

Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board

Minutes – December 3-4, 2019

EMAB Boardroom, Yellowknife, NT

Present:

Charlie Catholique, *Chair*

Jack Kaniak, *Vice-Chair*

Adrian D'hont, *Alternate*

Laurie McGregor, *Alternate*

Gord Macdonald, *Director* (by phone)

Violet Camsell-Blondin, *Director* (Day 2)

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

Kitikmeot Inuit Association

North Slave Metis Alliance

GNWT

Diavik Diamond Mines

Tlicho Government

Absent:

Machel Thomas, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Yellowknives Dene First Nation

Staff:

John McCullum, *Executive Director*

(minutes)

Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board

Jayne Matthiessen, *Environmental Specialist*

(minutes)

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Guests:

Jamie Steele, Lands (Day 1)

Tom Bradbury, Lands (Day 1)

Abbie Stewart, MSES (Day 1, by phone)

Loretta Ransom, ENR (Day 1 & 2)

Hamsha Pathmanathan, ENR (Day 1 & 2)

Kelly Fischer, ENR (Day 1)

Anneli Jokela, WLWB (Day 1)

Kassandra DeFrancis, WLWB (Day 1)

Lorraine Seale, Lands (Day 2)

Sean Sinclair, Diavik (Day 2, by phone)

Richard Storrie, Diavik (Day 2)

Myra Berrub, Diavik (Day 2)

Winter Bailey, Diavik (Day 2)

Tuesday, December 3 Meeting at 9am in Yellowknife
1. Call to Order
EMAB Chair opened the meeting at 9:04am
Moment of Silence
Roundtable introductions
2. Approval of Agenda

Chair reviews agenda

Motion: *to approve agenda as presented*

Moved: Adrian D'hont

Second: Laurie McGregor

Motion carried

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion: *to approve minutes from Sept 10-11, 2019*

Moved: Laurie McGregor

Second: Jack Kaniak

Motion carried

Email motions noted.

ED reviews action items

Action item: Look into finding more information on old wildlife incident reports on the winter road. TCWR JV only has last three years. ENR may have old records.

Diavik updates Board on their action item to report study results on hydrocarbon reducing bacteria in the North Inlet:

- Diavik did testing in April '19 to see if there were bacteria in the North Inlet to break down hydrocarbons; key bacteria were present
- Populations of bacteria are present in higher numbers in areas of the inlet with more hydrocarbons
- No formal plans or timeline for when this will become a regulatory submission

Q: Is there a way to predict how long it might take to reduce hydrocarbon levels?

A: This will be reported in appendix X-19 of ICRP V. 4.1

Action item: Request presentation from Greg Sharam from ERM (presenter at 2019 Geoscience Forum) on his ZOI research for a future Board meeting

5. Financial Report to November 2019

ED presents finance and variance reports items from meeting kit

Noted that excess funds from honoraria and preparation days (due to less members requesting honorariums) was reallocated to workshop line

Motion: to approve budget revision as presented

Moved: Adrian D'hont

Second: Jack Kaniak
carried

Discussion about what the EA says about Parties not attending meetings

- EA only requires that members and alternates are appointed
- If a party has no appointees, it's our job to tell them to appoint a member and alternate
- No EA requirement for meeting attendance

Q: Is EMAB ongoing if one party is always absent?

A: Yes as long as there is quorum EMAB goes on as usual

Q: What if the party is not there for a year

A: No policies about that

Support for sending letter to YKDFN and the Government of Canada requesting their participation with EMAB. ED to check in with YKDFN rep to find out status of change in YKDFN member.

Action item: Draft letters to YKDFN and the Gov. of Canada requesting their participation in EMAB meetings

ED Performance Review postponed until Committee members meet ie. later in the meeting. Noted that it has been difficult to contact Julian.

Action Item: request Julian step down from Personnel Committee to allow appointment of new member.

Break 10:20-10:40am

6. SSRBCC Workshop

ED presented item from kit.

