

**EMAB Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 23, 2002**  
**Yellowknife, NT**

**Present:**

Robert Turner, Chair, North Slave Metis Alliance  
Floyd Adlem, Vice-chair, Government of Canada  
Doug Doan, Secretary-Treasurer, Government of the Northwest Territories  
Erik Madsen, Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated  
Florence Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation  
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
John Morrison, Government of Nunavut (alternate)  
Jane McMullen, Government of the Northwest Territories  
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty 11 Council

**Resource People:**

Eric Yaxley, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development  
Julian Kanigan, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (partly)  
Clint Ambrose, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (partly)  
Gord MacDonald, Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated (partly)

**Support Staff:**

Lisa Best, GeoNorth (minute taker)

**Absent:**

Kitikmeot Inuit Association

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Opening by Bob Turner at 1:20 pm.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion / Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>
Approval of Agenda	<b>Motion #13-02-09-23</b> To accept agenda as presented. <i>Moved:</i> Jane McMullen <i>Seconded:</i> Erik Madsen <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously	
Approval of Minutes	<i>Comment:</i> The motions to go in and out of camera should be added.  <b>Motion #14-02-09-23</b> To accept minutes as presented. <i>Moved:</i> Florence Catholique	

	<p><i>Seconded:</i> Floyd Adlem  <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	
<p>Review Action Items</p>	<p>Action Items were reviewed and any action items that were completed will be removed (by minute taker) and added to a list of completed action items for tracking purposes. Any new action items will be added to the outstanding list of action items for review at the next board meeting.</p> <p>During the review of action items the following points were raised.</p> <p>Improving computer services for each board member is an on-going process.</p> <p>The cost of working from home should not be an additional burden to board members – this should be an expense within capacity funding.</p> <p>A second draft of the EMAB Operation Procedures Manual is in the works. The Executive will strive to send a draft out to board members by early November.</p> <p>When traveling board members don't have any insurance coverage (eg. Visiting Diavik site).</p> <p>Brian Mitchell of DDMI is willing to assist with the setup of a basic EMAB website (it would take about two days). He can start working on it once he has an outline of what EMAB wants on it.</p> <p>Initial discussion regarding the content of the website included the following suggestions:</p>	<p>The Executive will strive to complete the second draft of the Operations Manual by early November.</p> <p>Eric Yaxley will research insurance coverage status and travel/field trip coverage options.</p> <p>Provide an outline of information to be included on the EMAB website to Brian Mitchell of DDMI.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links to the GNWT, MVLWB.</li> <li>• Annual Report.</li> <li>• Basic EMAB information like who, where, what, when and how.</li> </ul> <p>Adding Bay Chimo to the existing DDMI map has been delegated to DDMI's GIS person. It was noted that Bay Chimo is currently referred to as Umingmaklok.</p> <p>Hal Mills of GeoNorth Limited drafted the letter to the DIAND minister regarding the importance of inspectors and inspection resources.</p> <p>It was suggested that EMAB recommend that BHP set up a traditional knowledge monitoring camp on the BHP side (as well as the Diavik side) for expansive monitoring purposes. It would be useful to monitor caribou before and after the caribou pass through both mine sites.</p> <p>The Chair will send letters out to the five aboriginal parties regarding the idea of working together on the TK Strategy and future monitoring projects. The letters will be sent out by the end of October.</p>	<p>Send the letter regarding the importance of inspectors and inspection resources to the DIAND minister.</p>
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**Break – 2:45 pm**

