
- Jeannette Martin and Amanda Crozier in Gesgapegiag
- Sandy Germain and Audrey Isaac in Listuguj

Community Surveys - Current Stats

Gespeg • 153 Surveys Conducted

Gesgapegiag • 101 Surveys Conducted

Listuguj • 219 Surveys Conducted

** The current Community sessions and Community Surveys are NOT Consultation sessions.*

LET'S TALK MORE: OIL & GAS - *ROUND 2*

Gespeg Session • **November 20th** **13 Community Members**



LET'S TALK MORE: OIL & GAS - *ROUND 2*

Your Comments • **Your Questions**

Editors Note : On these upcoming pages, we provide more of the comments/questions heard during the 2nd round of presentations at all 4 Community Sessions in Gesgapegiag, Gespeg, Listuguj & Montreal. The comments/questions are printed exactly as they were heard at the sessions - none were edited.

- Do you have to dig through the bedrock in order to get the oil?
- Concrete actions? Mandates for negotiations. Letter from Minister Kelly. Letter says we will participate in the negotiations.
- When they do their assessments do they know what's in the layers? They must know the density of the material?
- The site you visited- where were they?
- Why does the well leak? What do they mean by active wells that leak?
- Those are the only places they are exploring? None in Listuguj? In Gesgapegiag?
- If there's fracking - how far is the range of impact?
- I saw them covering up some stuff – you wouldn't believe it. They bury well all that was done in the 1800's.
- They use water to create the steam (for fracking)? How many gallons of water do you think they use?
- Both Junex and Petroliia were working together for a while.
- How is it that the government is allowing this type of process to go through (fracking) even though there are no studies – it says it's an environmental friendly procedure.
- Is there a way for companies to come in here without our permission?
- Is it easy to state that these types of procedures (fracking) could put our land and water quality at risk?
- Why don't we just say no? That's it and that's all.
- Concerns about contamination at the site. All material around the site. (Animals, Water, etc).
- We have fracking all over the world and we have a lot of scientific proof that it's ruining our world.
- An inconvenience is not enough for a "Yes" or "No" in court. Questioned about Injunctions.
- Who says that the fracking companies will honour the [MM] resolution?
- Titles?
- What happens if pipelines, etc... blow up? What are the environmental impacts?



LET'S TALK MORE: OIL & GAS - *ROUND 2*

Listuguj Session • November 22nd 32 Community Members





Your Comments • Your Questions

- Can you prove that if you don't have access to oil that people will die?
- Oil and gas that would be extracted from our territory it would be most beneficial for companies and not us? What are the benefits for the First Nation communities?
- It was said in the presentation that the railroad was fragile, in which way is it fragile?
- When an occurrence happens – where does the contaminated soil go?
- Let's say they (Gespeg, Gesgapegiag) agree to oil and gas and Listuguj doesn't agree? It could become a conflict.
- In regards to the Chilcotin decision – the Supreme Court say that if they can justify with substantial documentation, companies could override aboriginal title and rights. Two recent cases in Ontario title rights are giving the rights to consultation and accommodation. How can communities move forward with a plan?
- Companies - Do they still have an obligation to consult with the Mi'gmaq?
- Monitoring regulations is up to the community members or MMS?
- What activities are stopped for the 4 months?
- Is it the 5 drilling sites? Until January?
- Are there any natives sitting at the board of Junex?
- What is the best course of action for insuring, implementing and putting in place a title?
- Is it better to continue with the land claim or more important to go for a title claim?
- The blow-ups aren't as rare as everyone thinks.
- There isn't enough information coming out on oil and gas and despite the information going out, it fails to explain in the simplest terms and I [name withheld] would like to help with this.
- The presentations need to be brought down to a kindergarten level for everyone to understand.
- A Councillor [name withheld] stated that they would like to be invited to the meetings that are held with the government.
- Is the information/statistics given by the companies trustable? Or is it watered down before coming back to us?



LET'S TALK MORE: OIL & GAS - *ROUND 2*

Gesgapegiag Session • **November 22nd** **20 Community Members**





Your Comments • Your Questions

- What does social acceptability mean?
- The Cree have an agreement. The environment has to be protected and socially accepted.
- There is a downplay of pipelines breaking. It is misleading information and they downplay the impact – 200 Million gallons of oil is a lot
- Given the risks and the likeliness of a pipeline breaking, Pipeline is probably one of the safest ways and need to choose a track and get away from sensitive areas so that everyone benefits.
- If there is not enough oil in the ground then is there enough through with oil and gas in Gespe'gewa'gi?
- Why would you quote Mark Zuckerberg?
- Are there any resolutions on Oil and Gas?
- Let's assume there is an IBA (Impact & Benefits Agreement) – How do we expect the Leadership to agree to share resources/ money when they can't even agree to share the money from the Wind Farm.
- Does Gesgapegiag have their own type of regulations?
- What will happen to the salmon if we say yes to fracking?



LET'S TALK MORE: OIL & GAS - *ROUND 2*

Montreal Session • **November 30th** **20 Community Members**





Your Comments • Your Questions

- Are they drilling here in Gesgapegiag?
- They say we are fracking, what is fracking?
- What is used to stimulate gas, it seems very risky.
- Are you going to do chemical testing?
- Is there any place where we can find statistics on accidents?
- If we go ahead with fracking, is it a partnership?
- How much does it cost for a permit?
- Why does the government call us Indians?
- How do you know if it is natural?
- Do they inject chemicals into the ground?
- What are the environmental impacts?
- Are we fighting or are we finding benefits?
- What are we waiting for?
- Are these conventional wells?
- Is there fracking in our territory?
- When you test the water, do you randomly select your sites?
- Is the company well known?
- Has there been any testing done on the local moose, is the water that the moose is drinking impacting them?
- Maybe it should be a requirement to have to drink the water.





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