Discussion on workshop about how CCME guidelines are developed and how they relate to SSRBCC

- May cost \$5,000-\$10,000
- North-South consulting might be able to help facilitate

Action Item: Gord Macdonald to look into possible facilitators for this kind of workshop

Action item: put together package about possible workshop, including cost and consultant for the next Board meeting (Feb 26-27, 2020)

7. Workplanning for 2020/2021

ED presented item from kit

Discussion:

- Noted that MVEIRB may issue EA Decision Report on PKMW proposal on Dec 6. This would affect workplanning with respect to WLWB proceeding.
- A21 Deep Review not on the Workplan. Noted that our review of A21 deep should be done before 2020.
- Q: does the board still travel for community updates?
- A: Yes. We were supposed to go to Kugluktuk in July but all hotels were booked. It has been a long time since an update with YKDFN or NSMA. Staff were very busy until September but we have some more flexibility now to look into community meetings.
- Lutsel K'e is hoping for an update soon. Charlie will let staff know his schedule, and will check with WLEC
- Some interest in out of town workshops, especially for TK and closure
- Note that EMAB used to be resourceful at getting matching funding for workshops from government;
 - Could look into possible external contributions
- Idea to suggest that GNWT go to communities to discuss EA amendment. Maybe EMAB could piggyback a workshop on to that.
- ED to contact Jessica Hurtubise at NSMA about a possible update
- Thoughts on removing anything from the workplan:
 - Diavik noted that adaptive management becomes less important as time goes on. It is unlikely that Diavik will make changes to programs that are not related to closure (e.g. the Water Management Plan).
 - Reviewing these programs takes Board and staff time.
- Noted that 2019 AEMP submission deadline may be extended

Action item: Add A21 Deep and workshop planning (for TK/Closure, look for funding from GNWT) to the workplan

Break for lunch – Gord will be signing back in at 3:15 for item 12

Lunch 11:40am-1pm

8. Responses to WMP recommendations & next steps

Meeting resumed at 1pm

Abbie Stewart from MSES joined meeting via conference call

ES presents item from meeting kit with support from MSES

Discussion:

Caribou Behaviour Monitoring

- Ask communities to report when members see caribou on site and any incidents.
- These could also be brought up at Diavik community meetings
- Generally felt that adaptive management in response to caribou behavior is important
- Communities are concerned about effects of the mine on caribou; any changes to monitoring should not be done until communities are consulted
- Need to continue monitoring

ZOI

- Follow-up on John Boulanger's presentation on monitoring ZOI using collars (from April 2018 workshop). Has it been published?
- Get a copy of Sharman paper from Geoscience Forum; provide a copy to MSES

Caribou Behaviour Data

- EMAB asked Diavik to provide data in a different form
- Results relate to power analysis; how many observations are needed before a statistically valid analysis can be done.

Remainder of item tabled for later in the meeting

Abbie left the meeting

Action Item: Find out if John Boulanger's presentation on monitoring ZOI using collars (from April 2018 workshop) has been published.

Action Item: Get a copy of Sharman paper from Geoscience Forum; provide a copy to MSES.

9. NSC Proposal to Assess Mercury in Lake Trout

Item tabled for a later meeting

10. EAQMP Workshop Discussion

Loretta Ransom, Kelly Fischer, and Hamsha Pathmanathan from ENR joined the meeting. At this time, Kelly is assisting with air quality issues on a temporary basis.

Concern expressed about yellow haze and how to test it.

Action item: EMAB to recommend that Diavik sample yellow haze or develop a program to sample it

ED reviews draft agenda for proposed EAQMP workshop.

