

## **May 19-21 2020 DRAFT EMAB Meeting Summary**

Meeting held by teleconference/videoconference. Videoconference was for presentation only; there were some problems with access due to internet/bandwidth issues.

### **Approval of previous minutes**

- Postponed. Not all members have internet to access minutes to review & approve.
- Send requests for updates on Diavik Policy on Aboriginal Involvement in Monitoring to Gord

### **Financial Statements**

- Noted most of Supporting Communities Budget unused. Enough budgeted to go to every community once per year. This year only 2 updates were done. Both were inexpensive because the NSMA update was moved to teleconference due to COVID-19, and EMAB staff were unable to travel for the KIA update because there were no accommodations. Current COVID-19 restrictions prevent updates.

### **Wildlife Monitoring Program (WMP) Updates**

- Diavik presented on 2019 WMP, and Management and Solutions in Environmental Science (MSES), presented their technical review of the 2019 WMP.
- plan meetings between EMAB, Diavik, and consultants to discuss the caribou zone of influence re-analysis.
- Revise comments on 2019 WMP
- EMAB to provide comments on WMP Program Description before June 30.
- include specific recommendations related to TK monitoring & reporting in the Wildlife Monitoring Program Description.

### **Securities**

- WLWB, GNWT, and Diavik presented on Diavik securities
- Securities held under Water Licence are separate from those under the Environmental Agreement
- A few areas of disagreement over water licence security deposit between Diavik and GNWT
- Discussed concern that TK monitoring, southern waste rock pile closure and contingency for moving the slimes, have not been costed into security estimates. A contingency for permanent water treatment after active closure, if needed, was also not costed into security estimates.
- Need engagement with communities on how to monitor after closure using TK

### **Inspector's Report:**

- No concerns. Virtual inspections have been taking place during COVID-19.

### **Environmental Agreement Amendment Update**

- Not yet approved. GNWT cannot make any commitments because it is currently with the Legal Department for the Government of Canada.
- Once that step is done, the draft amendments will be circulated to Parties to the Agreement
- GNWT will work to keep EMAB updated

### **Water Quality Cultural Use Criteria: Pit Lake Reconnections**

- Diavik presented on Cultural Criteria for PK to Pits Proposal
- COVID has disrupted plans for community meetings to review the criteria.

- Diavik is trying to figure out how to bring elders into virtual discussions for online community meetings.
- Diavik would like to bring the results of the discussions with communities to EMAB for review.

#### **Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (ICRP) 4.1.**

- Diavik presented ICRP 4.1. Bill Slater and Randy Knapp presented their reviews of ICRP 4.1.
  - Diavik acknowledged that TK monitoring is not addressed; they want to develop plans through the TK Panel then verify with communities, and would like EMAB to review. COVID is making this difficult.
  - Natural revegetation would take 100's to 1000's of years
- Proposed Next Steps for EMAB:
  - Request consultants update reviews to include post-conformity check information
  - EMAB staff will look at additional comments, including TK recommendations
  - Have a meeting/engagement between EMAB and DDMI before submitting EMAB recommendations on ICRP 4.1. to work through unresolved issues.

#### **Environmental Air Quality Monitoring Program Update:**

- Diavik disagrees that there is a yellow haze over the minesite on cold days; EMAB to provide Diavik with a photo of the yellow haze
- Diavik has discontinued TSP monitoring despite EMAB recommendations
- Workshop on Air Quality Monitoring Program delayed until it can be held in person
- EMAB to send letter to minister stating that the EAQMP is inadequate.

#### **TK Panel Update**

- TK Panel meetings cancelled for 2020. Elders are at high risk from COVID and Diavik minesite is risky due to large numbers of fly-in workers.

#### **Next Meeting:**

- Maintain tentative June 16-17 meeting dates as placeholders for ICRP discussions.