

Diavik Diamond Project – Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board

February 27th and 28th, 2001

Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Museum – Lower Board Room

Parties, Representatives and Alternates Invited

Morning Attendance:

North Slave Metis Alliance

- Bob Turner – Member
- Clem Paul – Alternate

Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.

- Cindy Gilday – Member
- Eric Christensen – Alternate
- Murray Swyripa
- Brenda Kuzyck

Kitikmeot Inuit Association

- Sandy Buchan – Member
- Doug Crossley – Alternate
- Charlie Evalik – President KIA
- Stanley Anablak - KIA

Government of the Northwest Territories

- Doug Doan - Member

DIAND

- David Livingstone – Alternate

Lutselk'e

- Florence Catholique – Member
- Charlie Catholique - Alternate

Government of Nunavut

- Chris Nichols –Member
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Dogrib

- Henry Zoe - Member
- Ted Blondin - Alternate

Opening Prayer –
Charlie Evalik

Introductions

Hal Mills gave the opening introduction to the meeting and asked the members to introduce themselves and their alternates

Welcome and Opening Statement -

David Livingston welcomed the group to the meeting and offered encouragement for people to work together.

Introductory Statements from Directors/Parties

Those in attendance at the meeting offered their welcome and expressed their interests and some expectations for the Board.

Murray Swyripa made an introductory statement on behalf of DDMI and offered regards from Stephen Prest, President of Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. Charlie Evalik stated that he was looking forward to working with the Board. Clem Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and said he was looking forward to the discussion and the implementation of the agreement. David Livingstone suggested the Board had interesting times ahead of it.

4. Appointment of Interim Chair

Hal explained that there was an item on the agenda related to the appointment of Board officers, however, until then, members should appoint an interim Chair. Bob Turner suggested that since Hal was already on staff he could be the interim Chair. David Livingstone, Charlie Evalik seconded the suggestion and others at the table agreed. Hal accepted the position as interim Chair.

5. Approval of Agenda

Hal explained that Eric Yaxley developed the agenda. He pointed out that there was not opportunity during the agenda for detailed discussion of the agreement since it was assumed that everyone at the table was familiar with the agreement.

Doug Crossley suggested discussing the agreement during the project overview, however, Murray pointed out that they had planned only to give an update about the project.

Hal sought consensus from the group to approve the agenda.

Eric Yaxley gave a brief overview of the contents of the resource binders that would be used over the course of the day.

Charlie Evalik raised a question about the lack of representation around the table from the Dogrib, Yellowknives Dene and Lutsel K'e. Eric Yaxley explained that he spoken to these groups and was assured they would be represented at the meeting. He pointed out that the Yellowknives Dene had not appointed a representative as of Friday. Brenda

explained that Charlie Catholique and Florence Catholique of Lutsel K'e would be arriving shortly.

Hal explained that the meeting would be scheduled for a day and a half but might not take more than a day since the meeting was already ahead of schedule. Bob Turner suggested that it would be better for the North Slave Metis Alliance if the meeting lasted only a day.

6. Tabling of Documents/Binder Information

(No documents have been tabled)

7. Project Overview – Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.

Murray Swyripa made a presentation on the current status of the Diavik Diamond Project and their plans for the coming year. (See Presentation Attached.)

8. Questions and Comments

Florence Catholique expressed a concern that Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation does not presently have full status on the Board since they have not signed the agreement. She added that it was her impression that all the Aboriginal groups would sign on to the Environmental Agreement together.

Ted Blondin explained his perspective on the situation and said that it was his understanding that the groups agreed to sign the Environmental Agreement when all the documents [permits, licenses] were completed. He pointed out that it might have been a good idea for all the Aboriginal groups to sign together however, he did not believe that all the Aboriginal groups had agreed to take that approach.

Doug Crossley asked about the status of the construction camps and whether the old camps would be dismantled or removed when the new facilities were built. Murray explained that the temporary camp on the north end would be removed but the others would be retained. He added that Diavik would also be keeping the temporary fuel storage tanks.

