



EMAB Meeting Summary – April 23-24, 2025

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference

Minutes/Action Item Follow-Up

- TK Fish Camp follow-up – EMAB to send letter to Diavik addressing inadequate responses to EMAB recommendations.

Finance

- EMAB to send letter to GNWT re: Decision on 2025-27 budget.
- Board approves revised 2025-26 budget; budget reduced to account for GNWT Minister decision to approve Diavik's proposed budget.
- Site visit end of June
- Look into new office space, due to roof leaks and heating issues

Diavik Water Licence Renewal Application

- Consultants presented technical review findings. Main issues are: need for EQC's for pond discharges, monitoring discharges, proposed sewage treatment effluent, Cultural Use Criteria.
- Staff to circulate draft of Intervention for Board review on May 5th for review & approval on May 13th conference call.

Traditional Knowledge Monitoring Plan Update/Discussion

- DDMI staff update Board on progress of TKMP development including April workshop; commit to providing monthly written updates to EMAB going forward.
- Diavik will provide revised TK Indicators by May or June meeting
- Diavik will send a summary of the project scope and qualifications of consultants to EMAB.

Diamond Mine Relief

- IGO corporations met with GNWT to support struggling diamond mines and keep them operating. Measures implemented include increased valuation schedule, Federal support for 1 year of winter road costs, and property tax relief.

Winter Road

- EMAB concerned about winter road impacts on caribou. Also concern about proposed all-season roads.
- GNWT-ECC provided an overview of current management practices on winter road and will respond to EMAB's letter once signed by DM.

Revised Closure Plan

- DDMI presents on forthcoming revised FCRP V1.1; notes no major changes from previous version but have addressed WLWB direction set out in the Reasons for Decision on FCRP V1.



Environmental Air Quality Monitoring Plan Investigation Update

- GNWT staff provide update on Minister's decision
- EMAB can now follow-up with yellow haze recommendations now that investigation is complete. Consider suggesting Diavik monitor air quality via satellite.

Long-term Liability

- GNWT staff provide overview of security held by Diavik and policy on relinquishing responsibility from mine – this is done on a site-specific basis for each mine. Notes that WLWB decides when security is released; EMAB will have a chance to comment before the decision.
- Public Lands Act (PLA) engagements being planned; regulations to be in place for 2025-26. Noted that GNWT took over public lands through devolution. LKDFN did not sign on to the Devolution Agreement.
- EMAB to consider sending a follow-up letter on long-term liability to get everything in writing.

Boots on the Ground Update

- BOTG shares update on program including winter monitoring and Lac du Sauvage camp
- Lots of concern about caribou and winter road: won't cross road due to traffic and more susceptible to hunting pressure due to public access. Proposing movable caribou crossing areas.
- Most caribou they saw were in good shape.
- BOTG will be sending out 6 or 7 teams in July.

Inspector's Report

- Inspector not available
- EMAB to request Diavik report all spills directly to EMAB. Prepare a letter to Diavik on this.

Coppermine River Water Quality

- HTO to contact EMAB with studies on fish and water quality in Coppermine
- Noted that Diavik will be holding a community meeting in Kugluktuk to discuss water quality monitoring.

Round Table

- Board members provided community updates. Main concerns noted:
- Concerned with how many Elders are sick; worried they will lose them.
- Closure of diamond mines and loss of income stream
- Winter road effects on caribou

Next Board meeting scheduled for July 7-9, 2025