Discussion:

- 1 day workshop
- Discuss topics included in Arcadis program review of the EAQMP
- Diavik should not stop TSP monitoring. They need to monitor for changes over time, which can't be detected if monitoring stops
- Start off workshop by making it clear what the expectations and requirements for Diavik are in the CSR and EA
- Suggestion to bring in someone from Ekati or Gahcho Kue to present. They have successful TSP monitoring programs.
- Suggestion to include outstanding and previous recommendations on the workshop agenda
- Suggestion to invite people from the WLWB
- Suggestion to invite Marc from IEMA
- Would be good to bring community members
- Suggestion to tack workshop onto a Board meeting to reduce costs
- Suggestion to request GNWT funding

Loretta noted that GNWT is drafting a letter to EMAB regarding working together on air quality issues.

Action Item: Organize a one-day EAQMP workshop with Diavik, GNWT, WLWB

Action item: Laurie to let EMAB staff know who to request GNWT funding through

Kelly, Hamsha, Loretta and Laurie left the meeting

Break 2:30-2:45

11. Inspectors Report

Jamie Steele and Tom Bradbury joined the meeting

Tom will be the new inspector for Diavik. He was a federal inspector in the past as well as an inspector at the Snap Lake mine.

No concerns since last meeting. Lands Inspectors are now fully staffed.

Jamie presents inspection report. Noted that sewage from underground is collected and taken to the sewage treatment plant.

Jamie and Tom left the meeting

12. WLWB Update

Anneli Jokela and Kassandra DeFrancis from the WLWB joined the meeting. Gord Macdonald also joined the meeting by phone.

Anneli presents on upcoming WLWB reviews

- ICRP 4.1: may take a few weeks for the WLWB to complete the conformity check before the ICRP is released for public review. Report is due from Diavik December 19. Public review period should take a couple months.
- AEMP Design Plan 5.1 was just put out for public review. Comments due January 14.
- 2 ongoing proceedings: PKMW and A21 Deep
- Expecting updates to the WRSA and PKC Facility plans soon
- Received an extension request for the 2019 AEMP Report
- Heard that they might get a submission related to modification of the cover of the WRSA

Discussion on review periods

- Noted that EMAB typically needs 6 weeks to complete our reviews. 4 week deadlines are tight and some of the Parties have also said 4 weeks is not long enough.
- If review involves a lot of material more time is needed.
- WLWB noted that they must balance review periods to take legislated timelines into account. They take this into consideration and that there is always the option to request extension

Discussion on PK to Pits Amendment

- MVEIRB's report is not out yet; WLWB does not know their next steps until they see it.
- Noted that typically when MVEIRB EA reports come in the next step is an IR phase
- Could also be a change to the amendment application, so that would require a review.

Discussion on coordination between MVEIRB and WLWB on PKMW

- Originally intended a more coordinated approach but feedback from communities and other parties required changes
- The Boards aren't really coordinated during their own review phases
- The WLWB's process stopped when they referred the assessment to MVEIRB
- WLWB's process will pick back up when MVEIRB's assessment is complete
- Information available from the EA will still be available for the WLWB review
- Q: was the change to the coordinated approach communicated formally:
- A: never really a formal process; coordinated workplan is the official process

Discussion on recent direction to Diavik to engage with parties on specific aspects of plans (eg. ICRP Ver 4 and AEMP Design)

- WLWB has used this for a while
- Negotiation or consensus is not required
- Intended to help clarify issues for following round of reviews

Discussion on Joint Engagement Policy

- EMAB received the notice about pre-engagement on the policy. EMAB did not participate.
- Noted that Sarah Elsasser is the main contact; follow up with her for more information
- WLWB does not know the timeline for the actual engagement on the policy

Discussion on A21 Deep

- Review is in the preliminary screening phase
- Workplan is being revised; Hearing will be May 13 with Technical Session March 3.
 - may be affected by PK to pits proceeding

Discussion on DFO participation

- WLWB made a presentation in Ottawa to DFO about the importance of DFO's participation in the North. They haven't heard a response from DFO.
- No formal written communication with DFO, just the presentation
- Noted DFO has hired more staff, hopefully that translates to more participation in the future

Anneli and Cassandra left the meeting

Action Item: follow up with Sarah Elsasser on timelines for development of Joint Engagement Policy

13. PKMW Update

ED has spoken with MVEIRB and their report may be out by the end of December. Theoretically they have until June to release it.