**Reconvene – 3:00 pm**

<p>Cumulative Effects Training</p>	<p>If EMAB chooses to take advantage of the opportunity, DIAND (through the Interim Resource Management Fund) will sponsor (up to \$30,000) EMAB members to hold an internal Cumulative Effects Training Session. The session would include two</p>	
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	<p>days of training. EMAB would need to apply in the form of a proposal for the training. The timing and scheduling of the training session is up to EMAB.</p>	
<p>Inspector's Report</p>	<p>Julian Kanigan and Clint Ambrose of DIAND, joined the meeting to provide the Diavik inspection report.</p> <p>As the Diavik Inspector, Julian reported on events such as dewatering, satisfactory discharge limits, seepage from island D, pre-stripping of the pit, thermo siphoning, approvals, turbidity sampling, construction at ponds, crushing, winter road access area - snow dump clean up, finalized aquatic effects monitoring and dike monitoring programs, occurring at Diavik from August 5<sup>th</sup> to the last inspection on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2002.</p> <p>The seepage from island D is minor. It is possibly ground water. The seepage water is clean which is a good indicator of lack of erosion.</p> <p>A note with respect to the fecal coliform count – number was temporarily out of compliance at 110 and 51 (the maximum grab sample number is 20). DDMI was quick to respond and the latest two sampling periods are both back in compliance.</p> <p>The Chair requested that the report document be made available to EMAB.</p> <p>The Chair raised the addressed the former idea of observers going along with inspectors. The inspectors explained the liability concerns and the difficult situation that could arise if an observer was to become a witness in court. The suggestion was made that EMAB could</p>	

	<p>undertake an independent unofficial inspection/survey of the area.</p> <p>The chair shared the concerns related in the letter to the DIAND minister re: lack of inspection resources. Apparently there is an internal process going on to work on this problem. Julian Kanigan is now dedicated to Diavik inspections. Previous inspectors were dedicated to additional sites as well as the Diavik site.</p>	
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*Gord MacDonald of DDMI joined the group at 3:45 pm.*

<p>DDMI update</p>	<p>DDMI updated EMAB on the current situation at DDMI regarding things like virtual completion of dewatering, completion of the processed kimberlite containment area, operations of the water treatment plant, prestripping of till in preparation for blasting, process plant preparation and personnel training, status of the various ponds, caribou migration monitoring, near completion of the explosive storage area building, and seepage within limits in the open pit. DDMI is well on target with set timelines. Target for operations is still early 2003.</p> <p>It was noted that the current seepage is well within the allowable limits. The collection system consists of five pump stations being installed in five areas around the pit. Any seepage coming through dikes will be pumped to the north inlet, treated and released.</p> <p><i>Question:</i> How many people are working at site?  <i>Answer:</i> There are currently about 100 employees - 80% are northern content.</p> <p><i>Question:</i> What is the breakdown of party involvement in northern content hiring?</p>	<p>Erik will get a breakdown of the</p>
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	<p><i>Answer:</i> Will look into the breakdown, they are on target with general hiring. DDMI is about 10-12% over their quota with respect to northern hire content.</p>	<p>party involvement in the northern content hiring.</p>
<p>Review of Palatability Testing</p>	<p>On August 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002 the community fish palatability testing took place. Of the board, Bob Turner, Florence Catholique and Johnny Weyallon attended. DDMI would like to receive formal feedback on improvements to be made for next year and comments as to how to report on it.</p> <p>General comments were made regarding consistency of location, equipment use, supplies, time of fish processing, and fish forms.</p> <p>The palatability testing has started as an annual event and it will be determined in the future if it is necessary to keep it as an annual event.</p> <p>It was commented that as long as a couple of coordinating participants are kept constant from year to year continuity would be attainable.</p> <p>DDMI will submit an application to the MVLWB for a permit to set up the camp. It would be useful to have a letter of support from the different parties to submit with the application for the camp permit to show that consultation regarding the camp has occurred. DDMI is planning to put the application together in October.</p> <p>A Fish Palatability Study Report will be prepared detailing who, what, where, and when and the types of fish caught, and</p>	<p>Bob, Florence and Johnny will prepare recommendations regarding camp set up.</p> <p>Erik Madsen will provide a list of resources that will be made available at the Diavik monitoring camp for the next board meeting along with a map of potential locations for board review and approval.</p>

