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## EMAB Meeting Summary – August 23-24, 2022

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference.

Introduction of Mohannad Elsalhy, new EMAB Environmental Specialist.

### Minutes/Action Item Follow-up

- ED to check if letter requesting support for EMAB staying open after mine operation end was sent.
- Diavik rep to send consultation record for Frame Lake Aerator Project.
- Invite Sean Sinclair to update Board on Frame Lake Aerator project, status of consultations and responses.

### Finance

- Clean audit – Diavik should provide documentation of deduction from payment to EMAB for 2022-23.
- EMAB request to roll over some funds from 2020-21 to 2021-22 was legitimate under Business Rules.
  - EMAB will send letter to Diavik requesting justification for deduction

### Draft Two-year Budget

- Need to submit 2-year budget for 2023-25 to Diavik by September 30, 2022.
- If EMAB increases budget beyond rate of inflation it will be a challenge for Diavik to approve it.
- Board members to provide any additional comments on 2-year budget by mid-September.

### Discussion on Governance of TK Panel

- In June, Diavik committed to add some footage back into the TK Fish Camp video, but not started yet.
- TK Panel members have all told Diavik what they wanted put back in the video.
- Board will hold off on next steps until all Aboriginal Board members are present.

### Wildlife Management & Monitoring Plan Approval

- GNWT approval of WMMP had seven conditions. Diavik must incorporate conditions 2 & 5 within 90 days.
- ENR will meet with Diavik to review their proposed approaches to the conditions.
- An addendum to the 2021 WMMP report was submitted by Diavik; EMAB and ENR are reviewing.
- Wildlife monitoring will change once the mine moves into closure phase.

### Conflict of Interest

- Diavik can participate in discussions on general issues such as budget planning meeting.
- Board can decide to allow a Board member with a conflict to participate in discussions.
- Updated Conflict of Interest policy approved.

### Status of Diavik Progressive Reclamation Water Licence Amendment

- The amended water licence was rejected by the Minister; WLWB and TG disagreed with reasons.
- GNWT has requested WLWB re-open the proceeding to allow more evidence on predicted water quality of discharges. Comments are due by Sept 19
  - EMAB will need to contract legal expertise to provide comments.
- Final decision about accepting or rejecting request by the end of October.
- About 9-12 months are needed to issue a new license if it is decided to re-open the record.



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## **TK Monitoring for Closure**

- Diavik is taking a new approach to developing the TK Monitoring Plan for Closure.
  - Communities told Diavik that the company should not be developing the TK Monitoring Plan.
- Diavik sent a request for Expressions of Interest to develop and implement the TK Monitoring Plan for closure to Aboriginal Parties and 3 other communities in mid-August (due at end of December).
  - Depending on the responses, Diavik plans to issue a Request for Proposal after.
- Diavik will submit the Final Closure Plan this fall. TK Monitoring Plan will not be included.
  - Plan will say the TK Monitoring Plan is being developed by communities, and will be submitted later for approval

## **Air Quality Guidelines and Yellow Haze Monitoring**

- GNWT update: the “What we Heard” document on the Air Quality Guideline should be ready by end of October’22.
  - Air Quality Guideline by end of November
- GNWT will issue Notice of Review of Diavik Air Quality Monitoring Program in December
- Review will take place in January’23. Diavik will have 60 days to respond.

## **Annual Report Update**

- Draft for Board approval by mid-September.
- Once approved, should be printed by end of November.

## **Board Member Update and Community Concerns (Roundtable)**

- Diavik should show how it implements TK Panel recommendations; which plans or programs are they in?
- EMAB should consider requesting a presentation on closure at Snap Lake mine.

## **Next Meeting & AGM**

- Tentative dates for the next EMAB Board Meeting are October 5-6, 2022. AGM will be morning of October 5.