

APPROVED BY BOARD MOTION # 2-01-09-18

**EMAB BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

JUNE 13 & 14, 2001

CULTURE CENTRE

RAE-EDZO NT

Day 1

Present:

Robert Turner, Chair, North Slave Metis Alliance
Floyd Adlem, Vice-Chair, Government of Canada
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty #11 Council
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Alex Buchan, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Florence Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
Cindy Gilday, Diavik Diamond Mine Inc.
Brett Hudson, Representative, Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)

Absent:

Doug Doan, Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)
Chris Nichols, Government of Nunavut

Resource People:

Eric Yaxley, Department of Indian and Northern Development (DIAND)
Holly Newton, GeoNorth
Glenna Cayen, GeoNorth

The meeting was called to order at 11:00AM.

1. Welcome and Introductions

All those present introduced themselves.

2. Prayer

Johnny Weyallon led a prayer.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion #1-01-06-13

The Agenda was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2001

Mr. Adlem indicated that he was appointed by the Government of Canada and would like this reflected in the minutes and any EMAB correspondence.

It was also noted that Doug Doan represents the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) rather than RWED and should be reflected in the minutes and on all EMAB correspondence.

On page 8 of the minutes insert the subtitle RWED where discussion relates to this department. Also in this section Steve Mathews “will be presenting at the next meeting,” rather than “it is hoped that he can present at the next meeting.”

Cindy Gilday representing Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. stated that she was not in attendance at the May meeting.

Motion #2-01-06-13

The minutes of May 16, 2001 were approved with the above noted changes.

Moved: Florence Catholique

Seconded: Floyd Adlem

Motion Carried: Unanimously

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Clarification was required in regard to the item titled “honoraria procedures” on page 13 of the May 16, 2001, minutes. It was stated that some board members spend more time on board business than others for different reasons and will require payment for the extra time spent. It was the general consensus of the members to remain flexible at this time for honoraria payments. This issue can be re-visited in the future.

It was noted that board members from the communities may require special requirements such as transcribing services, and this will be dealt with on a as needed basis.

Draft Media Relation Brochure and Pamphlet

There was a number of comments and discussion with regard to the pamphlet. Holly Newton of GeoNorth agreed to make the noted changes and a copy of the noted changes will be sent to the members for their review. The brochure and pamphlet will be ready for approval by the board for their next meeting.

6. Board Business

Financial Update

Eric Yaxley, DIAND indicated that \$39,746.90 has been paid and that there will be a 10% hold back of \$10,254 until financial statements are received from the EMAB office. An additional \$100,000 is forthcoming within a couple of weeks and the final payment of \$150,000 at the end of the calendar year.

There was some discussion on the urgency of developing a broad based budget to include such things as office equipment, consultants and board meetings. It was agreed that the Executive meet for half a day to develop a draft budget plan for presentation to the board at their next meeting. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Update on Staffing

The Chair, Robert Turner, stated that due to prior commitments, Kirstie Simpson, would not be available to start work until the end of September. However, she will make herself available at scheduled board meetings until then.

The board agreed to wait for Kirstie Simpson, however, will require a letter stating that she has accepted the position and her anticipated start date.

The board agreed to continue with the GeoNorth contract until Ms. Simpson is available.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm for lunch.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45.

Bookkeeping Services

It was agreed that the EMAB office purchase an accounting program and provide the bookkeeping services in-house.

Tax Issues

This item was considered “no longer an issue” as it had to do with income tax and board honorarium. It was agreed that the board members would make arrangements to submit their own taxes.

7. EMAB Policies & Procedures

There were a number of suggested changes to the draft procedures manual. Holly Newton of GeoNorth noted the changes and will have them completed for review by the board at their next meeting.

Traditional Knowledge (TK) Proposals

There was discussion related to the above and it was agreed that a procedure must be developed on how to deal with TK proposals, as well as all other proposals that the board may be presented with. In addition, criteria must be developed on how/what proposals to support. The board agreed that this item would be placed in the work plan as an action item. It was also agreed that a board workshop would be organized with regard to TK issues in the near future.

