

***EMAB 2003 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2003  
EMAB Board Room, Yellowknife***

**Board Members**

Bob Turner, Chair, North Slave Métis Alliance  
Floyd Adlem, Vice-Chair, Government of Canada  
Doug Doan, Secretary-Treasurer, Government of the NWT  
Doug Crossley, Kitikmeot Inuit Association  
Florence Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation  
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty 11 Council  
Erik Madsen, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.  
Angus Martin, Yellowknives Dene First Nation (alternate)

John McCullum, EMAB Executive Director

**Absent**

John Morrison, Government of Nunavut

**Guests**

Jay Hutton (for Chuck Jeffery), Michael Odell and Associates  
Eric Yaxley, DIAND

**Support Staff**

Erica Janes, GeoNorth Limited (minute taker)

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*Welcome from the Chair – 9:15am.*

Florence Catholique gave the opening prayer.

**Chairman's Report and Comments from the Parties**

Bob Turner, member from the North Slave Métis Alliance and Chair, stated that EMAB had another full year, has done a lot of work, and continues to grow. All important information is included in the annual report. He thanked the Board members for participating in the work done to date, as well as the work to come. He requested comments from other Board members on EMAB's progress this year.

Erik Madsen, Diavik member, commented that overall, he felt EMAB has made lots of progress this year and is starting to work well together. The Board has reviewed a lot of material as Diavik project has progressed, and is getting better at understanding the key issues associated with the project. As members become more knowledgeable, EMAB will be able to make better, and more useful, decisions related to Diavik. He stated that he looks forward to continuing with the Board this year.

Doug Doan, Secretary-Treasurer and member from the GNWT, agreed that EMAB has grown a great deal since its establishment, and especially since the new Executive Director has been in place. He said that it takes a while for new institutions to address administrative procedures, but thought that

meetings have been proceeding efficiently, and that financial systems are working well. He added that EMAB is well poised to do even more in the coming year.

Angus Martin, alternate member from the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, agreed with the general sentiment that EMAB is working well. He stated that he had spoken with Rachel Crapeau, head of the Yellowknives Dene Land and Environment Committee, and that she has no complaints with how EMAB is running.

Floyd Adlem, Government of Canada member and Vice-Chair, mentioned that EMAB is running really well, and much better than before, with the administrative staff and the new Executive Director. He said he feels that Board activities are covering all bases, and that he looks forward to another year.

Doug Crossley, Kitikmeot Inuit Association member, agreed with others' comments. He added that one reason for establishing EMAB was to provide Aboriginal communities an opportunity for input into the workings of the Diavik project. He said that the KIA sees the ammonia issue as the essence of why EMAB exists, as it has an impact on the lives of Aboriginal people in the area. The KIA looks forward to seeing what kind of change/decision comes forth from this issue, now that input has been provided by all those interested in doing so. Doug stated that Charlie Evalik of the KIA is pleased with the process followed for the ammonia issue, pleased with the opportunities provided the KIA for input, and pleased that EMAB is addressing and progressing with the ammonia issue. Doug told the Board that Charlie encourages EMAB to be vigilant and to continue monitoring the workings of Diavik so that resources are protected from negative impacts. Doug then said he has found his experience with EMAB to be positive, and hopes that some objectives can be achieved in the coming year, particularly hiring a communications officer. He feels EMAB has done a lot of work, but that there are still issues to be dealt with before the Board is fully functional.

Johnny Weyallon, member from Dogrib Treaty 11 Council, agreed that EMAB is working well together, and that the Board has accomplished a lot in the last year.

Florence Catholique, member from the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation, stated that with the help of new staff, EMAB is starting to understand the EA and the Board's role. She reinforced the need to work on communications with communities. Also, she mentioned the need to clearly define EMAB's role, and the fact that an advisory role may not be sufficient to make recommendations to regulators that address communities' concerns. Her Party has raised two issues: several parts of the EA need to be worked on and clarified, especially in regards to community harvesting; the other is funding for studies. Florence also mentioned that Lutsel K'e would like to propose that the next meeting be held in their community.

The Chair responded that in regards to the regulatory authorities (RAs), he has been doing through the EA with John McCullum, and they believe the Board is a regulator. He stated that John McCullum has been speaking with Bob Woolley at the MVLWB and building a relationship. They have also put forward the idea to hold a workshop with all RAs to develop relationships and have good discussion on our interactions and communications; this is in EMAB's work plan. He agreed that the intent of the EA needs to be clarified with regards to harvesting. Also, he reminded members that EMAB isn't a funding agency, but that if a group comes forward seeking funding, EMAB can support them in going to DDMI to present a funding proposal. The Board must decide what kinds of proposals to support.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Agreed to proceed with agenda as presented.

### **Approval of 2002 AGM Minutes**

#### **Motion #01-03-09-24**

*Accept the 2002 EMAB AGM Minutes as presented*

*Moved:* Florence Catholique

*Seconded:* Floyd Adlem

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

### **Presentation of Annual Report**

Floyd Adlem presented EMAB's Annual Report, which was developed along the lines of last year's. John McCullum mentioned that they Reports have been sent out to EMAB's mailing list. Floyd mentioned a few changes from last year's report, including member profiles of new members only, as well as the 'Board Observations' section, which features issues addressed, decisions made and letters sent out by EMAB. He pointed out that John McCullum had done a lot of work in putting together a summary of the past year's activities and thanked him, and added that Rosella Stoesz had done a great job and improved over last year's report.

