



EMAB Meeting Summary – August 22-23'24

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference

Minutes/Action Item Follow-Up

- send letter to Minister and Diavik about need to monitor yellow haze at Diavik.
- EMAB to request observer status at EA Working Group meetings.
- Fish/water big concern for Kugluktuk; they are downstream from Lac de Gras.

Finance

- Rolling over 126k from last year.
- Have to budget for review of upcoming water licence renewal and revisions to closure plan.
- Jack Kaniak scholarship will go out this year.
- Environmental specialist exit interview results sent to Personnel Committee; they will discuss and make recommendation to board re: staff retention.

Jan 16'24 Fuel Spill

- Diavik has pumped out and dug up a lot of the fuel spill area; about half of fuel has been recovered. Pumped out fuel is stored for burning in waste fuel furnace. Rocks bigger than one inch disposed in waste rock pile; smaller material to landfarm for treatment.
- DDMI member will organize another site visit for Board in September.

Annual Report

- EMAB staff aim to have draft text sent to Board in September for October approval and November printing.

Draft Two-Year Budget Discussion

- Budget due to Diavik by Sept 30; AGM not scheduled until mid-October, so may need extension.
- Two big projects in 2025-26: water licence renewal and Final Closure and Reclamation Plan V2 review; water quality workshop will likely be held in mid-October; WL renewal expected late 2024 or early 2025; revised FCRP deadline is April 14'25.
- Request Diavik allow roll-over unspent funds from this year to 2025-26, also request agreement on Additional Funding if needed.

TK Working Group Discussion

- No response yet from DDMI re: Aug 1'24 letter outlining draft workplan and budget if EMAB were to take over development of TK Monitoring Plan.
- DDMI needs to submit Plan to WLWB by end of Sept 2025 – limited time.
- DDMI member to take budget to DDMI and get back to EMAB with response.



Air Quality Monitoring Update and Discussion

- Since issuing the Minister's Report on May 9'24, GNWT has had several meetings with DDMI to resolve issues.
- DDMI largely defending previous positions (e.g., continuing TSP monitoring is unnecessary, 2012 dispersion model does not need updating). Discussions are ongoing.
- GNWT granted DDMI extension for submission of revised Plan, now due Sept 27'24.

2023 Wildlife Monitoring Report

- DDMI presented results of their 2023 WMMR and EMAB's consultant ROAM Ecology presented a review of the report. No major concerns. Comments are due by Sept 13'24.
- DDMI will submit updated WMMP in early Sept. They will drop ZOI analysis.

TK Fish Camp

- ES shared observations and recommendations from Aug 8-13'24 fish camp.
- Board approved several recommendations to improve future fish camps.

SWALF Decision Update

- ES updated Board on status of SWALF.

Northern Participant Funding Program

- EMAB and Indigenous organizations to consider writing to NPFP administrators to request funds for upcoming Diavik WL Renewal.

Discussion on June 13 Site Visit

- Pleased with conditions at site. Tour was a bit rushed - would be good to do overnight trip next time.

FCRP Decision Update

- WLWB did not approve Diavik's Closure Plan. Revisions due by April 15'25.
- WLWB comment directed to EMAB and DDMI in RFD noted, concerning that this was made in a public document.
 - EMAB to follow up with WLWB.

Plume Study

- ES provides overview of EMAB comments and recommendations re: plume study/SES.

Round Table

- Board members provide community updates, no major concerns.

Next Board meeting (and AGM) is scheduled for Oct 16-18'24.