Sandy Buchan asked about the incinerator, suggesting there were problems associated with its present location. **Murray Swyripa** explained that the incinerator is presently a separate facility; however, there has been some discussion about moving it and attaching it to the accommodation facility. The company is now looking at the costs of that moving the incinerator but has not made a final decision. Sandy suggested that it was important for the Board to discuss and make a recommendation about this issue. He asked Hal if this issue was within the mandate of the organization. **Hal Mills** said that it was his understanding that any issue relating to the protection of the environment and how the camp is managed is within the mandate of the Board.

Ted Blondin agreed with Hal's interpretation. He added that financial matters are not within the scope of the Board. He brought up another issue for the Board to consider related to caribou migration, explaining that BHP came to Rae last year and was

criticized heavily as a result of community concern over caribou migration. He said this issue was environmental since it relates to caribou but is also socio-economic in nature. He argued that there must be monitoring along the highway to watch what is happening. Although there have been several studies done under the WKSS on caribou and caribou migration, there is no conclusive evidence about the impact of the winter road on the caribou. Ted went on to point out that today there are lots of caribou south of Lutsel K'e but this has not happened until recent years. It looks like the road is affecting the migration of the caribou. We need to look at this issue in more detail. In closing, Ted questioned Murray Swyripa as to whether there was an opportunity to do winter road monitoring with Diavik Diamond Mines.

Murray Swyripa responded by saying that if Ted's suggestion was a recommendation of the Board, Diavik would likely consider it.

Eric Christensen asked about the studies done under WKSS and questioned whether the communities were not satisfied with the work of the WKSS or if there was another root issue.

Ted Blondin pointed out that prior to the diamond rush, the caribou would migrate in very different directions but now the people often blame the mines for the change in migration. Regarding the WKSS, he explained that the Board was looking at trying to continue some studies including the Bathurst collar project and 4 traditional knowledge studies that relate to caribou and impacts on communities, however, no money is currently available for those projects. He said that the WKSS Board was trying to put pressure on government for funding and to set up the cumulative effects framework however, no decision had been made to date.

He summarized the issue by saying that people are blaming BHP for changes in caribou migration, even though the Grand Chief said that there is not conclusive evidence about this. He said the root issue is that more studies are needed. Ted commented that although the companies are doing their own studies, they do not satisfy the people in the communities. He suggested Diavik would probably get the same response related to caribou migration when they visited the communities.

Murray Swyripa commented that this had already happened to Diavik in Wekweti.

Bob Turner spoke about the process of setting up a management framework for the Bathurst Caribou. He agreed with Ted that there was a great deal of community concern about caribou migration, however, he thought that many of those concerns relate to the cumulative effects of all the development in the region including the mines, outfitting camps and the winter road. He argued that we cannot just focus on the mines as the cause because there are other factors affecting the migration of the herd. He concluded by saying that the issues would be discussed extensively by the Bathurst Board.

Hal Mills suggested tabling the issues raised and coming back to them later.

David Livingstone suggested it would be a good idea for the Board to go up to the site as soon as it was mutually convenient.

Murray Swyripa said that with enough notice it would be possible to do an overnight trip but at the very least a day trip. He said that once a date was found, arrangements could be made.

Hal Mills suggested further discussion on the site visit take place at the same time that the Board discusses timing for the next meeting.

Charlie Catholique said that it was very important for the Board to see the Diavik site.

Clem Paul added that he also wanted to go.

Florence Catholique questioned why the Yellowknives Dene were not present.

Eric Yaxley said that he understood that the Yellowknives would be attending however, it was not clear as to what had occurred at their meeting.

9. Overview of Society Status and Start up Tasks

Eric Yaxley gave an overview of some of the housekeeping items associated with the creation of the Board including:

- Incorporation Status;
- Post Office Box;
- Bank Options;
- Liability Insurance.
- Budget Estimates

(See attached Presentation Notes)

Hal Mills– the information on the IEMA is provided to give you an idea about what the manager’s job description looks like etc. You can use this as a starting point but we are not suggesting that you duplicate this.

Ted Blondin said that from the very beginning the process, the parties to this agreement had decided that duplication was a problem. This Board was designed so that in the future the Board would meld together with the IEMA with BHP and Diavik contributing together. Also the idea of having access to both scientific and traditional knowledge was important. This is the way it was designed. Even though this is something to be done in the future, we should be thinking about this now. If both bodies started to get together to avoid duplication, we could start to make efficiencies.

