

Present:

Lawrence Goulet, YKDFN  
Grant Beck, NSMA  
Claudia Haas, ENR, alternate

Call-In

Doug Crossley, KIA  
Floyd Adlem, Canada  
Tom Biddulph, Diavik

Staff:

John McCullum

Minutes:

John McCullum, EMAB

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Meeting started at 10:35 a.m.

Welcome from Chair. Agenda is:

- Review draft letter to Kim Truter regarding two-year funding proposal
- Review draft letter regarding WMP
- Review draft budget for ICRP

1) Letter to Kim Truter

ED presents letter. Revised version followed a discussion by Executive members. Main change was to show EMAB is open to considering specific suggestions for change to the budget from DDMI while highlighting urgency.

Agreed that changes clarify that EMAB welcomes DDMI input on the budget. Noted that “last Thursday” in 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph should be changed to actual date.

Gord Macdonald from Diavik will be in Yellowknife next week. It might be possible to meet with him then. The Executive members are prepared to participate.

Confirmed that there are no further changes to letter.

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| Action: revise letter to Kim Truter and send out. |
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2) ICRP workshop budget

Chair reviews budget.

Query - should Diavik be asked for a contribution since it is being done in cooperation with them? This is an EMAB workshop so we normally cover all costs. Budget assumes one of the three days will be a site visit to Diavik and that they will cover all travel costs from Yellowknife.

Query - are catering costs too low? Increase to \$800.

Need to follow up with Diavik about how many participants can attend the site visit. The bus capacity may be as low as 10. The big buses are not able to access all areas of the mine and get frosted up in winter.

Action Item: ED to talk to Gord Macdonald about capacity of bus.

**Motion:** To accept the draft budget for the ICRP workshop as amended.

Moved: Floyd Adlem

Seconded: Grant Beck

Carried unanimously

3) Draft letter on changes to WMP frequency

ED presents draft letter and background.

Query - did changes to the WMP frequency come up at the meeting between DDMI and ENR on Nov 12? No. Any idea why not? No. The discussion was focused on the ENR letter that responded to the 2007 WMP report and the statistical analysis report. DDMI did not bring up changes to frequency.

Noted that the letter from DDMI regarding possible changes to WMP sampling frequency has only been sent to EMAB, not ENR. The questions are to EMAB and it's not clear how DDMI expects EMAB to be able to answer them. It's hard to understand how to answer the letter.

Noted that the letter should have also gone to ENR and the Aboriginal Parties.

It appears that DDMI is asking EMAB to consult with the communities, but there is nothing specific to consult about.

Maybe EMAB should state that we think the WMP should continue as presently carried out.

We need a concrete idea of what changes are being proposed. DDMI has said there is sufficient evidence to support a change in monitoring frequencies but has not provided any of this evidence. They have also said they want to reduce monitoring frequency by only monitoring one component per year. Does this mean, for example, that caribou would only be monitored once every two years, or three, or four or five years?

Is it better for DDMI to make a proposal or to do collaborative consultation? There is a need for clarification of what DDMI wants. More information is needed before any consultation.

Noted that the letter contains recommendations that were put forward at the November 5 - 7 meeting and tabled pending the outcome of the meeting with ENR on Nov 12. A motion is required to approve the letter since these are recommendations.

ED reads out recommendations.

**EMAB recommends Diavik Diamond Mines provide a detailed, scientifically defensible rationale to support any proposed changes to the Wildlife Monitoring Program so that they can be technically reviewed.**

**EMAB recommends Diavik Diamond Mines provide their responses to each of MSES' questions regarding the 2007 Wildlife Monitoring Program and statistical analysis report in writing.**

**EMAB recommends Diavik Diamond Mines propose options for adaptive responses to the larger Zone of Influence on caribou, detected by the Wildlife Monitoring Program.**

Need to include a community review in the first recommendation as well as technical. Revised recommendation read out.

**EMAB recommends Diavik Diamond Mines provide specific proposed changes to the Wildlife Monitoring Program and a detailed, scientifically defensible rationale to support any proposed changes so that they can be reviewed by scientific wildlife experts and Affected Communities.**

**Motion:** To approve the letter regarding WMP frequency, and the recommendations, as amended.

Moved: Claudia Haas

Seconded: Grant Beck

Carried with one abstention

**Motion:** To adjourn

Moved: Claudia Haas

carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.