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## EMAB Meeting Summary – June 11-12'24

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference

### **Minutes/Action Item Follow-up**

- Need to revise Community Update costs for all communities.
- All Board members to sign EMAB Code of Conduct if they haven't already.
- Concerns about yellow haze at mine.

### **Finance**

- Discussion on whether EMAB should start paying people to attend Community Updates – tabled to future meeting. ED to check with communities.
- ED's spending authority increased to \$25k
- Finalize comments on Jack Kaniak Environmental Scholarship
- Approve wildlife standing offer to Roam Ecology

### **Environmental Air Quality Monitoring and Management Plan (EAQMMP) Update**

- Laura Malone from GNWT provided update to Board; GNWT will be meeting with DDMI at on-site on June 24-25. DDMI must respond to Minister's Report on investigation of whether Diavik's Air Quality Monitoring Program is adequate.
- DDMI is still resistant to adopting the recommendations in the Minister's report, but are willing to work with GNWT to come to a resolution.
- DDMI installing Scentinal air monitor to measure total suspended particulates, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur oxides.
- EMAB to follow up with Minister re: yellow haze monitoring.

### **Jan 16'24 Fuel Spill**

- Board to go to site of fuel spill on June 13 site visit and inform Diavik of any concerns.
- EMAB to also ask DDMI:
  - if any other fuel storage areas on site are not lined and bermed.
  - how it will ensure another fuel spill like this doesn't happen again.
  - to receive a copy of Final Remediation Plan.

### **Planning for two-year budget submission**

- EMAB to decide what should be in next budget, and ED will draft.
- Draft budget to be submitted to DDMI by end of September 2024.

### **Traditional Knowledge Fish Camp**

- Board approves draft follow-up letter to DDMI re: heavy metal cleanses.
- Environmental Specialist will attend 2024 fish camp.
- Should count number of parasites in each fish.

### **Traditional Knowledge Working Group Discussion**

- Joanne Barnaby and Natasha Thorpe of Thorpe Consulting recommend that past TK Panel recommendations should be used to inform TK Closure Monitoring Plan; should also look at existing programs in communities to inform Plan.
- EMAB to investigate mines with similar programs for lessons learned.
- Have initial Plan ready before closure (March 2026). Then expand over time – phased approach.
- Recommend that if EMAB takes on the TK WG to develop, that EMAB hire a dedicated TK Coordinator rather than hire a consultant.
- EMAB to draft letter to Diavik outlining Board is willing to take on the TK WG but only under certain conditions (adequate resources, budget, and personnel, etc.).

### **Meeting with DDMI COO Matthew Breen**

- Matthew Breen arrived with DDMI colleagues Gaeleen Macpherson, Laura Worsley-Brown, and Garrett Hinchey.
- DDMI wants to listen to EMAB and work together respectfully as partners.
- DDMI considering appointing Board representative in near future; all official correspondence to go to Matthew Breen in the meantime; DDMI also open to attending meetings as needed.
- Matt notes final Remediation Plan for Jan 16'24 fuel spill has been submitted, and that the weather is warm enough for mine heaters to be turned off and further clean-up to continue.

### **Board Member Update and Community Concerns**

- Board members provided community updates; no major concerns.

### **Diavik Site Tour – June 13**

- Board will follow up to Diavik with any questions and concerns.