

EMAB AGM, Yellowknife Boardroom  
October 20, 2011

Present:

Doug Crossley, Kitikmeot Inuit Association (Chair)  
Ted Blondin, Tlicho Government (Vice Chair)  
Floyd Adlem, Canada (secretary Treasurer)  
Sheryl Grieves, North Slave Metis Alliance  
Napoleon Mackenzie, Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
Stephen Ellis, GNWT, ENR  
Seth Bohnet, alternate, Diavik

Staff:

Mark Fenwick, Executive Director  
Michele LeTourneau, Communications Coordinator (and minutes)

Guests:

Hugh McSwain, alternate, North Slave Metis Alliance  
Gord Macdonald, Diavik  
Julian Kanigan

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Meeting started at 9:10

Opening prayer: Ted Blondin

Introductions around the table.

**Item 1: Agenda and opening comments**

Chair reviews agenda.

Chair's welcome.

Diavik: Gord Macdonald speaks to change, EMAB and Diavik moving forward with more clarity regarding EMAB's budget, and working in a positive relationship. Noted the importance of

Traditional Knowledge and utilizing TK to enhance current monitoring. Also noted that the biggest missing piece in the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan is community consultation.

INAC: Julian Kanigan notes that some of the issues that were on the table in 2002 are still on the table. Such as what is EMAB's role in relation to Diavik and the use of Traditional Knowledge in monitoring programs. Question: How EMAB plans to make Diavik accountable. Also note that there still is not an Air Quality Monitoring Program in place. There is an outstanding motion regarding Diavik's Environmental Agreement Annual Report and how that is communicated to communities. EMAB should get a dialogue going on that again.

### **ITEM 3 – Presentation of the Financial Audit**

Chuck Jeffery presents the audit and walks the Board through.

It's a clean audit, with no qualifications.

The audit reflects the current financial situation and anticipated action.

Discussion on the wording of note 6.

ACTION: Forward Gord Macdonald's email to Chuck Jeffery.

#### ***Motion***

***Accept the audit, with changes to note 6.***

***Moved: Floyd Adlem***

***Second: Steve Ellis***

***Carried.***

### **Item 1: Agenda and opening comments, con't**

NSMA: Sheryl Grieve – NSMA is concerned (as a result of listening to the presentation of the audit) that the focus of the monitoring agency is on administration – the focus should be on environmental monitoring. Also, in relation to the capacity of the Parties – it is difficult to maintain participation of elders if the panel meets infrequently. It's undependable. They need regular income.

#### **Members comments:**

Tlicho Government: Kwe Beh Working Group is focusing on closure and Traditional Knowledge.

Canada: Arbitration regarding the budget dispute is in the past, it's time to move forward and focus on our mandate.

GNWT: We need to focus on increasing the ability of Aboriginal people to participate in environmental monitoring, community engagement, and wildlife and aquatics.

Approval of minutes:

***Motion: Approve minutes with changes.***

***Moved: Ted Blondin***

***Second: Sheryl Grieve***

***Carried***

**Item 4: Appointment of Auditor.**

***Motion: That Charles Jeffery be appointed EMAB's auditor for the next fiscal year.***

***Moved: Ted Blondin***

***Second: Steve Ellis***

***Carried***

**Item 2 – Annual Report.**

Annual report is presented.

**Item 5 – Election of Officers**

Turn over chair to executive director.

***Motion:***

***Motion to open nominations for Chair of EMAB.***

***Moved: Floyd Adlem***

***Seconded: Sheryl Grieve***

***Carried***

Ted Blondin nominates Doug Crossley, Doug accepts.

***Motion:***

***Motion to close nominations for Chair of EMAB.***

***Moved: Steve Ellis***

***Seconded: Floyd Adlem***

***Carried***

***Motion:***

***Motion to open nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.***

***Carried***

Steve Ellis nominates Ted Blondin – Ted accepts.

***Motion:***

***Motion to close nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.***

***Moved: Doug Crossley***

***Seconded: Steve Ellis***

***Carried***

***Motion:***

***Motion to open nominations for Secretary Treasurer of EMAB.***

***Moved: Steve Ellis***

***Seconded: Seth Bohnet***

***Carried***

Sheryl Grieve nominates Floyd Adlem – Floyd accepts.

***Motion:***

***Motion to close nominations for Secretary Treasurer of EMAB.***

***Moved: Steve Ellis***

***Seconded: Doug Crossley***

***Carried***

***Motion***

***Adjourn the AGM***

***Moved: Seth Bohnet***

Meeting concluded at 10:50.