

EMAB meeting – June 28-30, 2011 – Behchoko (Sah Naji Kwe)

June 28, 2011

Present:

Doug Crossley, Chair, Kitikmeot Inuit Association  
Floyd Adlem, Secretary Treasurer, Canada  
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
Charlie Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation  
Audrey Enge, alternate, North Slave Metis Alliance  
Charlene Beanish, GN  
Colleen English, Diavik

(Note: Steve Ellis, ENR – GNWT was there for June 29 and 30; Ted Blondin, Tlicho Government was there for June 29 and 30, and Audrey was there except for the morning of June 29)

Staff:

John McCullum, Executive Director  
Michele LeTourneau, Communications (also minutes)

Meeting started at 1:00.

Opening prayer – Charlie Catholique

Chair opens meeting; notes community update planned for this evening

### **Item 1 – Agenda and Minutes**

Agenda:

***Motion:***

***Approve agenda***

***Moved: Floyd Adlem***

***Second: Audrey Enge***

***Carried***

Declaration of conflicts - none

Discussion on minutes for May 17 – 19 - postponed until after item 2

## **Item 2 – 2011-12 Budget**

Discussion on response to the Minister's letter choosing Diavik's budget

Chair notes that the main issue is capacity building funding.

ED presents discussion on the Minister's letter and response. Noted that for program carry-forwards there is a strong argument that capacity-building was a program in 2009-11 so can have funds carried forward, and a weak one that the Science Program and Traditional Knowledge in Monitoring program were approved by the Board in 2009 so can have funds carried forward.

Chair notes issues are capacity building, interest, and program carry-forwards.

### Discussion

- Need to clarify about program funding and carry over in order to work out business rules with Diavik
- Need clarification on capacity building – move that to beginning of letter
- Agreed to identify all topics at beginning of letter and put in order:
  - Reallocation to capacity building
  - Capacity building program already exists
  - Interest
  - Budget revision to address funds raised
- Try to reduce text
- Shouldn't reallocate funds to budget lines that don't already exist
  - Agreed that this needs to be discussed
- Query regarding activities that capacity building funds are used for?
  - Could these activities be moved into existing budget lines, such as science program and TK program
  - Need to tighten up capacity funds reporting
- Organizations needed to build internal capacity when EMAB started, to deal with new regulatory bodies and new monitoring programs
  - Some organizations are getting organized now – recent creation of Tlicho Kwe Beh Working Group
  - Could Aboriginal Parties work on guidelines?
- Noted that the entire program was reviewed two years ago
- Some Parties depend on capacity funding.
- Is EMAB going to stand by the program or use some of those funds to meet the Diavik bottom line.
- The budget the Minister chose does not have a line item for capacity funding.
- EMAB could expand science or TK line items to include capacity funding if reporting is tightened up to link to science and TK.

- Big question – when revising EMAB’s budget, does the board want to include capacity building
- Include a timeline for response in letter to Minister

Break

ED reviews Minister’s letter.

ACTION: Revise response to Minister’s letter as discussed.

Should the part about carrying over funds in the science and TK programs stay in? Suggested it be removed. Agreed.

**Item 1: Minutes**

***Motion:***

***Approve minutes of May 17-19, 2011***

***Moved: Floyd Adlem***

***Second: Lawrence Goulet.***

Change ZoA to Zol in the wildlife section.

***Carried, with 1 abstention.***



June 29, 2011

Meeting resumed at 9:10.

**Item 2: Budget con’t**

Executive presents revised budget. (Included as an appendix.)

ACTION: Include revised budget in letter to INAC.

***Motion:***

***Approve revised budget as presented.***

***Moved: Steve Ellis***

***Second: Floyd Adlem.***

***Carried***

## **Item 7: Personnel Committee**

ED has resigned, as explained by the Chair. His final date will be July 8.

Personnel committee:

***Motion:***

***Remove Teresa Joudrie from the personnel committee.***

***Moved: Steve Ellis***

***Second: Floyd Adlem***

***Carried***

Diavik member offers to be on the committee. Noted that having Diavik on the committee may help improve EMAB/Diavik relation.

Personnel committee consists of Doug Crossley, Steve Ellis, and Colleen English.

Note: Executive Director salaries should be compared and EMAB should make the salary negotiable.

Transition: After July 8 there are still some Board commitments and there is a need to have the ability to respond and ensure continuity. EMAB likely won't have a new executive director until early August.

Q: Is there a list of things that need to be done?

A: Yes.

John McCullum has offered some of his time to complete some of the items.

Previously, when EMAB did not have an Executive Director a contractor took care of administration.

Floyd Adlem will take over signing authority for ED-related needs.

For reports that need reviewing, the bulk can be written by the expert and John can be contracted to review.

ACTION: Flyd and John will transfer over signing authority during John's last week. (Next week.)

***Motion:***

***Transfer all Executive Director signing authority to Secretary Treasurer Floyd Adlem.***

***Moved: Ted Blondin***

***Second: Colleen English***

***Carried***

***Motion:***

***John McCullum can be hired as outside expertise for short-term priorities under the authority of the executive.***

***Moved: Steve Ellis***

***Second: Colleen English***

***Carried***

## **Item 6: Traditional Knowledge in Monitoring**

### 1. TK Panel Workshop report

Facilitator Peter Redvers reviews the report, with conclusions and recommendations.

Discussion on having the report approved by participants to ensure they are correctly represented.

ACTION: Email report to participants that have email. These participants and applicable Board members can review with participants that cannot be reached. Request comments by July 18.

Reviewing the ToR for the TK panel will be the next step after participants have OKed the report.

### 2. Status of Aboriginal Party proposals

Info in binder. Also, Allice Legat is preparing a report for the Tlicho proposal development funding.

Tlicho submitted a proposal to Diavik. Diavik sent an offer back to the Tlicho and are awaiting a reply.

### 3. Status of Diavik projects

Desktop study will be complete in a week or two.

There is no grizzly study design.

#### 4. EMAB TK recommendations

Letter in binder. Letter has been sent.

#### **Item 8: Wildlife**

Information in binder.

The three-mine process for WMP revision is over.

##### 1. Caribou

ACTION: Send a letter to GNWT, INAC, and Diavik regarding cumulative effects. CC: BHP and IEMA.

ACTION: Craft a recommendation about a behavioural program that incorporates TK. For further action EMAB should wait to see what Diavik is proposing. Right now they are studying which programs can incorporate TK.

##### 2. Grizzly

ACTION: Write a letter to Diavik re: building a robust monitoring program.

Noted: EMAB should always remember that it can ask the Minister to investigate re: TK/WMP.

#### **Item 3: Capacity Funding**

##### 1. Reporting

YKDFN has submitted preliminary reporting that does not meet criteria  
LKDFN is going through the final steps of their process to get the report ready.  
NSMA – still waiting

##### 2. Expression of interest

KIA has sent a letter expressing interest in WQ monitoring  
YKDFN has requested an update on status of funds for 2011-2012  
NSMA indicated the importance of funds at the last meeting

##### 3. Revised proposal template