Eric Christensen said that they would be developing a similar arrangement for the socio-economic agreement and there may be some economies of scale there in terms of administration. He suggested that some sharing could be done for the next couple of years until the larger Board that Ted is talking about is created.

Ted Blondin suggested that the Board also think about the DeBeers project and including them in the future.

Hal Mills commented that some efficiencies could be made related to office space and there were some opportunities for sharing space near the IEMA.

Eric Christensen commented that the Executive Director should be an individual from the north that could assist both this Board and the Socio-Economic Board in the initial stages. He added that this person should be from the north and able to deal with the development of both.

Charlie Evalik suggested it would be DIAND's responsibilities to look at joining the Boards together.

Bob Turner suggested it would be the parties to the agreements that would negotiate the transition of the Boards.

Florence Catholique commented that the members should focus their time on the Diavik project, suggesting that the issues related to joining the Boards together could be made later.

Sandy Buchan added that if the Board did not organize with the other Boards, there would definitely be duplication. He gave the example of the co-management boards and said that in Kugluktuk it was useful to have one person that people could go to talk to about a project who was trusted to give independent information.

Hal Mills commented that the joining of the two Boards together was the responsibility of the Parties to the agreement. He said there may be opportunities with respect to creating this Board to make efficiencies.

Bob Turner added that there was a lot of discussion about joining the Boards when the agreement was negotiated. The parties talked about accessing the scientific expertise of the IEMA and using the WKSS as a source of traditional knowledge information. He said that this was a better option than setting up new Boards every time.

Ted Blondin added that once the representatives were appointed, they were to act independently. Regarding the transition, he said it might take up to two years to organize the work of both Boards into one. He said that the big difference between the IEMA and this Board was community involvement. He said that people were not happy with IEMA because of lack of community involvement. This Board was organized so that scientific expertise, traditional knowledge, and government support could be accessed. They are different.

Press Release

Eric Yaxley introduced the idea of a press release that would identify the Chair and other officers. He said it would be useful for telling the public what has been established.

Ted Blondin recommended not putting out a press release until the Chair was appointed and all the members were in place. He said it was important for the community people to see who is representing them on this Board.

Chris Nichols said he had concerns about wording in the press release related to wildlife harvesting. He did not think it was within the mandate of the Board to look at wildlife monitoring in relation to the project.

David Livingstone said that the issue of wildlife harvesting was in the agreement in section 4.2f. He suggested using the wording in the agreement. He clarified the issue as one of community *access* to wildlife for harvesting.

Hal Mills said that he would take careful note of the wording in the press release.

Office Space

Hal Mills presented the detailed information related to office space in Yellowknife and added that there was quite a bit of space available. He said he understood that the Board did not want to have an expensive space so he had looked at spaces that are reasonably priced and that may offer efficiencies in terms of shared space.

He introduced the details of space in the Goga Cho Building near the MV Water Board. He said that the space is already set up and that it may be possible to share a Board Room

David Livingstone said that it was his experience that the Water Board would not share office space.

Bob Turner questioned whether the group needed their own Boardroom. He said he thought the Board would be set up to be on the road. He suggested there were many Boardrooms available from member agencies if one was required.

Cindy Gilday asked if an office was required at all.

Hal Mills commented that the Board would be better off to get an office quickly so it could be set up and running. Rather than borrowing space, it would be better to set up an office quickly.

Doug Crossley questioned whether the Board should wait until April 1 to get an office.

Eric Christensen suggested waiting until April also so that efficiencies could be made with the socio-economic monitoring board.

David Livingstone responded by saying it was important to get the Board established before discussing mergers with the environment advisory board.

Hal Mills commented that making efficiencies would be a good idea.

Cindy Gilday said she thought it better to wait until the Board was well established in its work before getting a space. In the interim, she suggested the Board could borrow space. She commented that the \$24 000 on rent may be better spent on a traditional knowledge study.

The discussion regarding office space was suspended until after lunch.

LUNCH

Ted Blondin asked if the group was faced with any timelines for deciding about office space.

