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## 2019 EMAB AGM Summary

EMAB's 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on September 10, 2019. The AGM provides opportunity for Board and Party Members to review and discuss events happening with EMAB. The Election of Officers also occurs at each year's AGM.

At this year's AGM, Board Members from LKDFN, DDMI and KIA attended the meeting. Alternates from GNWT and NSMA also attended. Board Members from Tlichon and YKDFN did not attend. The only Party representative who attended the AGM was from DDMI.

The following summary highlights key discussions from the 2019 EMAB AGM:

### Comments from the Parties:

- DDMI:
  - Lack of parties present at this year's AGM is disappointing
    - Best way for Parties to provide feedback to EMAB and get up to date
  - Appreciates the fiscal responsibility of EMAB
  - EMAB's comments and reviews are useful for Diavik and communities
  - Believes EMAB may be able to do more in terms of community involvement

### Election of Officers:

- Violet Camsell-Blondin (Tlichon) and Charlie Catholique (LKDFN) were nominated to be Chair
- Charlie Catholique was elected as Chair
- Jack Kaniak (KIA) was nominated and acclaimed as Vice-Chair
- Machel Thomas (YKDFN) was nominated and acclaimed as Secretary-Treasurer

### Environmental Agreement Amendment:

- In regard to the amendment of Diavik's EA to reflect Devolution:
  - GNWT has previously committed to provide an update and timeline on the amendment process to the Parties.
  - We have not received a status update.
  - EMAB will write letter to the GNWT to request an update on the timeline for the EA Amendment.
  - Noted that EA 17.2(a) says the EA may be reviewed every 5 years. EMAB's EA has never been reviewed. Reviews are not required, but updates must be initiated by the Parties.



- EMAB had contacted the Parties after the first five-year anniversary to remind them of this opportunity. Diavik was interested in the review at that time. GNWT was interested if other Parties were, but no other Parties provided input.
- If more Parties write in to the GNWT about this, the more likely it will be completed in a timely manner.

## 5-year Action Plan:

Governance, monitoring, Aboriginal involvement, and communication were discussed.

- EMAB will prepare short summaries of EMAB meetings for communities.
- In addition to the Annual Report, EMAB will develop a 1-2-page summary of the Report.
- EMAB will prepare Board Member role descriptions for the Parties.
- Noted that the goal is for EMAB to hold updates once per year in each community.
- Discussion on if EMAB continues into Diavik's closure period:
  - Up to the Minister, EMAB and Parties can write in to convey to the Minister their support of EMAB's continuation into closure.
  - EMAB has heard verbal support from Land-Environment Managers that EMAB should continue into closure.
  - It may be useful to bring the Parties together to discuss this.
- Discussion about EMAB website:
  - Concern about accessing documents. They can be hard to find and sometimes the links do not open.
  - EMAB staff will work to resolve this.
- Notes that Parties indicated that the AGM was the best way to provide feedback. It is a great opportunity for Party engagement. Getting feedback from Parties is useful for both EMAB staff and Diavik.