



EMAB Meeting Summary – April 18-19, 2023

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference.

Minutes/Action Item Follow-up

- No outstanding recommendations.

Finance

- EMAB got Diavik's payment of \$563,100 for 2023-24 and \$10,000 for WL Amendment.
- 2022-2023 Audit starts early May.
- TK Fish Camp Workshop Proposal still in development.

Update on TK Working Group

- TK WG met on March 23. Discussed governance.
- EMAB to ask each TK WG member to share meeting notes with EMAB.
- TK WG has a bi-weekly conference call scheduled.
- EMAB sent a letter to the Communities Leadership about participating in TK WG as observer, but no response yet.
- TK WG will have staff and need an office. Discussion on whether EMAB could accommodate.
 - TK WG should send a formal request outlining proposal.
- EMAB should keep up to speed on TK WG

A418 underground closure update

- Some materials will be removed from underground, some will remain.
- Hydrocarbon-contaminated areas will be cleaned to Inspector's satisfaction.
- Inspector will review removal requirements.
- Inspector must verify adequate decommissioning before underground level flooding.
- Underground is now flooded to about 500 meters below ground level
- Hazardous materials taken offsite, inert materials can be deposited in landfill.
- Diavik now deposits PK by pipeline to A418 instead of PKCF.
- Diavik expects PK level will fill most of underground but not up into the pit.

Review of draft intervention: Water licence amendment – Natural Drainages

- EMAB made several comments/ recommendations. Most of them are related to the FCRP as well.
- Key concerns are: lack of TK, changes to closure criteria, sampling locations and frequency, surface water action level framework (SWALF), HHERA, water quality modelling, closure criteria monitoring, and technical questions.
- Board approved draft intervention for WLWB.
- Consultant reports for WLWB submission approved for submission.

Final Closure and Reclamation Plan (FCRP)

- Consultants presented their reviews; written reviews are almost completed.
- Many comments for FCRP similar to Water Licence Amendment.
 - Additional comments on revegetation, PKC, North Inlet, contaminated soil, climate change etc.
- WLWB deadline for FCRP comments: May 18'23.



GNWT Air Quality Guideline Update

- The Guideline and “What We Heard” documents finalized.
- Cabinet approval in progress.
- ECC to issue Diavik EAQMP review notice in May.

A21 Underground Update

- A21 underground is proceeding
- Closure will start after March 2026. Will delay some closure activities a little.
- Not sure if this will affect FCRP or Water Licence Renewal scheduled for end of 2025.

Workshop on Future Role of EMAB

- Shauna Morgan's EMAB workshop proposal approved.
- Workshop will take place at next meeting

Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan Update

- EMAB raised some questions on ZOI analysis.
- Diavik would do one post-closure ZOI report that would cover all years of closure.
- ENR asked DDMI to collaborate with EMAB to develop a plan for caribou monitoring – nothing has been initiated.

TK Issues

- Diavik will release the Fish Camp Video to participating communities if the community leadership signs a non-disclosure agreement first.
- Diavik will provide EMAB with 2021 Fish Camp Follow-Up report at end of May.
- Fish Camp Follow-up Workshop proposal will be ready by the next Board Meeting.

Discussion on Diavik response regarding February '23 spill (unscheduled)

- Mine water spilled, not tailings or sewage.
- Spill went into North Inlet as planned.
- Spill was not reported for five weeks; Diavik has informed staff that all spills must be reported even if the spill goes where it was intended

Next Meeting

- Tentative dates for the next meeting are June 26-29, 2023.