Bob Turner said it was important to have an office so the Board has a visible presence.

David Livingstone agreed that the Board needed an office and a presence.

Hal Mills said he appreciated the Cindy Gilday's comment about taking time to get organized before acquiring a space, however, said that it was his experience that establishing an office took time and it was best to do it as soon as possible.

Doug Crossley questioned whether an office space was needed before an Executive Director was hired.

David Livingstone commented that there were many reasons to set the office up immediately including gathering materials and hiring interim staff to answer phones.

Charlie Catholique commented that he would like to see the space.

Eric Yaxley suggested appointing the Chair to take on this task as well as deal with the Bank Account.

Doug Doan said he was concerned about the point Doug Crossley made about getting space before an Executive Director was in place.

Cindy Gilday suggested more discussion about the direction of the Board was required especially its relationship to the communities. She pointed out that the Board was supposed to be unique and have a unique arrangement with the communities.

Ted Blondin commented that more work was required in selecting officers and the bank account. He also suggested making some kind of commitment to office space since it would take almost a month to get set up and it would be April 1/01 by the time it was ready.. He said it was important to be up and running by April 1/01. What this Board should be doing is getting going and exchanging information with the communities as soon as possible. Ted recommended selecting officers first and then figure out about

office space. The Board could spend time over the next month looking for furniture and equipment to furnish the office.

10. Nomination/Election of Chair – Facilitated by Hal Mills

Hal Mills explained the background related to the selection of officer for the Board. He explained that in future the appointment of a Chair normally would be done at the Annual General Meetings. He presented the terms of reference for the officers. He asked the members whether they would like to entertain nominations from the floor or take an alternative approach.

Sandy Buchan commented that it was a shame that all the parties were not represented. He pointed out that all the discussions so far seemed to require some leadership. He said he thought that it was important to go ahead and select the officer however, wanted to add his concern that all the parties are not here.

Hal Mills agreed that it was a problem that the Yellowknives were not present but added that it was his understanding that they were aware that the meeting was taking place.

Ted Blondin added his concern about the lack of representation from the Yellowknives however, noted that they had made a commitment to send a representative to the meeting. He recommended that the Board had to get the ball rolling so we can begin to share information with the communities.

David Livingstone said that Floyd Adlem would be willing to stand as Vice-Chair.

Ted Blondin nominated Bob Turner as Chair.

Cindy Gilday seconded that motion.

Bob Turner said he took the nomination as a vote of confidence and said he would be prepared to accept the position for the first year.

Hal Mills asked if there was consensus and the members agreed.

Vice-Chair

Bob Turner nominated Henry Zoe as Vice Chair

David Livingstone seconded the motion.

Chris Nicholls nominated Floyd Adlem for Vice Chair

Sandy Buchan seconded the nomination.

Ted Blondin asked if he could nominate someone since he was an alternate.

Hal Mills – I intend to be flexible but if it is close we would have to be careful about counting the number of votes for the nominees. He asked if Henry Zoe would let his name stand as an alternate. Hal then asked for a vote on the nominations. Floyd Adlem was declared elected.

Secretary- Treasurer

Henry Zoe nominated Doug Doan

David Livingstone – seconded

Hal – Consensus (Agreed)

Proposed In Camera Session

Bob Turner suggested that Hal Mills should continue to Chair the meeting. He said he would take on the role of Chair at the next meeting.

Sandy Buchan - There are five items in the in-camera status. He asked if any of the items on the agenda requires a motion and if so the group should work on those items.

Eric Yaxley responded by saying that the Society Registrar would require the names of the officers. He added that the idea behind the Board was to give people an opportunity to discuss their vision of the Board.

David Livingstone commented that these items would be better discussed with the full Board present and suggested moving on to the small items listed on the agenda for Day 2.

Hal Mills questioned whether it would be worthwhile to organize a 2 day workshop/think tank so that people can discuss more easily how this Board should develop.

Bob Turner agreed with Hal's suggestion and added that it would be best to make this happen at the next meeting since the next meeting was unlikely to be a site visit.

David Livingstone commented that a workshop in March would be most useful and it would be better not to hold the meeting in town.