John McCullum replied that it was a helpful exercise for him to have done. He mentioned that he would like to have an objective report card template in place for next year, so that EMAB can let people know if they're doing a satisfactory job or not. He also pointed out that the Report was re-organized this year so that EMAB's focus is clear, and priorities are reflected in the headings. He asked members for comments on the included work plan and budget.

A concern about the budget being complete was brought up: are communities excluded from receiving funding if it's not already allocated in the budget? Also, it was pointed out that this year's report has no translational errors, which is an improvement from last year. It was agreed that the Report should be provided in PDF format for Board members, and also be put on the forthcoming EMAB website. There was general agreement that the Annual Report looked good, especially the cover photograph.

### **Presentation of Financial Audit Report**

Jay Hutton from Michael Odell and Associates presented EMAB's Financial Audit Report on behalf of Chuck Jeffery. Jay stated that the audit report was clean, and that overall EMAB had a healthy set of financial statements. He noted that EMAB has about \$300,000 in unrestricted net assets, which can be used for anything within EMAB's objectives. EMAB has under-spent their budget, but Jay stated that this represents good performance, as well as additional funding from government. He briefly reviewed some of the major points in the statement, including the fact that complete capacity funding reporting was not received. He then asked if members had any questions.

There was some discussion about a funding holdback from DIAND and how it was accounted for. It was confirmed that EMAB would receive some funds from DIAND for the Cumulative Effects training, now that the audited financial statements have been completed. The Board discussed

government funding of EMAB. This was a requirement during the first two years of EMAB operation; government may provide funding now, but only on particular EMAB projects. EMAB has built up enough cash to sustain their level of operations, but as the Board becomes more active, there will be a need for more pragmatic about planning and budgeting. However, it was noted that EMAB is well-positioned to deal with budgeting over the next several years, and that DDMI may be available to provide further funding if requested.

The Board discussed the interest generated by the cash in their bank account, and a written explanation of how it was generated from the auditor. It was suggested that if more interest can be generated by other means, the Board should look into it. Another member responded that this was looked into last year, but the present checking account in fact generates more interest than any other option. Much of the interest generated this year, however, was a result of \$400,000 being put into GICs, which came due in June. Leaving the funds in checking from now on will generate even more interest than the GIC did. The written request from the auditor was expanded to include a breakdown of the Board's investments leading to interest, to be included in next year's report.

**Motion #02-03-09-24**

*Accept audited financial statements as presented.*

*Moved:* Doug Crossley

*Seconded:* Johnny Weyallon

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

**Appointment of Auditor**

**Motion #03-03-09-24**

*Re-appoint Michael Odell and Associates as auditors for 2003-04 fiscal year.*

*Moved:* Florence Catholique

*Seconded:* Erik Madsen

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

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*Break – 10:02 am*

*Resume – 10:12 am*

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**Election of Officers**

John McCullum assumed the role of Chair for the election of officers.

**Motion #04-03-09-24**

*Open nominations for EMAB Chair.*

*Moved:* Florence Catholique

*Seconded:* Doug Doan

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

Florence Catholique nominated Bob Turner for the position of Chair, seconded by Floyd Adlem.

**Motion #05-03-09-24**

*Close nominations for EMAB Chair.*

*Moved:* Doug Crossley

*Seconded:* Erik Madsen

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

John McCullum congratulated Bob Turner as Chair of EMAB for 2003-04.

Motion #06-03-09-24

*Open nominations for EMAB Vice Chair.*

*Moved:* Florence Catholique

*Seconded:* Doug Doan

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

Doug Doan nominated Floyd Adlem as Vice Chair, seconded by Florence Catholique.

Motion #07-03-09-24

*Close nominations for EMAB Vice Chair.*

*Moved:* Doug Doan

*Seconded:* Erik Madsen

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

John McCullum congratulated Floyd Adlem as Vice Chair of EMAB for 2003-04.

**Motion #08-03-09-24**

*Open nominations for EMAB Secretary-Treasurer.*

*Moved:* Doug Crossley

*Seconded:* Johnny Weyallon

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

Doug Crossley nominated Florence Catholique, who declined the position. Florence then nominated Doug Doan, seconded by Johnny Weyallon. Floyd nominated Doug Crossley, and was seconded by Doug Doan. Doug Crossley raised the point that as Secretary-Treasurer, it might be problematic for him to be based in Cambridge Bay instead of Yellowknife. It was agreed that this was a minor concern with regards to signing authority.

**Motion #09-03-09-24**

*Close nominations for EMAB Secretary-Treasurer.*

*Moved:* Bob Turner

*Seconded:* Erik Madsen

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

John McCullum then distributed ballots to all members to vote for either Doug Crossley or Doug Doan for Secretary-Treasurer. Eric Yaxley witnessed the counting of ballots, and John McCullum then announced that Doug Doan was elected as Secretary-Treasurer for 2003-04.

**Motion #10-03-09-24**

*Destroy the ballots from the Secretary-Treasurer vote.*

*Moved:* Floyd Adlem

*Seconded:* Doug Crossley

*Decision:* Carried unanimously

Bob Turner then resumed chairing the AGM, thanked members, and stated that EMAB will continue with the same direction. He said that the Board will have lots of work to complete, and will hope to staff the communications position as soon as possible. Floyd then thanked members for their support. He added that one of his priorities will be to staff the communications position, and will work with Florence and the Personnel Committee on this, along with the rest of the Board members. He also said that the TK Panel needs to be established in a timely manner.

**Motion #11-03-09-24**

*Adjourn the 2003 AGM.*

*Moved:* Doug Crossley

Carried unanimously