Those representatives from the communities were asked to bring forth ideas and information required by the aboriginal groups they represent. The board members wanted to know what the communities are doing with respect to TK proposals. There have been many TK studies/ proposals completed within the NWT in the past and the board does not want to re-invent the wheel.

Generally the members agreed that the government and board representatives associated with EMAB are not technicians and should not be compared to the West Kitikmeot Slave Study Society (WKSS) organization.

With TK proposals the Board indicated that they must be consistent with their mandate and again, stressed the importance of completing a work plan strategy. The work plan strategy to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM until the next day at 10:00AM.

Public Meeting 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Present:

Robert Turner, Chair, North Slave Metis Alliance
Floyd Adlem, Vice-Chair, Government of Canada
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty #11 Council
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Alex Buchan, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
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A public meeting was held in Rae Edzo at the Cultural Centre on June 13, 2001, at 7:00PM and came to a close at 10:50PM. The EMAB board addressed concerns and comments from the public about Diavik Diamond Mine Inc. There were approximately 45 people from the community in attendance.

The board was well received and there were numerous people thanking the board for their time and indicated that they hoped for continued and meaningful participation with the aboriginal communities. Interested parties please refer to attached appendix for further detail on the community meeting.

**EMAB BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2001**

Day 2

Present:

Robert Turner, Chair, North Slave Metis Alliance
Floyd Adlem, Vice-Chair, Government of Canada
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Alex Buchan, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Florence Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
Cindy Gilday, Diavik Diamond Mine Inc.
Brett Hudson, Representative, Government of the Northwest Territories
Ted Blondin, Alternate, Dogrib Treaty #11 Council (Morning only)
Alicie Legat, Representative, Dogrib Treaty #11 Council (Afternoon only)

Absent:

Doug Doan, Government of the Northwest Territories, GNWT
Chris Nichols, Government of Nunavut
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty #11 Council

Resource People:

Eric Yaxley, Department of Indian and Northern Development (DIAND)
Holly Newton, GeoNorth
Glenna Cayen, GeoNorth

Visitors/Presenters

Steve Mathews, Resources Wildlife & Economic Development
Anne Gunn, Resources Wildlife & Economic Development
Jim Sparling, Resources Wildlife & Economic Development
Tamara Hamilton, Department of Indian and Northern Development
Craig Broome, Department of Indian and Northern Development

Erik Madsen, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. (11:30 AM presentation)
Gord McDonald, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. (11:30 AM presentation)

The meeting reconvened at 10:22AM and was called to order by Robert Turner, Chair.

The Chair gave a brief introduction and asked that Steve Mathews begin his presentation on behalf of RWED.

8. Presentations/Discussions

RWED Presentation

Steve Mathews of RWED made a presentation on wildlife monitoring. This presentation was based on a Power Point presentation handout distributed to each board member.

There were general comments and Anne Gunn indicated that Caribou migration patterns have been unusual, especially in the last 5 years. The Caribou were late this year and split into two (2) groups where the one group went up the west side which is typical of the last few years (1990's). The other group went back to the area they used in the 1980's, that is up the east side to their old calving ground. Ms. Gunn also noted that the Caribou's progress was slow because of heavy snowfall this year.

The Chair requested that RWED provide maps of the Caribou migration patterns. Mr. Mathews presented 3 maps at the meeting, which were for distribution to EMAB.

Mr. Mathews also agreed that he would supply the EMAB office with videotapes on bear safety.

Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. (DDMI) Presentation

Eric Madsen of DDMI made a presentation to the board on Wildlife/Habitat. Mr. Madsen distributed a document titled "Key Commitments Arising from the Diavik Comprehensive Study (July 1999)." This document is a table based on information obtained throughout the DDMI Comprehensive Study and the resulting recommendations and conclusions contained in the report.