Cindy Gilday questioned whether a two day workshop was the best strategy. She commented that at the next meeting there may be another 2 or 3 people missing. Cindy added that since people had already seen the material, it would be worthwhile to hear some responses on the items. She felt this would help her and other members conceptualize the Board's future.

David Livingstone clarified that his suggestion was only intended to move the meeting along.

Cindy Gilday said that she agreed with the idea of a think tank but felt it would be worthwhile to take advantage of those around the table.

Doug Crossely questioned whether the Board needed an Executive Director and what kind of person would be required. He commented that once staff were in place things would begin to happen.

Hal Mills shared his experience with the IEMA and said it was valuable to have an Executive Director who can talk to a range of people. He added that a communications person was also important. He suggested starting with these two positions and moving on from there.

Chris Nichols said that he felt a communications person and a communications strategy was critical.

Eric Christensen also agreed on the importance of a communications person. He added that the information to be generated by the Environmental Advisory Board was likely to be similar to that of the SEMA Board.

Ted Blondin commented that the importance of this Board is in its link to the communities. He said the company can't just involve the community when it is convenient. The EA will be looking at very technical issues. Someone will have to translate this into plain English. This is critical for people to understand what is going on. A lot of the technical issues need to be explained to the Board in plain English. The Scientific Body and the Traditional Knowledge Body also needs to be considered. Who will sit there? How often do they meet? He suggested that an office manager could deal with the issues of honoraria, travel arrangements etc. and that this person should be fully informed about the policies of the Board and would not need to involve the EA. He suggested that for the time being the Board should be looking for an EA that can deal with heavy technical issues.

Hal Mills inquired whether the Board wished for job descriptions to be developed for the two positions and advertised.

Sandy Buchan commented that rather than hiring someone right away, many tasks could be contracted out. He noted that there were 14 tasks associated with implementing the Environmental Agreement. He suggested having a meeting strictly devoted to operational items. He gave the example of the how to deal with the communities. He said the Board needed an action plan for each of these items. If some things need to be done, let's contract them out. He suggested that once SEMA was developed, the Board would be in a better position to define its role and tasks. Sandy added that combining the two Boards was appropriate since the Inuit did not separate socio-economic and environmental issues.

Ted Blondin agreed with Sandy however, pointed out that the Board has certain responsibilities different from SEMA. He pointed out that the main reason for setting up this Environmental Board was to deal with the company on environmental issues. He added that since Diavik had been given their licenses, they had been going full tilt. He said that the Dogrib were already hearing things back in the community about the environmental impacts of the projects. As such, the Environmental Advisory Board is already behind in terms of their responsibilities. He urged that the Board had to get going or small problems might become big problems very quickly. This Board needs to start working with Diavik and develop a good relationship. He said he didn't want this project

go the same way as BHP. He added that Eric Yaxley and Hal Mills should get the office going, get the filing system together, gather information, find furniture, and begin to look at the documents that are in place to change them into plain language. He raised a question about who was the most appropriate person to deal with in Diavik on environmental issues.

Ted went on to say that if the Board had a presence, a phone number and an office, the community people could start learning about the environmental issues from the Board. He also raised a question about who would sit on the traditional knowledge panel. He suggested that the Board could learn a lot from the WKSS and use what they have learned. He recommended that the two day think tank happen as soon as possible. Those members that aren't here should be informed about these issues but we have to get going.

Doug Doan agreed with Ted Blondin's comments and added support to Sandy Buchan's suggestion about developing an operational plan. He suggested that without a staff the Board had very limited capacity since the members around the table were all very busy. He commented that the sooner the Board is able to acquire some capacity, the sooner they would be able to tackle some of the issues.

Eric Christensen said he agreed with Ted Blondin and Doug Doan. However, he added that it might be better to hire Hal to do whatever work was required over the next six weeks. He said that it was more important for the Board to start talking about its operational plan and the resources needed to achieve this plan. He asked Doug Doan- if he knew what the GNWT was doing with SEMA. He reiterated his earlier points about taking advantage of efficiencies with SEMA. He asked if there was an opportunity to coordinate with SEMA and how long it would take for SEMA to be developed. He added that if SEMA was to be created in the next six weeks, the Board should contract out its work rather than hire people right away.

