



EMAB 2004 Annual General Meeting

**September 21, 2004
EMAB Board room
Yellowknife, NT**

Floyd Adlem, Government of Canada, Interim Chair
Doug Doan, Government of the Northwest Territories, RWED, Secretary-Treasurer
Florence Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
Doug Crossley, Kitikmeot Inuit Association,
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
John Morrison, Government of Nunavut
Erik Madsen, Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated
Fred LeMouel (alternate), North Slave Metis Alliance
John McCullum, Executive Director

Guests:

Eric Yaxley (DIAND)

Minutes:

Michele LeTourneau, Communications Coordinator

Meeting started 9:00.

Opening prayer: Florence Catholique.

Chair:

- Introduces Fred LeMouel, alternate for the North Slave Metis Alliance.
- Says RWED Minister will attend the AGM. Minister Brendan Bell was invited so he might be introduced to EMAB, which sends recommendations and to let him know what we've been up to.
- Invites Board members to introduce themselves to Fred.

Florence raises the issue of the meeting of the Parties. Diavik is working on discussion paper. DIAND will organize meeting. Shooting for November.

Chair's comment: Staff has been very helpful this year. The Board operated well together. EMAB accomplished a lot this year. There's more to do. EMAB is well established. We've cut down on meetings – that's good news. We've become more efficient.



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Florence agrees that we need to do more. The Board efficiency workshop made a difference. This group of people represents different people – a community is different than an organization. There's not a clear understanding of the difference in terms of how decisions are made. There have been delays and frustrations. We should all have been there at the Wha Ti meeting.

Chair: Everybody was invited and he acknowledges that everyone should have been there.

Florence: Aboriginal members are struggling with community engagement. We have to work as a team – the whole board.

John Morrison – We have budgetary constraints.

RWED Minister Brendan Bell arrives.

Chair welcomes the Minister and the Board members and staff introduce themselves.

The Chair explains to the Minister what EMAB is, what the Board does, how many meetings we have, and emphasizes that EMAB is community based. He adds that we three years of operation behind us and that we're very stable now. There are still quite a few issues to be dealt with. Funding will be an issue as we are now totally funded by Diavik – as compared to the first two years when the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories contributed.

The Minister speaks: The environment around the mine is a very serious issue. The EMAB model will be a template used over and over again. RWED been very happy with its successes. EMAB has very important work ahead: community engagement, involving aboriginal people in monitoring, strategic planning.

Florence notes that part of the intention of the Environmental Agreement is to strengthen the partnership between parties. The livelihood of the people involved is at stake – not just aboriginal people – also people who have a very strong connection to the environment. The continuance of that lifestyle is also at stake. Harvesting of wildlife is part of the EMAB mandate. Lutsel K'e ended up floating between Diavik and the GNWT. There's no support for harvesting. We were shuffled back and forth. Each fall and each spring, it's an issue. How can we access money to keep harvesting?



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Minister says that recommendations from EMAB are very important. He notes that there is a lot of discussion and a lot of support for the Aboriginal lifestyle. There just isn't enough money. The money from our government for communities and wildlife runs out quickly. We're going into business planning here again. We are holding discussions on things outside oil and gas and mining. The Minister lists programs that the GNWT supports – like trapping etc. RWED does take it seriously.

Lawrence notes that on the issue of going out on the land, there are only two or three weeks to harvest. Most communities just want a bit of help to pay for planes and hauling the meat back. It's in the fall that they're having difficulties. Some of the bands don't have enough money. Yellowknives Dene have to go down to Mackay Lake.

The Minister acknowledges that government funding isn't keeping pace with the times. Planes cost pots of money. Lack of money is a symptom of a larger problem – GNWT doesn't have enough revenue.

Florence notes that with the difference in economic development in the past compared to now – there are huge development activities today – it doesn't make any sense to communities that there's no money.

The Minister replies that there are additional pressures that require the GNWT to spend more money and the royalties that flow from mines and from oil and gas flow to the federal government. So the GNWT depends on DIAND for support of some of its programs. The Premier has written a letter to engage the GNWT to meet on resource revenue sharing. That's where the GNWT is challenged and that's why the territorial government cries poor.

Minister mentions CHAP (Community Harvester Assistance Program) and CWC – which is allocated to communities.

Doug Doan says there's about \$150,000 for the North Slave area. The intent is harvesting but the precise use of the funds is left up to the community.

