



EMAB Meeting Summary – October 16-18'24

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference

Minutes/Action Item Follow-Up

- Revise and send letter to Minister and Diavik about need to monitor yellow haze at Diavik.
- Revise Fish Camp Recommendations letter after Verification session; send to Board for review.

Water Quality Workshop

- Diavik has proposed discharge criteria for collection ponds into Lac de Gras.
- Diavik has started monitoring the discharge area; discharge will begin in spring 2025.
- People can safely drink up to 38 liters of water from around the island, except inside the mixing zones, or from streams on the island.
- EMAB Chair and staff will attend workshop; statements at workshop are not binding – trying to reach solutions.

Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan Review

- Diavik has removed monitoring the mine's Zone of Influence (ZOI) on caribou.
- Diavik will only do caribou behaviour analysis on the minesite.
- Diavik developed new ZOI analysis method in 2023 and has now dropped any monitoring of ZOI. Diavik wants guidance from GNWT on how to monitor. They don't think the data help mitigate effects of the mine on caribou.
- Board to review ROAM Ecology review when submitted at end of October, and approve recommendations on the WMMP.

2023 EAQMP Report Review

- Similar recommendations to previous years.
- Board to review Arcadis review when submitted and approve recommendations on the 2023 EAQMP report.

Water Licence Inspection Update

- ES presented recent water licence inspection results (Inspector not available)
- January fuel spill almost entirely cleaned up
- Waste sorting needs to be improved

Annual Report Update

- Some delays; plan to get draft text to Board by early November for review and approval

Finance

- Approved budget revision to account for audit findings.



Draft Recommended Two-Year Budget Discussion

- Requested extension of budget submission date to allow Board to review.
- Requesting Diavik allow roll-over unspent funds for FCRP review and Water Licence Renewal from this year to 2025-26, also request agreement on Additional Funding if needed.
- Board approved budget for 2025-2027 with some small changes; submit revised budget to Diavik by Oct 18.

EMAB Intern

- Megan Perra introduced her research on use of audiloggers that attach to existing caribou collars and collect detailed information on caribou behaviour.
- She wasn't able to collect any information this year, but will try again in 2025.
- Elie Gurarie, Megan's PhD Supervisor, introduced his work studying how winter roads affect caribou movement, and the effect of traffic.

TK Monitoring Plan – Terms of Reference

- DDMI rep reviewed the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) Diavik prepared.
- Main concerns were about the role of EMAB, the TK Panel and the proposed TK Steering Committee, as well as the role of the EMAB Executive Director in managing the project.
- ED will re-draft the ToR to address the concerns and send to Board for review and approval.

Air Quality Monitoring Update and Discussion

- GNWT is still trying to resolve some air quality monitoring issues with Diavik
- GNWT granted DDMI a further extension for submission of revised Plan, now due Nov 15'24.

WLWB Update

- Ryan Fequet and Anneli Jokela updated the Board on Diavik-related activities

EMAB / Diavik Working Relationship

- Board agreed with proposed improvements to EMAB comment/recommendation approach: Diavik to try to provide review materials earlier; EMAB to try to get questions to Diavik early on and note any resolved issues in comments.
- Request WLWB speak informally to EMAB about concerns rather than through written Reasons for Decision.

Round Table

- Board members provided community updates, no major concerns.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Dec 10-11'24.