Doug Doan responded by saying that it might take 3 months to find an appropriate person and it was best to move on filling the EA position right away.

David Livingstone – We know what kind of person we need. There are people at this table who have lots of experience in terms of Executive Directors.

Cindy Gilday agreed that it was important to tackle the operational obligations. She suggested this needed to be done before settling the office space and the executive director issues.

Sandy Buchan added that the Board should examine the steps necessary for building the organization. He asked what needed to be tackled first. He said the Board needed time to plan. Sandy said he was familiar with the agreement, however, would appreciate an opportunity to think about the tasks of the Board. He added that he thought everything being said was important but he felt it was important to have a plan.

Eric Yaxley commented that there seemed to be consensus about retaining Hal and GeoNorth in the interim or until April. He suggested Hal could help with the development of an advertisement for the EA position and assist the Board in thinking about these other issues.

Bob Turner said he wanted to reinforce Ted Blondin's comments. He suggested Hal and Eric could keep things moving until the staff were hired.

Hal Mills responded by saying that GeoNorth was available. He shared his experience that hiring an Executive Director usually takes about 3 times longer than expected. He recommended the Board move quickly if they wanted an Executive Director in place by April.

Charlie Catholique suggested moving on to develop a work-plan. He said it was important to start right away since it seemed that Diavik was ahead of the Board. He said that the Board would get nowhere if this kind of discussion continued. He pointed out that the Board would learn as they went along.

Sandy Buchan pointed out that the Board has its Bylaws in place and is functioning. He had brought up an issue this morning and wanted to make a recommendation about the incinerator. Maybe we won't be able to deal with the issues most effectively as we would later. We can't wait on these issues, until the EA is hired. We should be going ahead as a Board right away.

Bob Turner – If we are going to have Hal and Eric putting things together, they will give us the information, organize the think-tank workshop, and put in place the admin requirements. Then when the EA comes on stream, we will be ready. I don't see that as a problem.

Doug Doan - We need to develop an RFP to call for interest for an EA position. Maybe we could consider this.

Ted Blondin suggested coming to some agreement about GeoNorth continuing on with the work that is required over the next couple of months. He pointed out that the group also needed to think about what bank they wanted to use as well as select dates for the think-tank. In terms of the Executive Director, Ted suggested waiting until the think tank to discuss it. He said it would be easier to deal with the bank, administration etc. at the present meeting.

Cindy Gilday made a motion to follow Ted Blondin's suggestion.

Think-Tank

After some discussion the group agreed on March 14-15th for the think-tank workshop and suggested holding it at Trappers Lake or somewhere out of town if possible.

Executive Directo

David Livingstone suggested sending out an rfp for the executive director before the think tank. He pointed out that this would not be a commitment and the interviews for the executive director could be tailored to suit what would come out of the think tank.

There was further discussion about whether it was too early to solicit “expressions of interest” from potential persons seeking the Executive Director position. However, the group came to agreement that this rfp would not mean a commitment. A motion was passed to have Eric Yaxley and Hal Mills draft an ad and have the Executive approve it in time for the following week’s paper. The group came to consensus on this motion.

Office Space

After a lengthy discussion about whether office space was required, the group came to consensus to select the option A as presented by Hal Mills. A motion was made by Ted Blondin, and was seconded by David Livingstone to the effect that office space was required. Another motion was made by David Livingstone and seconded by Sandy Buchan to decide on the office space during the meeting. A vote was taken between Option A at the 50/50 Mall and the Goga Cho Building and Option A passed by a majority. Cindy Gilday abstained.

Hal Mills then summarized the outstanding issues on the agenda to be:

- Location of Think-tank
- Bank
- Liability Insurance
- Level Honoraria
- Press Release
- Documents To Table- Incinerator

Incinerator Issue (Tabling of Documents)

Sandy Buchan tabled two documents related to the need to relocate the incinerator at the Diavik Mine site and attach it to the residence.

He summarized the issue by explaining that at the present location the incinerator runs the risk of attracting wildlife including wolverine, fox, bears etc. He said that Diavik’s original plan was to attach the incinerator to the residence. The tabled documents argue strongly to this point. He said it was important to take any steps possible to limit the amount of food waste that is moved to the outside. He asked the Board how they would like to deal with this issue.