	<p>gear used. The biological study/info/tests will be attached at the end of the report along with the forms that the community participants filled out.</p> <p>Comments and recommendations are being requested by participants and will be added to the above report. A standard set of questions/suggestions will be developed to inspire comments but the recommendations section will be left up to the individual imagination.</p>	
<p>Public Meeting</p>	<p>The set up of the Public Meeting in the evening of September 23, 2002 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm was briefly discussed.</p> <p><b>Motion #15-02-09-23</b>          To adjourn meeting.  <i>Moved:</i> Floyd Adlem  <i>Seconded:</i> Erik Madsen  <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	

**Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.**

**Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board (EMAB) Public Meeting Minutes**  
**September 23, 2002**  
**Yellowknife, NT**

The Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board (EMAB) held a public meeting on the evening of September 23, 2002 from 7:00 pm til 8:30 pm. Eight public members attended the meeting.

The Chair of EMAB briefly summarized the purpose and establishment of EMAB.

Tom Hoeffler of Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated (DDMI) presented a detail of events occurring to date at DDMI.

After the presentation the floor was opened for questions.

Questions

1. *Question to DDMI:* What change in water quality took place as the dike was being constructed other than turbidity?

*Answer:* No changes really stood out other than total suspended solids (TSS) and turbidity but things in general became more concentrated.

2. *Question to DDMI:* What is the height elevation/depth of the pit?

*Answer:* The deepest part of the pit is on the northeast side at approximately 110 feet. The average depth is about 12 meters.

3. *Question to DDMI:* As water was drawn out of the diked area did left over fish congregate in pools?

*Answer:* Yes, some smaller fish were slopping around and seagulls were hanging around.

4. *Question to DDMI:* Is there anything you would do differently next time?

*Answer:* There were a number of examples where Diavik was able to learn from BHP's trials for example: rubber lined truck boxes and a number of engineering details inside the process plant, the project overall has been a success.

**EMAB Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 24, 2002**  
**Yellowknife, NT**

**Present:**

Robert Turner, Chair, North Slave Metis Alliance  
Floyd Adlem, Vice-chair, Government of Canada  
Doug Doan, Secretary-Treasurer, Government of the Northwest Territories  
Gord MacDonald, Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated  
Florence Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation  
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
John Morrison, Government of Nunavut (alternate)  
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty 11 Council  
Erik Madsen, Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated

**Resource People:**

Julie Dahl, Department of Fisheries & Oceans  
Marc Lange, Department of Fisheries & Oceans  
Hal Mills, GeoNorth Limited

**Support Staff:**

Lisa Best, GeoNorth (minute taker)

**Absent:**

Kitikmeot Inuit Association

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Opening by Bob Turner at 9:20 am.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion / Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>
June 25 <sup>th</sup> letter from EMAB to DDMI/DFO	DFO clarified that their draft response (circulated at the meeting) dated September 23, 2002 is based on the June 28 <sup>th</sup> letter, not the June 25 <sup>th</sup> letter. DFO agreed that a formal response to the June 28 <sup>th</sup> letter and the June 25 <sup>th</sup> letter (the response will be a separate letter for each) will be on its way within a couple of weeks.  It was agreed that the seven recommendations of the June 25 <sup>th</sup> letter would be discussed at the meeting.	

