



EMAB Meeting Summary – June 14-16, 2022

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference. Site visit to Diavik on June 15.

AEMP Design Plan V.6 Review

- Review of AEMP Design Plan version 6 approved to submit to WLWB.

Minutes/Action Item Follow-up:

- GNWT-ENR to respond to EMAB recommendations on WMMP (hair snagging and Zone of Influence) after consultation with Aboriginal Parties.

Finance

- Budget revision – rolled over additional surplus to current year.
- ES evaluation approved by Board.
- Kabiri will analyze EMAB request to roll over funds from 2020-21 to 2021-22

Strategic Plan Review

- Reviewed strategic plan to assist development of workplan for draft two-year budget for 2023-2025

Governance of TK Panel

- How EA applies to the TK Panel when Diavik is administering.
 - EMAB did not agree that Diavik could take over TK Panel
- 2021 TK Fish Camp
 - Elders said fish and water were unhealthy – fish had big heads and small bodies, water was dark.
 - Concern that report and video from fish camp need to be verified. Elders felt important information was left out of video.
- Staff to prepare proposal for workshop to investigate causes for unhealthy fish with Elders and biologists.

Inspectors Update

- Joe Heron – first time presenting to EMAB; took over Diavik file in February.
- Completed two water licence inspections and one land use permit inspection.
- No concerns

IEMA Update

- Update from IEMA ED (Marc Casas) on activities of Arctic Canada Diamond Company (ACDC) – Ekati.
- Concerns about effects of roads and placement of waste rock piles blocking caribou movement. Want to have input on study methods.
- Concern about closure of Point Lake waste rock piles; very high acid rock drainage potential
- ICRP lacks needed detail
- Introduction to Underwater Remote Mining (URM) – plan to test machinery in 2023.



Debrief on Site Visit

- Tour was useful
- Tailings pond huge, site quite grey, not enough green.
- Seems much bigger since last tour in 2019.

2021 WMP Report Review

- Diavik presentation on 2021 WMP Report followed by Q&A.
- MSES presentation on review of Diavik's 2021 WMP Report followed by Q&A.
- Approved MSES comments and recommendations to submit to Diavik.

Annual Report Review

- Update on Annual Report Progress – draft of text to be sent to Board members shortly.

TK Monitoring for Closure

- Diavik working with TG and with TK Panel to develop draft plan
- Haven't been to other communities yet.

Yellow Haze

- Diavik willing to participate in Yellow Haze Monitoring, but monitoring plan is inadequate.
- Once a week sampling not enough, EMAB should propose alternative.
 - Should sample at least three times a week every other day.
 - Could reduce sampling period to coldest months (December to March).
- Approved recommendations to Diavik regarding Yellow Haze Monitoring.

AEMP Reports

- Three AEMP reports came out recently; two have been reviewed, third one is being reviewed.

Honoraria

- Develop policy to cover days when Board members go beyond a normal day's work

TK Panel

- Concern about independence of TK Panel under Diavik administration
- Inform Diavik of EMAB expectations for independence of TK Panel.

Next Meeting

Tentative dates for the next EMAB Board Meeting are August 16-17, 2022.