



EMAB Meeting Summary – November 9-10, 2021

Meeting Held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference.

Action Item Follow-up:

- Re-send letter to Parties requesting support for EMAB continuing after Diavik Operations cease
- ED to send a letter to communities advising them that NPFP funding is available, and that CIRNAC is reviewing the program and that they may wish to send a letter of support to extend and expand the program
- ED to review several past agendas and identify items that might be a conflict to send to the Board for review.
- ED to send proposed Business Rules wording clarifications to Diavik.
- Diavik to provide a schedule of closure presentations to EMAB.
- EMAB to inform closure consultants about presentations so they can attend.
- ED to draft a letter to Aboriginal Parties on the idea of a multi-community engagement and forward it to the Board for approval.

Finance

- Budget amendment approved including:
 - Increase AEMP review budget
 - Increase to WMP review budget
 - Decrease to CRP review budget
 - Decrease salaries because of gap between transition of Environmental Specialists
- Reviewed Business Rules – discussed issues raised over whether funds could be rolled over from one fiscal period to the next
 - Rules do not do a good job of specifying situations where reports and plan submissions are delayed or occur after two-year budget is submitted
 - Clause 4.8(F) in Environmental Agreement raised – EMAB can apply for additional funding if necessary. Diavik representative said request will be responded to within 24 hours.
- Femi Baiyewun new signing authority to replace Sarah Gillis.

Extended Northern Participant Funding Program (NPFP)

- NPFP being considered for extension and expansion by CIRNAC. Currently just for Environmental Assessment Hearings.
- Agreed EMAB to request program be expanded to include Water Licence Hearings.

Conflict of Interest Policy

- Four options to address COI policy
 - No changes to existing policy.
 - Prohibit employer conflicts.
 - Prohibit employer conflicts but allow participation in meeting with Board consent.
 - Exempt employer conflicts where employer is Party to the EA.



- Legal counsel recommends option three - a good middle ground that allows members who are in conflict to participate in Board meetings with Board consent. Board member cannot vote on items but is allowed to share information.
- Need to identify types of decisions that should be exempted from COI

Status/Timeline of Closure Plan Submission

- PKC Closure Design in January 2022.
- 2021 Reclamation Completion Report in March 2022.
- All other submissions scheduled for October 2022 will be submitted with the Final Closure and Reclamation Plan.
- Diavik expects NWRSA cover will be completed by the end of 2022.

Proposed Water Licence Amendment

- Water Licence Amendment – two main amendments.
 - Increased water usage for filling pits.
 - Decommissioning Collection Ponds.
 - To decommission ponds, Diavik proposes to develop approval process with closure criteria and transition long term management to the AEMP and response framework.
- Schedule of Work Plan for Water Licence Application reviewed.
- Draft review and recommendations will go to Board next week for approval by November 18.

PKC Management and Design Approach

- New approach of sloping PK towards spillway instead of central pond.
- No more fine PK in PKC by end of 2022; will go into A418 pit instead.
- Zone 1 PKC cover to begin in 2022.

TK Monitoring for Closure

- Most of Diavik's discussions with communities have been on the socioeconomics of closure. Nothing on TK monitoring except input from TK Panel.
- Possibility of multi-community engagement sessions; EMAB will send a letter to communities on this
- Noted that EMAB members could bring idea of multi-community engagement back to communities to gauge interest.

WMMP Follow-up Recommendations

- Follow-up recommendations to ENR based on Diavik's responses proposed.
 - Grizzly hair snagging should be done frequently enough to show whether population is stable.
 - Wolverine hair snagging should also be done often enough to show population is stable – every 4 to 6 years.
 - Diavik should develop a deterrence plan for waterfowl in pits where PK is being deposited.

Next Meeting

- Tentative dates for next meeting are January 11-12, 2022.