ES presents update item from meeting kit

Meeting adjourned for the day

**Wednesday, December 4
Meeting at 9am in Yellowknife**

Chair opens the meeting at 9am

5) (Cont'd.) ED performance review

Personnel Committee states it is happy with ED performance and are recommending a 3% salary increase.

Motion: *to increase the Executive Director salary by 3% based on his performance review*

Moved: Violet Camsell-Blondin

Second: Jack Kaniak

Motion carried

14. EMAB follow-up to Diavik responses to 2017 EAQMP recommendations

ES presents item from meeting kit

Discussion:

- Q: how many recommendations were not responded to?
- A: five for sure, additional five are EMAB staff's interpretation, so would need to be confirmed with Diavik

Action item: Draft letter to Diavik reiterating all 2017 EAQMP report recommendations and requesting response. Note in the letter that these are formal EA recommendations.

15. EMAB Expectations for Responses to Board Recommendations

ED presents item from kit.

Noted that it is important to copy a letter to the person we expect a response from when the person responding is not the same person as the party contact.

Noted that GNWT requested we send letters to Loretta Ransom instead of the Deputy Minister (DM).

- EMAB has tried it this way but we are not getting responses
- EMAB needs to send letters in a way that will get response
- EMAB will go back to sending GNWT letters to the DM
- Noted that it's not as convenient for GNWT staff, but EMAB needs responses

For Diavik, address recommendation to Gord, copy to Sean.

Action Item: EMAB to develop numbering system for recommendations to make it clear which statements are recommendations and identify each recommendation uniquely.

16. Draft Annual Report Summary and Revised Annual Report Text

ES presents item from meeting kit

Discussion on re-draft of EAQMP section of Annual Report

Action item: change re-draft of AR EAQMP section to state that Diavik did not clearly respond to the recommendation (about monthly dust sampling).

Action item: update annual report EAQMP table to say no responses from Diavik

Motion: *to approve revised EAQMP section of 2018-19 Annual Report as amended*

Moved: Laurie McGregor

Second: Violet Camsell-Blondin

Motion carried

Discussion on Annual Report Summary

- Board members do not think it is worthwhile to deliver flyers to all mailboxes
- A downloadable version would be good on the website
- Some hard copies to have at community meetings and for Party offices

Action item: Define acronyms for ECCC and DFO

Action item: change text in ICRP section to 'the plans are supposed to be finalized by 2022' (instead of 'they are supposed to be finalized by 2022')

Motion: *to approve Annual Report Summary text as amended*

Moved: Laurie McGregor

Second: Adrian D'hont

Motion carried

8. (cont'd.) Responses to EMAB WMP recommendations & next steps

ES continued review of WMP recommendations and responses

Discussion:

- Should there be a full review of WMP program?
- Need to escalate request for a program description

Action item: Pursue WMP program description recommendation again, note in the letter that if not addressed EMAB will be sending the issue to the Minister under sections 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 of the EA.

17. Update on GNWT long-term responsibility for mine closure policy

Lorraine Seale from the GNWT joined the meeting to update the Board.

The Public Lands Act was approved in August 2019. The next step is to develop regulations. There will be a provision for public input, including EMAB
Will cover leases, security adjustments, relinquishments, reclamation standards etc.
They are not working on long-term liability right now

Noted that a number of mines are getting ready to close. GNWT is working with the Land & Water Boards. All are interested in working on security for closure. WLWB sent a letter to Diavik in September directing Diavik to engage with GNWT on all future security adjustments.

Q: what GNWT dept. looks after security

A: Securities and Project Assessment Division, Securities and Adjustment Unit, Lands

Q: how is coordination done with ENR, Waters

A: Lands has the lead for security to avoid divergent policies

Noted that Diavik has been dealing with Waters on security

Q: What is status of these policies with respect to water

A: GNWT is working on the Lands Act regulations right now. They hope these will be transferrable to the Waters Act

Noted that all of these items are on the WLWB Public Registry. Also noted that WLWB has directed Diavik to work with ENR Waters on security adjustments.

