

EMAB meeting – Yellowknife boardroom – October 20, 2011

Present:

Doug Crossley, Chair, Kitikmeot Inuit Association  
Ted Blondin, Vice Chair, Tlicho Government  
Floyd Adlem, Secretary Treasurer, Canada  
Paul Mackenzie, Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
Sheryl Grieves, North Slave Metis Alliance  
Steve Ellis, ENR, GNWT, ENR  
Seth Bohnet, Diavik

Staff:

Mark Fenwick, Executive Director  
Michele LeTourneau, Communication Coordinator

Guests:

Gord Macdonald - Diavik  
Julian Kanigan - AANDC  
Hugh McSwain– NSMA  
Nick Dennahower- AANDC

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Meeting started at 11:10.

**Item 2: Diavik presentation: Windmill**

Information in binder.

ACTION: Invite the Diavik employee responsible for the windmill project to present at the next EMAB meeting.

**ITEM 12: INAC inspection**

Presentation by Mike Martin of INAC.

Jason Brennan of INAC conducted inspections at Diavik July 18, August 22 and October 18.

M-lakes restoration is continuing. There was a seep under a haul road. Water testing is within effluent criteria. At the bulk fuel and water retention storage facility a secondary berm has been built. Access roads have been built to the wind tower foundation.

Interviews for a new dedicated Diavik inspector are taking place. There were seven candidates and six accepted interviews. The position should be staffed by early December, maybe January.

## **Item 2: Diavik presentation: AEMP**

Gord Macdonald speaks regarding the evaluation of the design and the summary of results re: sampling locations, frequency, effects levels, and Traditional Knowledge.

(Note: EMEB will have these documents reviewed.)

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Lunch @ 12:00

Back @ 1:30

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## **Item 1: Agenda and Minutes**

***Motion:***

***Approve agenda, with addition of Mark Fenwick's orientation and a discussion on our commitment to investigating efficiencies with DCAB.***

***Moved: Steve Ellis***

***Second: Ted Blondin***

***Carried***

***Motion:***

***Approve minutes of June 2011 meeting.***

***Moved: Floyd Adlem***

***Second: Ted Blondin***

***Carried***

Read into the record:

***Executive motion from October 5, 2011***

***Approve the Annual Report, with changes.***

***Moved: Floyd Adlem***

***Second: Ted Blondin***

***Carried***

## **Item 3: ICRP**

Information in binder.

## **Item 4: AQMP**

Information item – information in binder.

ACTION: Write a letter Inviting the new superintendent of environment to the December meeting and encouraging the completion of task identified by Steve Bourne re AQMP. Also request an update on incinerators.

## **Item 5: Budget**

1. Discussion on capacity funding

ACTION: Write a letter advising Aboriginal Parties that there is no longer a Capacity Funding Program but that the Board is looking into other ways of supporting communities.

2. Unexpended funds/program carry-forward.

**Motion:**

**Return \$45 161 (unexpended funds) to Diavik.**

**Moved: Sheryl Grieve**

**Second: Floyd Adlem**

**Carried**

Meeting broke at 4:20.

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Meeting started at 9:00.

**Item 5: Budget con't**

3. Review and revise budget as needed

**Motion:**

**Adopt revised budget.**

**Moved: Floyd Adlem**

**Second: Ted Blondin**

**Carried**

4. Business rules update

Information in binder.

The executive will meet with Chuck Jeffery to go over Gord Macdonald/Diavik's business rules and develop our own, keeping in mind Diavik's, in view of meeting to discuss.

Noted: EMAB's independence is important.

5. Contribution refundable

EMAB has owed Diavik \$13 715 since the 2005 community-based monitoring camps. This was returned in full the morning of October 21, 2011.

6. The Chair notes that Canada Revenue Agency now requires that he be treated as an employee re: his honorarium. This is a heads up to other Board members.

**Item 7: Wildlife**

1. Information in binder.
2. Grizzly workshop

The grizzly workshop will be attended by Mark Fenwick, Steve Ellis and Paul Mackenzie.

3. Letter regarding caribou and zone of influence

See binder for points to be included in letter.

Do not write letter. Behavioural studies, with Traditional Knowledge and Aboriginal involvement in monitoring, is EMAB's focus.

4. Lichen Study

Send out an email resolution after all the quotes come in.

**Item 8: Traditional Knowledge**

1. Diavik update

Diavik would like to use the community-based camps next year. The focus will be Lac de Gras as a traditional use area.

2. TK literature review

Diavik completed their TK literature review.

ACTION: Email the TK literature document produced by Diavik to the Board members.

3. Discussion on TK behavioural study re: caribou.

Discussion:

- EMAB should focus on behavioural studies.
- Diavik should come up with a proposal. What Diavik is doing is inadequate.
- Perhaps a workshop could be held looking at: How do we do monitoring? What is actually being looked at? Have discussions between technicians and land users. What are the types of observations are useful – besides resting, eating and moving, what other things do caribou do? What are the subtleties of behaviour?
- Look at the design of the behavioural study and improve it – recommendation?
- There are all sorts of innovative ways to do this. Also involving youth – such as a “smart board” and remote camera.

Next steps: A TK workshop, with the TK panel. Acquire extra funding from 4.8f of the Environmental Agreement

ACTION: Create meeting summaries like IEMA does.

The TK workshop could take place in January/February. It should include the TK panel members.

ACTION: Alert the Aboriginal Parties about EMAB’s intention to hold a TK workshop, naming the people that were present at the May workshop.

ACTION: Create a next step package regarding workshop for the next Board meeting.

**Item 10: Strategic Plan**

The current strategic plan’s end date is 2012. The Board needs to develop a plan for 2012-2017.

We don’t need a facilitator, but should have a meeting dedicated to the plan.  
We could hold it in February.

ACTION: Check availability at Wekweeti and Diavik for a 3-day meeting, as well as Kugluktuk.

ACTION: Mark Fenwick to visit Diavik site.

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**Item 11: EA Review**

ACTION: Write a letter to the Parties outlining our progress on the recommendations from the EA Review report.

Additional agenda item: DCAB

EMAB has committed to investigating possible synergies, however there is a concern regarding lack of clarity as to what DCAB is supposed to be doing.

ACTION: Mark and Floyd to visit DCAB and acquaint themselves with what's happening.

Noted: The Board wants to make sure Mark, the new executive director, has his needs met regarding settling into to EMAB.

Motion to adjourn.

Steve Ellis

Meeting finished at 2:25.

Closing prayer: Ted Blondin