

- ### **Recommendations:**

- i) HTOs are willing to set community limits, close off hunting areas and enact other non-quota limitations at the community level.
- ii) HTOs have expressed a willingness to work with neighbouring HTOs, particularly those who share hunting grounds.



- iii) HTOs recognize they lack the supports to enforce their bylaws. HTOs do not have the same powers or supports that conservation officers do.

THEREFORE, QWB strongly encourages the GN to work with us to develop a strategy to improve the working relationship between HTOs and Conservation Officers. Currently, the working relationship between these two entities range from productive to not. More efficient relationships across the whole region would greatly support all co-management partners with information on harvest, caribou health and numbers. Supporting this may require changes in the division of powers and may require some financial investment.

2) Mining and development:

Co-management partners can comment on forthcoming development projects. QWB encourages all members to voice their concerns about the potential impacts development can have on the health of wildlife, particularly to migration routes and calving areas. We also endorse calls for community based monitoring.

Also, although Regional Inuit Associations are mandated to negotiate directly with development companies, I argue Regional Wildlife Boards should also be a member of any IIBA negotiations impacting their respective regions. Doing this will ensure the range of community harvestors concerns are represented.

3) Commerical and non-beneficary hunting:

Currently, commercial tags are distributed through community conservation offices. In considering current low caribou numbers, the distribution of these tags should be halted.

Also, the GN should designate the HTO with this responsibility. Doing this would allow the HTO to have a fuller picture of who is harvesting caribou around their community. Such action would be in line with the NLCA, for example, sections 5.7.3 (c) & (d) AND 5.7.6 (a), (c) & (d).