Hal Mills suggested that the tabled documents would be attached to the minutes. He inquired whether there was a timeline associated with addressing this issue.

Ted Blondin said it was important for the Board to develop some kind of process to deal with these kinds of issues. He suggested sending the documents to the company and requesting a response.

Hal Mills said that once the minutes were completed the tabled documents would be attached. A letter could also be written to the company with the tabled documents and minutes attached.

Location of Think Tank

The question about where to hold the think-tank was introduced again and after some discussion, the group suggested Eric Yaxley and Hal Mills investigate several options.

Bank

After a brief discussion, it was suggested that Eric Yaxley look into more banking options including CIBC, to see which banks had the higher interest rates.

Liability Insurance

After a brief discussion about which company to use, a motion was made to obtain liability insurance. David Livingstone seconded the motion. The group decided to use Lakeshore since they already were familiar with the liability insurance for the IEMA directors and as a company they seem to be more established in the north.

Honoraria

There was a lengthy discussion about the level of honoraria that was appropriate for the members. The point was made that the honoraria should be standard for all the members. Some of the members were concerned about the poor image that would be generated if the honoraria was too high. Someone made the point that the rate had to be fair if the members were to have credibility with the communities. Suggestions were made of rates between \$250 - \$500 per day.

After some further discussion about the rates set for other Board and organizations, David Livingstone moved that the Board set the rate at \$350 for the interim. Henry Zoe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed by a majority. Sandy Buchan opposed the motion. Doug Doan and Cindy Gilday abstained.

David Livingstone commented that if people were not happy with the level of honoraria they should make a new motion.

Hal Mills asked if there were any new motions to be made. No new motions were made.

Eric Yaxley said that some of the organizations would be submitting invoices and that DIAND would pay those based on the decision of the Board.

Press Release

After some discussion about the timing of the press release, members agreed that it was premature to issue a press release before all the members were identified. It was suggested that the newly appointed Chair urge those parties who had not yet identified a member to do so as soon as possible.

Other Business

Hal Mills asked the group if there was any other business for the meeting.

Cindy Gilday suggested that the Board set up rules for how the members will deal with issues like the one that Sandy Buchan raised.

Doug Crossley said that this would be follow-up work that the staff would do. He suggested that in this case, the interim staff could work on this issue.

Cindy Gilday said she wanted to raise another issue regarding SEMA. She said the GNWT was far behind in setting up the Board. She said there is a lot of overlap between the two boards and it is important that the GNWT work on the SEMA issue.

Doug Crossley suggested the best approach would be to work through the members on the Board in a conciliatory fashion.

Hal Mills pointed out that with regard to the incinerator issue raised by Sandy Buchan, the information was tabled so that people could read it. He suggested that information be put forward ahead of the meeting so that people can look at it.

Cindy Gilday asked why the issue wasn't brought up this morning when Murray Swyirpa of Diavik was present.

Sandy Buchan responded, saying that he had brought up the issue but it was not dealt with to any great extent at that time.

Ted Blondin commented that in terms of process, the Board should also be thinking about how they would include the perspectives of the scientific and traditional knowledge people on these kind of issues.

David Livingstone pointed out that Section 4.3 of the agreement sets up a process for making recommendations. He said the location of the incinerator is an issue that the Board could consider. He added that if Diavik was not working on this issue, then the Board could make a motion and recommendation to have the issue dealt with by GNWT.

Cindy Gilday said that maybe the issue could be dealt with simply by sharing information. She added that in some cases research, motions etc were required. She asked what was the process that the Board was engaging in to deal with this issue. She said that she wanted to flag the SEMA issue as something that needed to be dealt with.

David Livingstone asked for clarification regarding the overlap. He said that that the parties that negotiated both the EA and the SEA worked to avoid overlap.

Cindy Gilday commented that her concern was with the process and how these issues would be addressed.

Doug Doan said he didn't know if there was a process in place regarding SEMA. He said that if the Board agreed on how to deal with the issue after full discussion and after having received background materials then the information and recommendations should be forwarded to the appropriate parties.

The meeting was adjourned.