



EMAB Meeting Summary – February 6-7'24

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference.

## **Minutes/Action Item Follow-up**

- Follow up with Diavik on Jack Kaniak scholarship
- Follow up recommendations to Diavik on Future TK Panels

## **Finance**

- Revised budget for 2023-24 to take into account rolled over funds from Diavik
- Follow up request to rollover unspent community update funds from 2022-23 to 2023-24.
- 2024-2025 budget workplan approved by Board.
- Approve Board calendar for 2024-25.

## **Update on Traditional Knowledge Working Group**

- EMAB ED met with TK WG to discuss working together
- Board agreed to bring TK WG under EMAB as a TK Panel, with some specific requirements
  - Must have own funding and administration; EMAB ED can only provide limited support
  - Need agreed Terms of Reference and Organization Chart
  - EMAB to observe meeting
  - TK Panel would report to EMAB as set out in Environmental Agreement
- Invite TK WG to an EMAB meeting to discuss EMAB and TK WG views on working together

## **Annual Report for 2022-23**

- Board reviewed and approved text for 2022-23 annual report.

## **Discussion to finalize workshop report on future role of EMAB**

- Approve report with a footnote identifying text that one Board member didn't agree with

## **Election of Vice-Chair**

- Marc Whitford elected Vice-Chair

## **Diavik Participation on EMAB**

- EMAB is concerned that Diavik has taken its Board member and Alternate off the Board.
- EMAB will encourage Diavik to participate on the Board.
- EMAB will follow up with Canada regarding participation on Board

## **Board Member Updates and Community Concerns**

- Board members provided community updates; no major concerns.

## **Environmental Air Quality Monitoring Plan – Collaboration with Diavik on Revisions**

- EMAB and Diavik do not seem to be on the same page. Diavik did not respond to EMAB's recommendations.
- EMAB will recommend that Diavik follow the GNWT Air Quality Guideline and will not collaborate further with Diavik. Letter to Diavik and Minister.



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## **Request for Security Adjustment and NWRSA Reclamation Update**

- Diavik is about 80% complete on covering NWRSA and about 60% complete covering PKC.
- No change to Diavik's request for security reduction that was presented in FCRP.
- Noted that Diavik will be backhauling a lot of heavy equipment on the winter road – no longer needed at mine.

## **WLWB Update**

- Strategic Plan – focusing on relationship-building and increasing participation.
- Planning to update Closure Guidelines to reflect current expectations.
- WLWB advocating for GNWT to make decisions on relinquishment of liability after mine closure

## **GNWT Update on Long-term Liability Progress**

- GNWT working with Indigenous Governments and proponents on developing a process for relinquishing liability that applies to all developments.
- Right now process is site-specific
- Working on regulations for the Public Lands Act that will address security and relinquishment
- Have had some initial discussions with Diavik on relinquishment process. Will keep EMAB updated.

Next Meeting April 16-17, 2024