Doug C. notes an area where EMAB has taken aggressive action – Traditional Knowledge. Traditional camps this summer tackled specific issues. Ideally, down the road, we will wrestle with traditional lifestyle like we're wrestling with traditional knowledge. We are getting lots of participation and, down the road, that will help EMAB make recommendations for the mine.

ED says that there is a lot more activity going on with EMAB. We are expanding our programs. As that happens, our budget expands. EMAB will start looking for partners for some of these programs so RWED can expect to hear from us.



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Minister says that RWED is receptive to that approach. It makes good sense to hook up and make the money go father, to find creative ways to make our money go further.

Chair notes that discussion always expands to regional issues: all the other activity such as hunting, outfitting and, finally, cumulative effect. The cumulative effects issue comes up at just about every meeting. Government needs to work on that.

Minister replies that it's impossible for that discussion not to expand somewhat.

Minister thanks EMAB for allowing him to meet EMAB and adds that he'd love to come back.

Eric Yaxley says that he is very pleased with EMAB. EMAB has made contributions. The subject of restoration is coming up and DIAND is certainly looking for proposals to increase knowledge to plan for abandonment and reclamation. DIAND will look at proposals.

Erik M says that as far as EMAB goes, he thanks John, Michele and Linda for the work they've been doing. The annual report is pretty impressive. It shows the expertise we have in the communications side of things. EMAB is really starting to look at communities. In the next phase we will still have work to do but we have come a long way.

ITEM 1 – Approval of Minutes of 2003 AGM

Motion # AGM01-04-21-09

Accept minutes as presented.

Moved: Doug Doan

Seconded: Erik Madsen

Carried: Unanimous

ITEM 3 – Financial Audit

Chuck Jeffery arrives at 9:54.

Introductions.

Auditor presents audit.

Audit opinion: This is a clean audit report, with no exceptions or issues. Positive comments are reflected on page 4. \$845,179 is a good position. Expenditures exceeded revenues, but EMAB had the reserves. This is an activity-based statement.



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For capacity funding – Dogrib and KIA haven't yet account for funds.

Motion # AGM02-04-21-09

Accept financial statement as presented.

Moved: Florence Catholique

Seconded: Doug Doan

Carried: Unanimous

ITEM 2 – Presentation 2003-2004 Annual Report

Kudos to Michele for doing a great job.

ED explains the layout of the Annual Report – its organization. EMAB is doing a lot of good work and the annual report reflects this.

Erik says that Elaine (visiting Rio Tinto dignitary) was impressed with the document, that this type of document far exceeds how others around the world do it. It raises the bar

KIA also had a positive response.

ITEM 4 – Appointment of Auditor

Doug D. says the auditors have done a fine job. There's merit to retaining the same auditor though it's not untoward to retender for an auditor. We have no issues, however. It's up to the board.

They do a fine job from staff perspective.

Discussion.

Policy says 3 quotes. Executive will appoint.

Motion # AGM03-04-21-09

Invite our auditor and two alternatives to express interest in the 2004-2005 audit.

Moved: Doug Doan

Seconded: Doug Crossley

Carried: Unanimous



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ITEM 5 – Election of Officers

ED describes the duties of the three positions

Discussion on signatures (related to out-of-town officers) and who can sign, as related to the bylaws.

Doug D wishes to continue with the Board but not continue with the executive.

Motion # AGM04-04-21-09

Motion to open nominations for Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Doan

Seconded: Doug Crossley

Carried: Unanimous

Nominations:

Florence nominates Floyd – Floyd accepts nomination

Doug D. nominates Florence – Florence declines.

Motion # AGM05-04-21-09

Motion to close nominations for Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Doan

Seconded: Erik Madsen

Carried: Unanimous

Motion # AGM06-04-21-09

Motion to open nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Crossley

Seconded: Erik Madsen

Carried: Unanimous



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Doug C. nominates Florence – Florence accepts.

Motion # AGM07-04-21-09

Motion to close nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Crossley

Seconded: Erik Madsen

Carried: Unanimous

Motion # AGM08-04-21-09

Motion to open nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.

Moved: Erik Madsen

Seconded: Lawrence Goulet

Carried: Unanimous

Doug D. nominates Doug C. – Doug C. accepts.

Motion # AGM09-04-21-09

Motion to open nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.

Moved: Floyd Adlem

Seconded: Johnny Weyallon

Carried: Unanimous

Motion # AGM10-04-21-09

Motion to adjourn Annual General Meeting

Moved: Florence Catholique

Seconded: John Morrison

Carried: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.