

Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board

Annual General Meeting – September 12, 2017

EMAB Boardroom – 50/50 Mini Mall, Yellowknife, NT – 9:00 a.m.

Approved Minutes

Present:

Charlie Catholique, *Vice Chair*
Julian Kanigan, *Secretary-Treasurer*
Adrian D’hont, *Director*
Gord Macdonald, *Director*

Lutsel K’e Dene First Nation
Government of the Northwest Territories
North Slave Metis Alliance
Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated

Absent:

Napoleon Mackenzie, *Chair*
Sean Richardson, *Director*
Jack Kaniak, *Director*

Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Tlicho Government
Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Staff:

John McCullum, *Executive Director*
Allison Rodvang, *Env. Specialist*

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Guest:

Kate Witherly, *Manager*
Monica Wendt
John Laratta

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Crowe Mackay

1) The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Moment of silence
2) Remarks from the Chair Charlie Catholique, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting and asked for introductions around the table. ES noted the Annual Report is not yet available for circulation as Board Members need to sign financial audit. Charlie listed highlights of the previous year.
3) Introductions and comments from the Parties Chair asked if there were any comments from the Parties. Monica Wendt, GNWT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New website is helpful for other Parties• Putting documents on website that are not on WLWB website• Number of documents EMAB reviewed was substantial

- Will be done working at the GNWT at the end of the week. Asked to send communications to Kate Witherly.

Gord Macdonald

- Good to have EMAB back as a stable, functioning board
- Been busy, stability is a big plus
- More work on getting alternates designated

Charlie Catholique

- Hard to attend all meetings due to work schedule
- LKDFN Community rule - if Board member misses three meetings they are off the board

4) Approval of the Agenda

The 2017 AGM Agenda was presented.

Motion: *To approve the agenda for the 2017 AGM as presented.*

Moved: Adrian D’hont

Seconded: Gord Macdonald

Motion carried.

5) Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

6) Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the September 8, 2016 Annual General Meeting were presented.

Motion: *To approve the September 8, 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes as presented.*

Moved: Gord Macdonald

Seconded: Adrian D’hont

Motion carried.

Kate Witherly noted the replacement contact for Jennifer O’Neill (INAC) is Michael Roesch.

7) March 31, 2017 – Audited Financial Statements

Motion: *To reappoint Crow MacKay LLP as EMAB auditor for 2017-18.*

Moved: Gord Macdonald

Seconded: Julian Kanigan

Motion carried.

Break

8) Election of Officers

ED noted Napoleon Mackenzie agreed that since he wouldn’t be at the meeting he would put his name forward as Chair.

Gord Macdonald would like to put motion forward to keep the Executive the same.

Julian Kanigan is willing to stand as Secretary-Treasurer for another year.

Charlie Catholique is comfortable to stay as Vice-Chair.

Motion: *To keep the appointees for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary Treasurer the same as the previous year for 2017-2018: Napoleon Mackenzie, Chair; Charlie Catholique, Vice-Chair; Julian Kanigan, Secretary-Treasurer.*

Moved: Gord Macdonald

Seconded: Julian Kanigan

Motion carried.

9) Environmental Agreement Amendment/Review

Kate Witherly updated Board on status of Environmental Agreement (EA) Review process. GNWT/INAC focused on the Ekati EA first; a new agreement should be signed soon. Will be starting on Diavik EA soon. Noted that INAC will remain a signatory, as stated in their letter from December 2016.

Q: Any sense of a timeline on when the review process with Diavik will start?

A: GNWT could give an update in a few months.

Q: Any reason GNWT couldn't start on the Diavik EA review?

A: This could be possible.

Diavik representative noted they would like an assessment of the Diavik EA.

GNWT representative stated they are reluctant to open up the entire agreement.

Charlie Catholique noted it is important that all the Parties get together; can't amend without everyone's signatures.

Q: what changes would Diavik like to see

A: they had brought forward things they would like to review including, funding clauses and security. They would like to get feedback from the Parties on how they feel the EA is working. It is not acceptable to keep delaying the review of the EA.

Q: What are the issues slowing the Ekati EA review process down?

A: Back and forth between INAC and GNWT are time consuming. However, amendments are set

Q: Any issues that we can expect from the review?

A: Don't expect any devolution related concerns.

Action: Add this as an item to an upcoming EMAB meeting

7) Approval of 2016-17 Audited Financial Statements (cont.)

Julian Kanigan, Secretary-Treasurer presented opening remarks on the Financial Statements.

- EMAB will return \$5673 to Diavik. Diavik agreed that EMAB could carry forward \$6,000 to meet with the TK Panel.
- EMAB will carry over of \$35,000 to review the ICRP to be spent in this fiscal year.
- Close to spending entire budget in 2016-17 (within \$5000).

John Laratta presented the audited financial statements for 2017-18. This was a “clean” audit. He noted some changes in presentation from previous years – added a communications line in the statement of operations.

Noted that the “contribution repayable” line that had been in previous statements of operations was not included in 2016-17. The auditor said this can be added back in. It was also noted that the \$6,000 carry-over for the TK Panel was not included; it would be preferred if this was included in the 2016-17 audit.

Charlie Catholique mentioned there could be value in being able to carry over funds. Gord Macdonald said this is something that could be brought up in the EA review process with GNWT.

John Laratta will update audit with Board member comments.

Motion: *To approve the audited financial statements to March 31, 2017 as amended.*

Moved: Julian Kanigan

Seconded: Gord Macdonald

Motion carried.

10) Adjournment

Motion: *To adjourn the 2017 AGM*

Moved: Adrian D’hont

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11 am

Chairman

Vice-Chair