

EMAB Board Meeting
May 7th, 2002
EMAB Office, Yellowknife, NT

Approved by Board Motion # 3 02-05-15

Present:

Robert Turner, Chair, North Slave Metis Alliance
Floyd Adlem, Vice-chair, Government of Canada
Doug Doan, Secretary-Treasurer, Government of the Northwest Territories
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty 11 Council
Erik Madsen, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.
Florence Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
Angus Martin, Yellowknives Dene First Nation (alternate)
Alex (Sandy) Buchan, Kitikmeot Inuit Association (by Teleconference)
John Morrison, Government of Nunavut (alternate) (by Teleconference)

Staff:

Kirstie Simpson, Executive Director, EMAB
Ryan Crago, GeoNorth (minutes)

Guests:

Brenda Kuzyk, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.
Adrienne Forest, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.

Absent:

Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Paul Partridge, Government of Nunavut

Meeting called to order 10:15 am.

Opening by Robert Turner

Agenda Item	Discussion / Recommendation	Action
Roundtable of Introductions	Brenda Kuzyk and Adrienne Forest were introduced as representatives from DDMI to present and discuss DDMI's Annual Environmental Report.	
Review of DDMI Annual Environmental Report: Presentation by Adrienne Forest and Brenda Kuzyk	Adrienne Forest and Brenda Kuzyk presented a PowerPoint overview of the annual report, section by section to the Board. The Board was solicited for their opinion on content and format after each section was presented.	

<p>DDMI Annual Environmental Report Cont'd</p>	<p>Executive Summary The Executive Summary was briefly summarized. It was noted that it includes a description of the project and excerpts from the Environmental Agreement (EA). The Executive Summary has been translated into 3 languages in Appendix C.</p> <p>It was noted by Florence Catholique that some errors were found in the Chipewyan translation.</p> <p>The Board commented that EMAB was not referenced in the Executive Summary, and therefore, is not evident in translations.</p> <p>Section 1: Introduction Gives an overview of DDMI and a brief project description. DDMI has cut and pasted much of this section from other documents.</p> <p>Section 2: Monitoring Programs 2001 Includes the executive summary of all programs, taken directly from the individual monitoring reports and consolidated in this section.</p> <p>Section 3: Construction Activity A month-by-month overview of 2001 construction activity, as well as summary of the 2002 construction plan.</p> <p>Section 4: Submissions Includes an executive summary of all submission made by DDMI. Not all of these submissions were necessarily approved. This includes reports submitted to DFO, MVLWB, and RWED.</p> <p>There was some discussion on the definition of “submission”. DDMI elaborated by stating any sort of plan, design reports, or like submissions are reported here.</p> <p>It was noted that the abstracts do not follow the program list in this section. To be adjusted by DDMI next year.</p> <p>Section 5: Public Concerns and Responses This section included formal letters of</p>	
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<p>DDMI Annual Environmental Report Cont'd</p>	<p>concern from Lutsel K'e elders regarding caribou, as well as from Kugluktuk regarding placement of the incinerator.</p> <p>This sparked significant discussion on several issues. DDMI identified that although EMAB minutes were reviewed for public concerns expressed through the Board, internal Board concerns were not considered.</p> <p>It was discussed whether there should be 3 subsections, including Community Concerns, EMAB concerns and Organization concerns.</p> <p>It was resolved that any concerns formalized through EMAB would be included, but that internal Board issues would be reported independently.</p> <p>DDMI to remain consistent through the process, including only formal concerns (being letters or otherwise), as well as demonstrating responsiveness to the concern. As well, DDMI will examine the potential to include any positive feedback/responsiveness in this section.</p> <p>Section 6: New Technologies This section summarizes any new technologies investigated and used at the DDMI site. An example of remote turbidity monitors was given for 2001.</p> <p>Section 7: Minister's Comments This section includes any direction from the minister in response to any parties/EMAB. It is currently empty, because there have been no comments to include.</p> <p>Appendix A: Summary of Compliance Reports A summary of actions taken to address issues raised by the inspector in the compliance reports. This section is taken directly from the inspector reports, plus a summary of action by DDMI.</p> <p>Appendix B: Summary Table of Monitoring Program Activities Essentially a summary table of adaptive management, including performance,</p>	
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<p>DDMI Annual Environmental Report Cont'd</p>	<p>mitigation activities, corrective actions, and key changes for 2002. DDMI would like to include rolling results as per the EA, and solicited Board for their input.</p> <p>The Board discussed the most efficient way to present all pertinent information to the reader without overwhelming them. There was some concern about the length of the table.</p> <p><i>Adrienne Forest leaves. 11:45am</i></p> <p>The importance of identifying predictions was discussed and it was decided them necessary to be included in any rolling results table, as long as it graphically shows progress from predictions to results.</p> <p>Erik Madsen suggested the following display format: Objective: Wolverine Abundance Prediction: from EA This Year: 2001 Results Rolling Effects: History to Date Actions: Mitigations & Monitoring</p> <p>It was also noted that TK has not been included in the current format as identified by the EA. DDMI to include it.</p> <p>Annual Report Submission Date Brenda Kuzyk expressed concern over the dates of submission of this report. Because monitoring reports are also due March 31, Brenda Kuzyk suggests the following timeline for submission of the annual report:</p> <p>March 31 - Monitoring Reports due.</p> <p>April 1-June 30 - EMAB to review Monitoring Reports. - DDMI to build on approved reports</p> <p>June 30 - DDMI submits Draft report followed by a 45-day review period.</p> <p>September 30 - Final Report submitted</p> <p>October - Report presented to communities</p> <p>This issue left open for further discussion. It</p>	
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	was noted that due date can be changed by the parties only.	
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Break for Lunch – 12:07 pm