	<p>EMAB had previously received a formal response from DDMI and will await the formal response from DFO.</p> <p>In response to Recommendation #1, DDMI is currently working to discourage fish to lay eggs in areas of high potential impact by creating unfavorable fish habitat within those areas.</p> <p>In response to Recommendation #2, DDMI has responsibilities to meet the terms of the Fisheries Authorization (FA) from DFO; this becomes a responsibility for DFO to amend the FA if they are in agreement with EMAB.</p> <p>It was noted that during the fish palatability study there was a bit of hesitance to eat fish with parasites. However the parasites were only on the outside and were still edible.</p> <p>In response to Recommendation #2 &amp; #3, DFO discussed the problems with the lack of baseline data (and inconsistencies) to date. There are four protocols working to improve the situation.</p> <p>The first two protocols mentioned were the Fish Out Protocol and the Fish Transfer Protocol which have been developing over the last year.</p> <p>A third protocol mentioned was the Baseline Study Protocol. Fish out data has been collected and is currently being entered into a database and will be analyzed. Currently database errors are being edited and the goal is to fix the data errors within the next three months and complete the entire protocol within the next year. The analysis of the fish out database will work to reduce inconsistencies.</p>	
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	<p>For the fourth protocol, DFO is currently working on obtaining the funding to develop a Habitat Assessment Protocol north of sixty.</p> <p>DFO struggles with the lack of resources (human and dollar) to develop these protocols quickly. As far as timelines for the above protocols, DFO mentioned that the Fish Out Protocol and the Fish Transfer Protocol could be completed relatively quickly but that the Habitat Assessment Protocol and the Baseline Study Protocol will take the longest (possibly a year or more).</p> <p>DDMI stated to DFO that they would like to have an opportunity to comment on the protocols being developed and noted that having the protocols accessible would assist DDMI to meet DFO's regulations/expectations. EMAB also recognized the value of an opportunity to comment/view the developing protocols. DFO committed to circulating the documents for comment in the future.</p> <p>A short discussion covered how traditional knowledge has been incorporated to date and will be incorporated wherever possible in the future (eg. fish health monitoring, cumulative effects community-monitoring program - habitat sampling protocol).</p>	
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**Break – 10:30 am**

**Reconvene – 10: 45 am**

<p>June 25<sup>th</sup> letter from EMAB to DDMI/DFO continued...</p>	<p>In response to Recommendation #4, DFO was open for suggestions on how the database identifying problem fish habitats for potential fish restoration options could be gathered and put to good use.</p>	
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	<p>A combination of suggestions put forward was as follows:</p> <p>A list of significant problem areas/habitats (ie. Giant, Colomac,...) could be quickly put together and then through community meetings specific areas of concern could be confirmed and other ideas could be discussed and areas could be prioritized.</p> <p>It was noted that DIAND's current activities with the various sites would need to be considered so's not to work against them. Since a lot of DIAND's target tends to be land based, DFO could step in after DIAND is finished with areas.</p> <p>In response to Recommendation #5, DDMI does not see value in doing the research to answer the questions until those things arise.</p> <p>With respect to Recommendation #6, EMAB's intent was clarified. EMAB does not see value in creating disturbance in an undisturbed area. DFO mentioned that there is flexibility within the Habitat Management Policy and that they are willing to consider other options but that they need suggestions in the absence of the original options. It was agreed that further discussion regarding this recommendation would take place after lunch.</p> <p>Options for use of the Habitat Compensation Fund were discussed. Lutsel K'e interpreted the funding to be used for general fish enhancement. DFO explained that the funds must directly go to habitat compensation. DFO has a responsibility to report direct gains from losses.</p>	
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**Break – 11:40 am**

