



EMAB Meeting Summary – June 26-29, 2023

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference.

Minutes/Action Item Follow-up

- Request observer status on Parties' TK Working Group.
- Follow up with Diavik on March 1'23 letter about independence of TK Panel.

Finance

- Review Community Updates budget to make sure it reflects full costs of updates.
- Audit is close to completed.
- Honor Jack Kaniak service to EMAB.
- Accepted ED performance evaluation.

2021 TK Fish Camp Follow-up

- Presentation of results from follow-up fishing:
 - Not enough data for biologist to say if parasite load has increased.
 - Analysis showed parasite data similar to previous camps.
- Draft proposal for TK/Science Workshop on 2021 TK Fish Camp results (where TK Panel members refused to eat fish).
 - Revise proposal based on Board comments and send for review. Once approved, send to Diavik.
- Diavik will provide Fish Camp video to communities that sign non-disclosure agreement, to avoid privacy concerns. No further EMAB action required.
- Send Panel/EMAB recommendations on investigation of effects of dust on sediment and water to TK Working Group.

TK Working Group Update

- Follow up with TK WG to request they add EMAB observer status to agenda.
 - Also request that EMAB receive meeting notes.
- Members will share meeting notes with EMAB.
- TKWG meets every two weeks.
 - Working on Terms of Reference for TKWG; role description for Executive Director and setting up as a Society.

Snap Lake Closure Update

- SLEMA Environmental Analyst updated Board.
- Active closure until 2024.
- Ten years of post-closure monitoring:
 - Water quality, especially from tailings discharge.
 - Sediment, toxicity, plankton, benthics and fish.
 - Stability; erosion.
 - Wildlife – monitoring still being discussed; SLEMA proposed 25 years.
 - Revegetation – still being discussed.
 - TK recommendations and cultural use.

Water Licence Amendment Hearing

- Noted key issues: is runoff a waste; inclusion of cultural use criteria; are EQC's needed; how does Minister make decision to approve/reject licence recommended by WLWB?
- Draft licence and closing arguments delayed until late September / early October.



GNWT Air Quality Guideline and Minister Investigation of Diavik Air Quality Monitoring

- Guideline is finalized; requires TSP monitoring.
- Minister is now doing investigation of Diavik Air Quality Monitoring program.
- EMAB will review issues with Diavik AQMP and decide if it wants to collaborate with Diavik on solutions or wait for Minister to conclude investigation.
 - Need to address yellow haze monitoring.

Diavik Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan Reporting

- Review of 2022 WMMP report is underway.
- EMAB to contact ECC about status of Diavik proposed method for analyzing the zone of influence on caribou.
- Diavik to explain how it responds to wildlife sightings at the mine.
- EMAB to organize meeting of biologists from GNWT, Diavik and EMAB as well as Boots on the Ground, on monitoring caribou behavior.

Relationship with Diavik

- EMAB and Diavik should work together to address any issues.

DFO Discussions

- Frame Lake Rehabilitation Project:
 - Research on effect of aerator on Frame Lake fish habitat in winter, and on sediments, will be useful.
 - If successful Diavik may stock Frame Lake with fish.
 - DFO will consider all comments on Diavik's Final Closure Plan in amending Diavik's Fisheries Authorization for habitat replacement. DFO can have direct discussions on this if EMAB requests.
- DFO Review of Diavik Reports:
 - DFO not planning any change to how it reviews reports.
 - EMAB to follow up with DFO on concerns about adequacy of DFO reviews.

Next Meeting

Tentative dates for the next meeting are September 5-7, 2023. This will include EMAB AGM.

Workshop on Future Role of EMAB

- Facilitated discussion afternoon of June 27 and all day June 28.
- Draft report in two weeks.
- EMAB will submit report to Environmental Agreement Working Group once it is approved by the Board.

Site Visit

- Board site visit on June 29.