Reconvened at 1:15pm
Brenda Kuzyk has departed

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Fisheries Recommendations	<p>The Board discussed the process of reaching the Fisheries Recommendations. It was decided to follow similar format that was used to generate the wildlife recommendations.</p> <p>Some comments have already been incorporated into the fisheries document. Final comments must be submitted by Friday, May 10th.</p>	Final Comments deadline: May 10 th , 2002
Wildlife Recommendations	<p>The Board reviewed and discussed each of the 10 Wildlife Recommendations in order. Comments from most parties had already been included in this version, except those of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, which were distributed to be reviewed along with each recommendation and Dogrib Treaty 11 Council who did not submit comments.</p> <p>Recommendation #1: There was some discussion as to how to handle the last line of this recommendation. It was suggested that a subcommittee be created to deal with it. This idea was discarded, and the last line was deleted from the recommendation, but noted as an action item.</p> <p>Recommendation #2: It was recommended that the wording of 2i) be changed to read “...EMAB requests DDMI to define a process to clarify impact predictions and objectives within two months...” After some discussion, this change was accepted.</p> <p>It was recommended and agreed upon that the word “...direction...” be changed to “...recommendations...” in 2ii).</p>	Board to consider holding a bear and wolverine workshop.

	<p><i>Robert Turner departs. 1:52pm</i> <i>Floyd Adlem assumes chair position.</i></p> <p>Recommendation #3: Accepted as it reads.</p> <p>Recommendation #4: Accepted as it reads.</p> <p>Recommendation #5: It was noted that the last line refers to Recommendations 6i) to 6v). This should read 4i) to 4v). Change agreed upon.</p> <p>Recommendation #6: It was recommended to change sentence to begin “Any reports...”. Change agreed upon.</p> <p>Recommendation #7: There was some discussion of Yellowknives Dene comments on this recommendation. It was decided that these comments would be best addressed at the TK workshop.</p> <p>Recommendation #8: There was discussion on the definition of “<i>external expertise</i>”. It was originally intended to indicate anyone outside of Diavik, from hunters and trappers to scientists. It was noted again that TK must be included in all monitoring activities.</p> <p>It was decided that the definition of “external expertise” became evident in the last line of the recommendation. No changes made to this recommendation.</p> <p>Recommendation #9: The Board had some concern about making hiring recommendations to DDMI. After some discussion, it was agreed upon to remove the reference to DDMI needing to hire external expertise and to replace it with “...utilize adequate expertise...”</p> <p>Recommendation #10: The Board discussed the relevance of this</p>	Recommendation
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	<p>recommendation in this context, as this is an EMAB task, not a recommendation to DDMI or RWED. The creation of a technical subcommittee was suggested, but overruled. The Board decided to remove #10 from the list of recommendations, and address it as an action item.</p> <p>Motion #1-02-05-07 To accept the recommendations and actions towards Improved Caribou and Wildlife Monitoring, as amended, numbers one through nine, to RWED and DDMI, today, the 7th of May. <i>Moved:</i> Alex Buchan <i>Seconded:</i> Doug Doan <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	<p>#10 is to be removed and used for the basis for the terms of reference for the Wildlife Subcommittee.</p> <p>Executive Director to draft joint letter to DDMI and RWED attaching the recommendations.</p>
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Break at 3:01pm

Reconvened at 3:23pm

Robert Turner returns as Chair.

Agenda Item	Discussion / Recommendation	Action
Budget for Annual Report	<p>Motion #2-02-05-07 Board to allocate \$20,000 to the production of the Annual Report. <i>Moved:</i> Floyd Adlem <i>Seconded:</i> Florence Catholique <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	Executive Director to revise budget to reflect change from \$15,000.
Date of Annual General Meeting	<p>To be held in Yellowknife EMAB office (tentative).</p> <p>Motion #3-02-05-07 That the annual general meeting be held on Tuesday, 24th of September. <i>Moved:</i> Doug Doan <i>Seconded:</i> Erik Madsen <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	AGM to be organized and advertised as required by EMAB bylaws.

Date of Board Development Workshop	It was decided that the Board Development Workshop would be held in Lutsel K'e July 3 rd and 4 th (and 5 th if necessary). Details to be discussed.	Board to review resumes and course providers.
Date of TK Workshop	Tk Workshop to held July 10 th , 11 th and 12 th . Suggested location was Old Fort Rae. Details to be discussed.	Robert Turner to confirm location, availability and cost.
Date of Cumulative Effects Workshop	Date tentatively set for October 22 nd , 23 rd , and 24 th . Location to be determined.	Executive Director to liaise with with DIAND and IEMA on setting up this course.
Date of August Board Meeting	It was decided that the August Board meeting will take place August 13 th , 14 th , and 15 th at Moise Rabesca's Camp outside of Rae.	Johnny Weyallon to confirm availability of camp on this date and costs.
May 13, 14, 15 Agenda	<p>May 13th – Morning session with a variety of experts to discuss water quality issues pertaining to phosphorous loading. Afternoon will be spent developing strategy.</p> <p>May 14th – Diavik Technical Meeting at MVLWB.</p> <p>May 15th – Regular Board Meeting at EMAB office. Tentative agenda to be distributed in advance.</p> <p>Motion #4-02-05-07 To adjourn. <i>Moved:</i> Johnny Weyallon <i>Seconded:</i> Angus Martin <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p> <p>Meeting adjourned. 3:55pm</p>	