Habitat Assessment Monitoring Program

There was some discussion on the viewing of the Caribou as they reach the mine site. It was brought to the attention of DDMI and RWED representatives that the elders were brought to the mine site when there were no Caribou on site and many elders have expressed this as a concern. In the future the elders would like to visit when the Caribou are on site.

DDMI responded by advising that the Dogribs requested to be at the mine site on a specific day and DDMI went with their specified date. The DDMI representative also noted that planning for the exact date of the Caribou migration is a difficult one. He noted that it took a full time person a few months to plan this site visit and the general logistics of this endeavour.

EMAB sees this as an issue and asked that DDMI ensure that the elders are at the site when the Caribou go through in the future. One of the members stated

that DDMI could involve the communities by placing the elders on the land for a week or two rather than try to view from a helicopter on a specific day.

It was noted that some of the techniques used such as “bear bangers” might not necessarily be the best way to deal with wolverines, for example. Is it possible that a wolverine could be chased down by a ski-doo rather than using “bear bangers?” In general, the board was concerned that there may be other methods to be used against the wildlife in order to diverge attention from the mine site.

There were differing views by board members with regard to dealing with wildlife monitoring issues. The GNWT representative suggested that DDMI and RWED work together to develop a draft of recommendations for a wildlife monitoring program. Once those draft recommendations were developed, they would be brought to the EMAB Board, who would then have the opportunity to provide their recommendations and suggestions for the wildlife monitoring program. However, the Chairperson indicated that it is crucial that EMAB be central to discussions that relate to the wildlife monitoring program. He stated that more often than not, input offered to the government is not always implemented as recommended. The Chair also mentioned that EMAB is the link to the communities and community input is essential to the wildlife monitoring program.

Another suggestion that was directed to DDMI by the members was to actually hire or assign a person to go to the communities and work with the three organizations EMAB, DDMI and RWED to have a better understanding of what the communities would like to see included in the site monitoring. Further to this it was noted that the board members from the communities must ensure that any relevant information gets out into the communities.

EMAB members suggested to DDMI to place more detail in the wildlife monitoring report with respect to the number of trained aboriginal people and the communities they represent.

Mr. Eric Yaxley, DIAND asked what the screening was made of which encompasses the buildings located at the site. The DDMI representative indicated that the buildings are screened with solid sheet metal.

Dust Deposition and Habitat Assessment Monitoring Programs

There was general discussion on this portion of the report.

Mr. Madsen indicated that DDMI has a total of nine monitoring stations that will be established on the east island and 1 control site on the south mainland for analysis of total suspended solids (TSS). Eric Yaxley, DIAND asked if DDMI would consider adding additional control sites for better accuracy. The DDMI

representative agreed that this may be worthwhile for future monitoring programs and would consider the request.

Fish/ Fish Habitat

The main focus is moving the fish from one pond to another with the main method being gill netting. A local group will undertake the netting, which is estimated to be a three week program.

Another common method to use is electro shock, however, the water is so pure that the electro shock and may not be effective in the water. The electro shock technique is considered the preferred method as the fish are stunned and less stressed moving from one pond to the other rather than the struggle when in the net.

The Chair noted to the parties that DDMI would have to deal with compensation for fish habitat loss. The representative from DDMI, Mr. Eric Madsen, agreed and indicated that they would like assistance from the EMAB board and the communities to determine the design of the compensation plan.

Solid Waste Disposal Alternatives

There was a question raised in regards to the black residue coming out of the incinerator at the mine site. The DDMI representative indicated that plastics were burnt at the mine site. DDMI was asked to consider alternative methods of dealing with non-toxic solid waste. Mention was made of putting non-toxic waste into a quarry and covering with rock.

Restoration Research

Erik Madsen of DDMI referred to a letter dated March 29, 2001 to Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB), which related to the restoration research plan. Mr. Madsen indicated that this ongoing and will change as the mine develops.

9. Other Business

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 23, 2001, and will be held at the Diavik site. Murray Swyripa to be contacted for confirmation.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00PM.