**Reconvene – 1:00 pm**

<p>Status of Habitat Compensation Plan</p>	<p>A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Habitat Compensation Plan. Location (ie. benefits of utilizing a lake off Lac de Gras), what lakes contained fish (half the lakes that freeze to the bottom and generally don't), the type of fish habitat that will be created, and the current habitat compensation plans to be presented.</p> <p>DDMI stated that the draft work plan has been submitted.</p> <p><i>Erik Madsen joined the group at 1:40 pm.</i></p> <p>After the lengthy discussion, it was concluded that DFO (as long as at least one lake on the island was used as an example), DDMI and EMAB would have a full day session where each group brings ideas to the table for alternative areas for habitat compensation.</p> <p>It was noted that DDMI has already put forward effort towards the agreed upon habitat compensation plan and that any new habitat compensation plan must be within the same scope as the original plan.</p> <p>The strategy behind the No Net Loss Plan was talked about. DDMI related that all of the calculations are available upon request. The main idea behind the strategy is to replace like with like or a comparable quality of habitat of what was there before and after.</p> <p>For the December session priority will be given to resolving the habitat compensation plan (replacing the inland</p>	<p>Convene a full day meeting on December 11, 2002, to talk about habitat compensation areas for the loss of inland lakes, DFO can explain their policy, and everyone can come to the table with ideas for new inland lake options for the Habitat Compensation Plan.</p>
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	<p>lake options). Extra items for discussion will be placed at the end of the agenda and can be discussed if and when there is time at the end of the session.</p> <p>In conclusion, DDMI is going to proceed with engineering plan on everything but the inland lakes.</p>	
<p>Revised Slimy Sculpin Report</p>	<p>Prior to comments from EMAB to DFO, DDMI submitted a final report stating that slimy sculpins are not believed to be a useful baseline monitoring tool due to their scarcity/difficulty to catch.</p> <p>DFO explained the reasoning behind using the slimy sculpin is to seek as early as possible (early on in the food chain) warnings for unacceptable levels of metals. Slimy sculpin are bottom feeders and they eat the benthic organisms – sisco’s are close but the move around more than just the bottom.</p> <p>According to DDMI benthic and slimy sculpin species are difficult to catch. It was proposed that sisco would be easier to catch but DFO turned the sisco option down because the sisco move around too much. DFO is concerned about using trout as an indicator species because of their position in the food chain – the thought is that by the time the increased level of metals is indicated in the trout – it is too late.</p> <p>DFO is still in the process of discussing the options with their science group and are working to find out if sisco could be valued as an indicator species.</p> <p>The ball is in DFO’s court – DDMI and EMAB are waiting for a response.</p>	

**Break – 3:30 pm**

**Reconvene – 3:45 pm**

<p>Blasting Effects Study Design</p>	<p>DDMI met last week with DFO, Florence Catholique and by phone two University of Alberta professors. The concept of the monitoring program (testing methods and variables to be tested) being developed by the university professors was discussed. Once the monitoring program is developed, DDMI will introduce it formally to the communities.</p> <p>So far the gist of the plan is that trout eggs from Lac de Gras will be exposed to a full year of blasting at worst case scenario levels.</p> <p><i>Jane McMullen joined the group at 3:00 pm.</i></p> <p>DFO will be drafting a letter to DDMI regarding discussions, letters and present understanding.</p>	
<p>Update on Palatability Testing</p>	<p>The palatability testing was conducted at the end of August. The tests on the samples (tissue samples/aging structures, electronic nose and texture testing) should be completed shortly and will be distributed to coordinators and to EMAB.</p> <p>DDMI will get final draft together and circulate it and finalize it and make it available for distribution.</p> <p>EMAB participants summarized fish palatability experience.</p> <p><i>Julie Dahl and Mark Lange left at 3:20 pm.</i></p>	

<p>2002 Wildlife Monitoring Program Version 2</p>	<p>The meeting date to discuss WEMP was set for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Doug will confirm with RWED in the next couple of days.</p> <p>Draft recommendations on monitoring from the Bathurst Caribou Management Planning Committee will be available this week.</p> <p><i>Gord MacDonald left the group at 3:30 pm.</i></p>	<p>Confirm that RWED is available on November 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss WEMP.</p>
<p>Communications/ Terms of Reference</p>	<p>Before adjourning the meeting it was proposed that board members think about the need for EMAB staff with respect to the EMAB workload (day to day administration, office management and the need for scientific knowledge) and approaches for fulfilling EMAB's staffing needs, (# of individuals, positions, full-time, part-time or contract) and come tomorrow morning prepared to discuss the issues further.</p>	

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm.**

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**Support Staff:**

Lisa Best, GeoNorth (minute taker)

**Absent:**

Kitikmeot Inuit Association

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Opening by Bob Turner at 9:20 am.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion / Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>
Communications/ Terms of Reference	After lengthy discussion, the <i>Terms of Reference – Development of an Information &amp; Communications Strategy for EMAB</i> was edited by the board and the Vice-Chair made the edits to the document during the board meeting. General changes involved broadening the terms of reference to seek more than just communications assistance. The terms of reference was broadened to include identification of the needs of the EMAB office and development of options for staffing the office and implementing a communications/information strategy. It was agreed that a line stating the anticipation of spending no more than	The Executive will place the Request for Proposal (re: information/communication strategy) in the newspaper for the week of September 30 <sup>th</sup> to October 4 <sup>th</sup> . Two weeks from the release of the first add will be the deadline for response.

	<p>\$20,000 for the contract would be added on to the end of the terms of reference.</p> <p>Conversation stimulated during the editing process revolved around implementation of the proposed strategy, the needs of the office, and the necessary qualities of the successful proponent.</p> <p>Board members agreed that the current administration staff was needed, but there was a lack of consensus regarding the further staffing situation. Questions were raised about how to delegate the future workload of the board (through hiring, contracting etc.) and if staff were hired what positions should be filled (office manager, communications specialist, trainer). The successful proponent, once contracted, will outline options to address the above types of questions and issues.</p>	
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*Johnny Wellayon joined the group at 10:00 am.*

**Break – 10:00 am**

**Reconvene – 10:25 am**

<p>Communications/ Terms of Reference Continued...</p>	<p>The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be due in two weeks from the first advertised date (should advertised at least twice) – tentatively October 15<sup>th</sup>. It was determined that the Board is satisfied with the Executive taking the lead in judging the incoming proposals for the above Terms of Reference and awarding a contract to the successful proponent. The Executive will report to the board with a summary of applicants and approval process used.</p> <p><b>Motion #1-02-09-25</b> Accept the changes of the Terms of Reference – Development of an</p>	
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	<p>Information &amp; Communications Strategy for EMAB as amended and limit the maximum cost to \$20,000.  <i>Moved:</i> Florence Catholique  <i>Seconded:</i> Johnny Weyallon  <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	
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### Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2002				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 WKSS Mtg.	3 WKSS Mtg.	4
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14	15	16	17 9 <sup>am</sup> - EMAB - teleconf. mtg.	18
21 DDMI update – Snare Lake	22 DDMI update – Rae Lakes	23	24 IEMA Bd. mtg.	25 <u>IEMA Bd. mtg.</u> til Oct. 27th
28 DDMI update – Wha Ti <u>PAS-Mtg Inuvik</u>	29 DDMI update – Rae Edzo <u>PAS-Mtg Inuvik</u>	30 Protected Areas Strategy Mtg. - Inuvik	31	

NOVEMBER 2002				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 DDMI update – Ndilo	5 DDMI update – Dettah <u>MVEIRB TK Workshop</u>	6 MVEIRB TK Workshop	7 MVEIRB TK Workshop	8
11	12 DDMI update – Lutsel K'e	13 DDMI update – YK - NSMA <u>Reg. Mon. Workshop</u>	14 Regional Monitoring Workshop	15 EMAB Bd Mtg. → EMAB to work on Operations Manual tomorrow (Saturday). ***

18 <u>WEMP Mtg.</u> DDMI update – Cambridge Bay	19 <u>EMAB Bd Mtg.</u> DDMI update – Kugluktuk	20 <u>EMAB Bd Mtg.</u>	21	22
25 tentative trip to <u>Saskatchewan</u> DDMI update – <i>HR, Ft. Res, Ft. Smith, Ft. Prov.</i>	26 tentative trip to <u>Saskatchewan</u> DDMI update – <i>HR, Ft. Res, Ft. Smith, Ft. Prov.</i>	27 tentative trip to <u>Saskatchewan</u> DDMI update – <i>HR, Ft. Res, Ft. Smith, Ft. Prov.</i>	28 DDMI update – <i>Hay River, Ft. Resolution, Ft. Smith, Ft. Providence</i>	29 DDMI update – <i>Hay River, Ft. Resolution, Ft. Smith, Ft. Providence</i>

DECEMBER 2002				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9 <u>IEMA Bd. mtg.</u> <i>Started Nov. 7</i>	10 IEMA Bd. mtg.	11 Inland Lakes Workshop with DFO, EMAB and DDMI	12 EMAB Board Meeting	13 EMAB Board Meeting
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Upcoming Events	<p>Important dates were noted and listed as in the above calendars for the months of October through December 2002.</p> <p>DDMI is planning conduct a number of Diavik Update Meetings (in the evenings) to each of the communities. It would be beneficial to have the board member/party representatives attend the update meetings.</p> <p>In November (tentatively 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>) DDMI is planning a trip to Saskatchewan</p>
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	<p>(1<sup>st</sup> day La Ronge, 2<sup>nd</sup> day Rabbit Lake and 3<sup>rd</sup> day Stony Rapids) to look at an example of Camaco's Community Based Monitoring program. The intention is to see how Camaco's Community Based Monitoring program is set up and working and to converse with both community members and the mining company regarding the program. Three or four DDMI staff will attend and DDMI will pay for chartering costs for three EMAB representatives to join the DDMI crew. It is expected that EMAB cover the costs of hotels/accommodation – possibly under capacity funding. It was identified that Bob Turner, Florence Catholique and Johnny Weyallon are interested in representing EMAB on the trip.</p> <p>The next EMAB board meeting will be held as a teleconference at 9:00 am on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The agenda will include priority items to keep things moving forward.</p> <p>It is confirmed that Francois Messier is available for Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to attend the Wildlife Environmental Monitoring Plan (WEMP) meeting.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the TK Strategy. It was decided that the TK Strategy should take place in January 2003. Before making any detailed arrangements the Chair will contact the community members to find out if they would support the idea of working together to conduct the traditional knowledge monitoring for DDMI.</p> <p>As DDMI and the aboriginal communities will in effect need to communicate regarding the TK Strategy, it was suggested that when the TK Strategy Session takes place, DDMI could be present to describe their strategy in order</p>	
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	<p>to help identify priorities for work to be done from DDMI's point of view. For example so far DDMI has heard community concerns regarding water quality, caribou and dust.</p> <p>It would be beneficial for board members to attend the MVEIRB TK workshop in November. The invitations were sent out on September 11, 2002. Some board members were invited individually but the question remained as to whether or not EMAB as a board was invited.</p> <p>Diavik will discuss the agenda for the Inland Lakes Session planned for December 11 with DFO. DDMI proposed that EMAB, DFO and DDMI share the costs (1/3 of the cost each). EMAB party representatives could decide on two people to attend in addition to themselves. Gord MacDonald will propose to DFO that they pitch in to pay 1/3 of the costs associated with the session.</p>	<p>Look for an invitation for EMAB to attend the MVEIRB TK Workshop in November.</p>
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**Break – 11:50 am**

**Reconvene – 1:25 pm**

*Lawrence Goulet did not return from lunch.*

*John Morrison did not return from lunch.*

<p>Date change to the Release of the DDMI Annual Report</p>	<p>DDMI proposed that the deadline date for the DDMI Annual Report be changed. There is a statement in Section 12.1 of the Environmental Agreement stating that the minister can prescribe the date of the release of the DDMI Annual Report.</p> <p>DDMI explained their reasoning behind the proposed date change. All other DDMI reports are due on March 30<sup>th</sup>; if those reports were completed before the before the draft was submitted to EMAB,</p>	
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	<p>there would be more time to evaluate the information from the reports – hence making the annual report more comprehensive. Since EMAB has to produce their annual report a month before the AGM in September, the draft annual report should be submitted in August. EMAB will still have time to put together their report including information included in DDMI’s report.</p> <p><b>Motion #2-02-09-25</b>  EMAB supports DDMI’s request to change the due date of the Diavik Annual Report from March 31<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.  <i>Moved:</i> Floyd Adlem  <i>Seconded:</i> Doug Doan  <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	
<p>2003/2004 Workplan - Budget</p>	<p>The workplan budget for 2003/2004 to be submitted to DDMI by September 30, 2002, was presented. The Secretary-Treasurer explained that the budget was developed from the detailed budget that the board approved for 2002/2003. Although the budget breakdown is not detailed, many of the categories were fixed costs and it was stated that details would be similar to the 2002/2003 budget details. In order to forecast the extra year it was footnoted that any further project costs would be met through surplus and if the projects exceeded the surplus EMAB would be re applying to DIAVIK for further funding.</p> <p><i>Question:</i> Where do communications fit in? Under management services or administration?  <i>Answer:</i> A good deal of it is under administration; these include expenses like phone, internet, fax, copying, advertising, web page services and developing the Annual Report. In addition to those things there are things</p>	<p>Submit the workplan - budget for 2003/2004 to DDMI by September 30, 2002.</p>

	<p>associated with the capacity funding.</p> <p><b>Motion #3-02-09-25</b>          Approve the 2003/2004 EMAB Budget as presented to be submitted to DDMI prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002.  <i>Moved:</i> Florence Catholique  <i>Seconded:</i> Johnny Weyallon  <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	
Cumulative Effects Training	Between now and the teleconference have a one-pager on the Cumulative Effects Training Program to be presented.	Eric Yaxley will get a one-pager to Linda for distribution to the board members.
Board Members Reports	<p>Florence Catholique reported on the computer course that she took. She appreciated the opportunity and it was very valuable and useful. Charles Wooley gave the course and was an excellent teacher. Johnny Weyallon and Lawrence Goulet also had training. Charles is willing to teach computer skills on an on-going basis - perhaps even out in the communities.</p> <p>Florence attended the blasting study effects meeting on behalf of the board. Gord MacDonald of DDMI, presented DDMI's expectations of EMAB's role in the study was to communicate the information from the study to the communities.</p> <p>Within the agenda being developed for the Inland Lakes Workshop by DDMI on December 11, 2002, there will also be a presentation on the design of the Blasting Effects Study.</p>	
Capacity Funding & Reports	It was agreed that computer training is valuable and that the sooner everyone is	

	<p>trained on computers – the better because communication will be more efficient. This is a good example where capacity funding could be used.</p> <p>The board decided for purposes of credibility and accountability, that an objective third party should review the board’s reports on capacity funding and make recommendations with respect to the management of the funds. There is a responsibility of the board to ensure the funding is being used as efficiently as possible and to make improvements where necessary.</p> <p>It was noted that board members may not have the time or the expertise and an independent look at it would be valuable.</p> <p>The Secretary-Treasurer suggested that the board come up with two or three independents not necessarily auditors – and keep the contract small without advertising.</p> <p><b>Motion #4-02-09-25</b>          Direct the Executive to develop a process to invite an independent review of capacity funds to be completed by November 30<sup>th</sup>.  <i>Moved:</i> Florence Catholique  <i>Seconded:</i> Johnny Weyallon  <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	<p>The Executive will develop a process for an independent review of capacity funds to be completed by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>The Secretary-Treasurer provided a brief verbal financial report outlining the total expenditures/incoming monies for the period of April 1, 2002 to September 20, 2002 (almost six months). There were \$800 000 given expenditures, expenditures for the first half are about \$200 000. Most of the expenses are administration expenses. EMAB is under budget at this point and time and there are sufficient funds to carry out EMAB needs.</p>	

	<p>The final report will be reviewed at the October 17<sup>th</sup> teleconference and a forecast may be made for the end of the year.</p> <p><b>Motion #5-02-09-25</b> Adjourn the meeting. <i>Moved:</i> Johnny Weyallon <i>Seconded:</i> Bob Turner <i>Carried:</i> Unanimously</p>	
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**Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm**