



## December 1-2, 2020 EMAB Meeting Summary

### Finance:

- Budget amended to cover costs of new GNWT Board member and other minor reallocations.
- Discussion on use of community engagement budget during COVID.
  - EMAB has not been travelling for community updates.
  - Agreed that Board members can propose other options for use of community engagement funds. Proposals will need to be approved by Board.
- Board members to submit additional suggestions for 2021-22 workplan to Executive Director (ED).
- Discussion on Diavik letter asking EMAB to describe implications of a 5% budget cut:
  - Clarified that Diavik is not requesting the cut at this time.
  - EMAB will provide Diavik with a response letter including key discussion points and stating Board believes EMAB's budget is reasonable and request is inappropriate.
- Personnel Committee is doing performance evaluation for ED

### Wildlife:

- GNWT provided update on Wildlife Workshop planning:
  - Aiming to hold workshop in Feb 2021
  - Include mine reps, ENR, and monitoring agency reps.
  - Will discuss ZOI, collar data analysis, and carnivore monitoring
- GNWT is requiring Diavik to submit a Wildlife Monitoring and Management plan for public review under new Wildlife Act regulations
- GNWT provided information on GNWT caribou collar program:
  - Caribou collar program will continue after Mine closures
    - Mines provide some support to collar program
  - Co-management Boards have approved 70 collars for Bathurst, Beverly, and Bluenose East herds.
  - Caribou population surveys were postponed from 2020 to 2021
  - Information on caribou locations should be available through community band offices.

### Revised Closure Plan (ICRP 4.1) – Mixing Zones in Lac de Gras:

- Diavik asked WLWB to pause ICRP review process to have more time for discussions with ENR on runoff from mine, and mixing zones. Issues about size of mixing zones and effects of contamination in mixing zones on fish
- Diavik tested some new scenarios for mixing zones
  - Diavik tried testing effect of water from ponds on fish; that water is not the same as the predicted runoff. Not sure how to resolve this.
  - Diavik modeled some ways to reduce the size of the mixing zones. They expect these results will be shared sometime in the future.



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## **DDEC Insolvency Update:**

- Still no buyer for Ekati
- Dominion still not paying their share of Diavik operating costs
  - Court has allowed Diavik to sell DDEC diamonds to recover costs

## **PK to Pits Intervention/Hearing Update:**

- Hearings set for December 16-18; staff are preparing presentation.
  - Presentation will be a summary of intervention; will be circulated to Board

## **Air Quality**

- GNWT provided update on process for Minister Review of EAQMP
  - They will engage with Diavik. EMAB will be involved in some way since they initiated the process.
  - Will provide a timeline for review by end of January 2021
- Concern about high dust events and removal of TSP monitoring from the 2019 EAQMP
  - EMAB to submit technical review and recommendations to Diavik.
- Discussion on Yellow Haze
  - Likely due to nitrogen oxides produced from burning fuel. Can get trapped in some cold weather conditions.
  - Arcadis could provide recommendations for how to sample
  - Board will continue discussion at later date