Diavik is trying to identify the major items with GNWT. Diavik has sent a letter to GNWT identifying areas where there is no consensus.

GNWT is required to provide revised security estimates/adjustments by December 5. Diavik must respond by December 17, after taking GNWT estimates into account.

Noted that GNWT does not have guidance on security holdbacks and refunds. The WLWB makes decisions on security. Diavik is doing progressive reclamation, particularly on the WRSA, and would like to recover part of the security. Note that WLWB sets the amount of security under the water licence while GNWT sets the form of security.

Suggested EMAB needs a presentation on security from Diavik/GNWT/WLWB. EMAB also needs legislative updates.

Noted that Diavik and GNWT are working on security estimates through the ICRP review.

Gord stated that Diavik would be happy to present its RECLAIM estimates with GNWT and WLWB present to identify areas of disagreement. Diavik is not comfortable with bipartisan discussions.

Noted that the most recent version of RECLAIM is from 2014.

Noted that Lands has been talking with the Land & Water Boards about security refunds and adjustments.

Q: what is CIRNAC's role?

A: CIRNAC is updating RECLAIM for use in Nunavut. GNWT will review this when complete and apply it for the NWT.

Suggested that if there is a meeting on security it should happen soon. It would be good for this to include Diavik, WLWB and both Lands and ENR Waters. The meeting should also include an update on legislation/regulations and long-term liability policy/discussions.

Also noted that both GNWT and Diavik are proposing an increase in security, but with different amounts.

Noted that security for land and water is split (leases vs. water licence). This may become an issue in 2030 when the current leases expire. Question of whether lease allows for underground mining at A21.

Noted that GNWT is working on long-term liability. They expect a new legislative mandate in February; an update on legislation should wait until the mandate is released.

Action item: Lorraine Seale to provide the materials used for her presentation.

Action Item: Follow-up on security; organize a meeting to include EMAB, Diavik, WLWB, Lands and ENR Waters.

Action Item: request update from Nathen Richea on long-term liability policy

Lorraine left the meeting

18. A21 Deep – Diavik Presentation

Sean Sinclair from Diavik joins the meeting by phone

Sean presents A21 Deep presentation. Little change to closure or management plans. Little additional infrastructure required. Amount of additional PK can be handled via existing PK dam raises or into the pits. Main effect is on the amount of water discharged to LdG. They are getting about one-third less water from A21 than expected.

Q: The reporting on effects related to the proposed alternate mining methods is limited. Diavik indicates that sub level retreat (SLR) is the preferred option. Is Diavik still keeping the other options on the table?

A: Yes. The impacts for those alternative methods would be similar to those associated with SLR. I agree that could have been clearer in the report. We can address this in the review phase.

Q: Is there a big difference in the water used between the methods?

A: No, they are similar and we would be well within our water usage limits. Water coming from aboveground mining of A21 so far is much lower than originally predicted.

Sean Sinclair left the meeting

Lunch: 12:15-1pm

19. Environmental Agreement Amendment Update

Loretta Ransom and Hamsha Pathmanathan joined the meeting

Loretta presents update on Environmental Agreement Amendment Status

- Changes will be made to reflect devolution in 2014
- DIAND had originally wanted to withdraw from the EA; they agreed to stay as a Party in 2016
- Currently there is a deferred agreement until the EA is amended = federal role transferred to GNWT
- Amendment will formally reflect deferred agreement
- CIRNAC remains a party to the EA as they still have some roles and some other Parties wanted CIRNAC to remain
- Hoping to have drafts for parties to sign by January
- GNWT has a draft amendment and strike-through document but not for circulation
- IEMA EA was amended in 2018
- GNWT and CIRNAC to jointly communicate with Parties
- Recognizes this has taken much longer than promised
- Noted that GNWT has received requests for an EA Review under section 17. That would be a separate process that GNWT is willing to initiate if requested by Parties
- GNWT plans to send a letter to the Parties in January or February of 2020
 - Right now they are working with CIRNAC legal counsel
 - The letter will be jointly from GNWT and Canada
 - GNWT is planning on a 45-day review period

Q: will there be a meeting of the Parties to discuss the amendment

A: if there are requests from the Parties then GNWT could accommodate that

Q: will there be a meeting of the Parties under the five-year review section in the EA?

A: Possibly. This would be after the current amendment process is completed.

Q: are the Parties aware of this?

A: letters were sent to all Parties

Noted that Diavik has not received communication on this. Does EMAB have a letter on this from GNWT?

Noted the EA will have an addendum making these changes, not a completely re-written agreement.

Action item: Look for letter from DIAND Minister regarding transfer of authority to send to Diavik

- **Possibly dated July 7, 2014**
- **Locate December 6, 2016 letter to Parties re: Snap, Ekati and Diavik EA amendments**

Action Item: EMAB to consider recommending a meeting of the Parties to GNWT after the draft amendment is circulated.

20. Discussion on Party Contacts

ED presents item from kit

Discussion on Party Contacts:

- Some Party contacts as listed in the EA are outdated. For example the listed Diavik party contact is 'Vice President of Environmental Affairs', but this position at Diavik no longer exists.
- Party contacts as described in the EA should be the recipient of all correspondence
- If the Party contact gives an alternate contact the official party contact should still be the main recipient.

- Party contacts can delegate response duties down but the official party contacts also need to be addressed on correspondence.
- Letters to GNWT will go to the DM of ENR for now

Action item: Gord to provide current documentation on the passing over of Diavik Party contact duties to Gord MacDonald.

Action item: Draft letter to CIRNAC RDG looking for official delegation of duties to Michael Roesch

Action item: Send Party contact information to Diavik

Discussion on Party support letters:

- Concern that GNWT support letter lacks clarity
- Once EMAB receives confirmation about delegation of CIRNAC duties to Michael Roesch, the EMAB support letter from Michael Roesch will be considered valid.

Action item: Include agenda item for later meeting to seek clarification on the GNWT party support letter

Loretta and Hamsha left the meeting

8. (Cont'd.) Responses to EMAB WMP recommendations & next steps

ES finished review of WMP recommendations and responses

Discussion on Nov 5 Draft Letter to Diavik

Action Item: staff to draft follow-up recommendations to Diavik's responses to EMAB's recommendations on the WMP report. Send to Board for review and approval by email motion.

Q: how would EMAB use the Water Licence Amendment to trigger a review of the WMP under the Wildlife Monitoring and Management Plan (WMMP) regulations of the Wildlife Act

A: for existing WMPs, reviews can be triggered by an environmental assessment or permitting process. There doesn't necessarily have to be a wildlife issue associated with the proposed activity.

Action item: Change wolverine and bear questions in Nov 5 draft letter to recommendations

21. Diavik President Introduction (Richard Storrie)

Richard Storrie, Myra Berrub, and Winter Bailey from Diavik joined the meeting

Loretta Ransom and Hamsha Pathmanathan from GNWT joined the meeting

Richard Storrie introduced himself as the new President and Chief Operating Officer of Diavik

- Originally from the UK
- Miner by trade
- Has worked for Rio Tinto for 24 years

- Previously a Manager of Underground at Diavik

He wants to keep the mine operating for as long as possible while filling in research gaps related to closure. He feels clear communication is important. Diavik/Rio Tinto want to be responsible corporate citizens. Has visited a number of communities and will continue.

Q: Do you have experience with closure of mines similar to Diavik?

A: No experience with closure. Lots of experience with underground mining

Q: How does DDEC's financial security for closure relate to Rio Tinto's security

A: Can't speak for DDEC. Rio Tinto is the majority partner and ensures compliance with the closure bond.

Noted that DDEC security is a surety bond at Ekati. Diavik security is an irrevocable letter of credit.

Q: There have been a lot of layoffs at Ekati. Will this happen at Diavik?

A: I can say that although the Diamond market has not been doing great there are no mass layoff plans for Diavik.

Q: Are you doing any additional exploration on the property?

A: An exploration recently finished and there will be another in the next quarter. The whole region has potential and there are good opportunities for exploration.

Richard and Loretta left the meeting

22. TK Panel Update

Myra Berrub makes TK panel presentation

- Presentation is designed for TK panel members to use to update their communities
- Diavik will discuss with EMAB if it is possible to upload a communication presentation they are developing on the EMAB website for Panel members to download
 - Noted that EMAB's website does not support uploading of PPT files
- Notes there are 194 TK Panel recommendations
- Q: do Panel's views change over time
- A: current closure plans are based on the TK Panel Recommendations. The recommendations are tracked for accountability
- Diavik wants to tailor the presentations to focus on the most recent Panel meeting. They will work with the Panel members to make sure the presentation is appropriate for their community.
- Q: when is the next Panel meeting
- A: next summer
- Q: was there a session this month?
- A: that would have been hard to arrange. Myra will go with Panel members to communities
- Q: do Board members want to be notified when Myra goes to the communities
- Noted that TG Lands has a policy on TK

Winter left the meeting

ES presents TK Panel update item from meeting kit

Discussion:

- Interesting to see the difference on how Diavik reports on the TK panel compared to EMAB's reporting.
- Noted that facilitators are not overly briefed so there is potential for mis-information.
- Board agrees that EMAB staff should continue to attend the TK panel.

Hamsha and Myra left the meeting

23. EMAB OHS Plan

Item postponed to later date

Discussion outside of meeting items

a) 2-page meeting summaries

Action item: meeting minute summaries will be sent to Parties after review by Board members (2-day review period). Summaries can go out after board comment period, with any edits, without an email motion.

b) A21 Underground Application Conference Call

Noted conference call on December 16 at 10:30am to discuss A21 Deep proposal.

c) Action item: Approval of AEMP Design Plan 5.1 Review proposal to be done by email motion

24. Board member update and community concerns

Adrian

- Community members want to be involved in ongoing monitoring, especially post closure

Violet

- Appreciates Northern Participant Funding for the EA
- Heard that there is surplus money for EA participant funding, but it can not be used for the next phase of WLWB hearings. She would like to raise this issue at the February MVRMA Engagement Workshop. Funding needs to go beyond the EA's.
- Chief made a presentation at the PKMW hearings in Behchoko
- The PKMW hearings were the best she's been to – lots of participation
 - Noted this was partly due to NPF funds; need similar funds for Water Licence hearings
- Tlichio participated at the Geoscience Forum – draft TK Policy

Action item: Draft letter to CIRNAC about participant funding for WLWB water licence hearings and continuation of NPF program. Need for permanent fund.

Laurie

- There is an MVRMA workshop Feb 4-6 2020 on engagement and consultation. It would be valuable for EMAB and other Parties to attend.

Jack

- Happy with the meeting outcome
- KIA had their AGM in October. Sean Sinclair attended. I wasn't able to make it as I was injured on crutches.

Charlie

- We had a good meeting, lots of discussion
- Closure and reclamation is very important to my community
- Disappointed that Lutsel K'e Lands and Wildlife staff did not come to observe the meeting
- I would like EMAB to write the Chief a letter about them not showing up
- Community hired a new Lands/Wildlife Manager

Action Item: letter to Lutsel K'e Chief about WLEC member and staff not attending meeting.

Gord:

- No concerns, thanks for the meeting.

25. Next Meeting

Scheduled for Feb 26-27, 2020

ED will look into organizing a special meeting on Security. The end of January might be a good time.

Closing Prayer

Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm