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Minutes – August 22-23, 2024
Yellowknife Boardroom and by teleconference / Zoom

Present:

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| Charlie Catholique, <i>Chair</i> | Łutselk'e Dene First Nation |
| Marc Whitford, <i>Vice-Chair</i> | North Slave Métis Alliance |
| Violet Camsell-Blondin, <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> | Tłı̨chǫ Government |
| Sean Erasmus, <i>Director</i> | Yellowknives Dene First Nation |
| Baba Pedersen, <i>Director</i> | Kitikmeot Inuit Association |
| Tara Marchiori, <i>Director</i> | Diavik Diamond Mines |

Absent:

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| Kelly Fischer, <i>Director</i> | GNWT-ECC |
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Staff:

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| John McCullum, <i>Executive Director</i> | EMAB (minutes) |
| Allison McCabe, <i>Environmental Specialist</i> | EMAB (minutes) |

Guests:

Wasef Jamil, Arcadis Canada (Day 1)
Jason Thompson, Diavik (Day 2)
Brian Kopach, Roam Ecology (Day 2 – by phone)
Nicole Goodman, Diavik (Day 2 – by phone)
Kyla Gray, Diavik (Day 2 – by phone)
Dan Coulton, WSP (Day 2 – by phone)
Grace Enns, WSP (Day 2 – by phone)

| Thursday, August 22, 2024 Meeting started at 9:00 am at EMAB Boardroom |
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| Chair opens meeting at 9:00am |
| Opening Prayer – Violet Camsell-Blondin |
| Introductions, including new Board members |
| Item 1: Approval of Agenda Chair reviews agenda. |
| Motion: To approve agenda for August 22-23'24 as amended Moved: Marc Whitford Seconded: Violet Camsell-Blondin All in favour, motion carried |



Item 2: Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared

Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meeting

ED presents draft minutes from June 11-13'24 meeting

Motion: to approve June 11-13'24 meeting minutes as presented

Moved: Marc Whitford

Seconded: Charlie Catholique

All in favour, motion carried.

Email motions read into minutes

ED presents Action Items

- Petter from TG has a video showing haze hanging in the air on a cold winter day. TG is concerned about this. Petter is not available to present at this meeting; ED will try to have him present in October.
- Concern about cumulative impacts of closure; monitor through TK Closure Monitoring Plan to involve people from communities. Note potential effects of SGP road proposal.

Q. Instead of uploading individual files and folders to Dropbox, is it possible to combine all meeting materials into a single PDF or combine files as ZIP file?

Action Item: ES and ED to look into options for providing meeting files via ZIP file.

Action Item: ED to print updated EMAB Code of Conduct for Board members to sign.

- EA Working Group –ED to draft letter asking to observe meetings.
- There is an issue with the EA WG because not all parties signed Devolution agreement, so have concerns about changes to EA related to devolution.

ES presents outstanding recommendations

- EAQMP – draft letter to Diavik and Minister regarding Yellow Haze.
- TK Fish Camp - Diavik did not provide adequate response to EMAB's recommendations. Board agreed to decide on follow-up after Item 10 on TK Fish Camp
- Fish and water are a big concern for Kugluktuk; all our water comes from LdG; need to keep tabs on fish health
- Researcher from university has been testing fish in Coppermine for about 3 years via Hunters and Trappers Association;

Action Item: ES/ED to draft letter on Yellow Haze for Minister and Diavik

Action item: KIA member to report back on research on fish and water in Coppermine River

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Item 4. Finance



ED presents item from kit.

Discussion on need for community participation to address concerns related to Diavik

A) Variance Report – to Aug '24 and revised budget

ED presents item

- Rolling over 126k from last year
- Have to budget for review of upcoming WL Renewal and FCRP V2
- No community updates yet this year; this is a priority.
- Unassigned funds will likely go to community updates
- Still need to address whether we will pay people to come to meetings. If so, that will be a key change in budget.

Q. Budget line for Involving and Supporting Communities feels limited; is that amount enough?

A. Figure is based off 2 staff doing 1-day update and community feast (hall rental, catering, flight); info needs to be updated to ensure it reflects current costs; also need to make decision re: paying Participants to attend meetings. Note that Parties can apply to use the budget to do their own EMAB update.

- Can communities provide supplemental funds for participants?
- Can we have on radio?
Q. Do EMAB staff attend geoscience forum?
A. Sometimes
- This office doesn't get enough exposure - EMAB is unique; DDMI should sponsor EMAB to attend international conferences
- EMAB could be eligible for funding to attend conferences.
- Issue is partly staff time – EMAB only has 1.5 staff and many other responsibilities

B) Jack Kaniak Scholarship finalization

- DDMI team has been working with Jack's family; package has been sent to KIA and they are supportive.
- Developing application process – will provide first scholarships this year. KIA will manage scholarship.
- Selection committee is one person from KIA, 1 from DDMI, and 1 from Jack's family. KIA will do advertising.

Q. Will the same person get the scholarship every year?

A. No, separate application every year. Could be 4 different recipients from 2024-2027

Q. Could scholarship continue longer than that? (Baba says most ppl in support)

A. DDMI says they can discuss with KIA.

- Good to recognize Jack's contribution.

C) Draft audit

- Auditor has no concerns
- \$126 k unspent; have to return next year if not used



D) Exit interview results

- ED sent to Personnel committee a few days ago; they will look over and make recommendation to Board regarding retention of Environmental Specialists.
- EMAB needs to increase the ES pay range. We want staff to stay with EMAB.

Item 5. January 16'24 Fuel Spill

ES presents item from kit

Q: Big rocks disposed of in NCRP – did oil get burned off?

A: Don't think so

- Would Board be interested in another visit to the site to view the fuel spill area?
- Yes, week of September 9th or week after. DDMI member to look into.
- Could do a day trip on a Thursday or overnight Monday/Tuesday

ACTION ITEM: DDMI member to report back to Board with options for Sept 2024 site visit

12. Annual Report

ED presents item

- Hoping to have draft text sent to Board for review in September, approved by Oct, and printed in Nov
- Q. Does Board ever do board meetings in communities?
A. Yes, pre-COVID; have had board meetings in Kugluktuk, Whatì, Gamètì, Wekweètì, and Łutselk'e
- We should have more meetings in communities. It's expensive, but good to do.
- Last time was Łutselk'e 2019. We would do one Board meeting per year in a community.
- Something worth talking about now or under 2-year budget discussion

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Item 6. Draft Two-Year Budget Discussion

ED presents item from kit

- Recommended budget to be submitted by September 30. Normally Budget is approved during AGM, which is now not until mid-October; EMAB can ask DDMI for a 2-week extension or approve by email.
- Two big projects coming up: FCRP and WL review; also Water Quality workshop. Not sure of the timing; might be partly in 2024-25 and partly in 2025-26, or all in 2025-26.
 - Some funds budgeted for these project this year; if not used these could be rolled over to 2025-26 to support reviews.
 - Noted the WQ Workshop will likely happen October 2024
- EMAB will likely need more money first year, and less money second year, so consider asking DDMI to provide higher payment first year, then lower in the second.

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- The EA includes a way to request Additional Funding; we have used in the past; DDMI required to consider (but not required to approve). In 2023-25 budget we had advance agreement from Diavik to cover certain additional costs through Additional Funding if EMAB went over-budget
- Based estimated cost of WL renewal on Natural Drainages WL review, and cost of FCRP V2 on original FCRP review (assumption is FCRP V2 will cost half as much as original).
- If EMAB wants to do community Board meetings, we would have to put in budget
- Good to make community visits a priority; especially now that mine is closing; people really want to know what is happening at the mine
- Fair bit of unassigned funds in second year; if we don't spend we have to give back. Could go to community updates.

Q. Do we pay participants to attend community meetings, if we do, what is rate?

A. Currently EMAB does not pay participants

- Participant funding for community update meetings: NSMA pays participants to attend meetings, with computers/Zoom, sometimes many people will attend meeting (30); gets expensive
- If EMAB pays participants, Board may have to put a cap on the meeting attendee number or have Party choose who attends
- Board needs to come to agreement on amount and number;
- DDMI has honoraria policy; for community/public interest meeting, they don't pay Participants to attend;
- Paying participants could be thousands or tens of thousands
- Don't need to pay people, but have an enticement, do a feast, or door prizes, etc.
- TG also does not pay participants but provides a feast and door prizes
- Also, re: Environmental Specialist retention; increase in salary range is not currently in budget
- DDMI update - Hard for Diavik to know what reporting will be required after Operations until FCRP is approved anticipate reclamation completion reports; that will go through ORS, and PARs; until TK closure monitoring framework is defined, we won't know
- DDMI will do work in Sept to get a timeline together [on when FCRP submissions and WL renewal are expected]

Q. In previous years, has EMAB had to ask DDMI for money? How often? How much did we ask for?

A. Last year we asked for \$20 – 30k

Q. What's board training line in budget?

A. For small training opportunities requested by Board member – e.g., learn how to use Microsoft Office

- Error in Salary line on 2026-27 budget – ED to fix; this will affect Unassigned Funds that year.
- There should be more money for staff and Board to go to conferences; EMAB unique; we should be sharing success stories. Discussion on possible conferences EMAB could attend.
 - Suggested budget amount?
- If we go to Geoscience Forum in YK that would be affordable; but need to consider how does it further EMAB? Consider registering and sending an abstract for a presentation.
- Attendance at any conference needs to be justified in relation to EMAB mandate and objectives, then look at options; see who can attend; some of us might be too busy.



- Main point of this item is to get Board input on approach

Action Item: ED to finalize draft recommended budget for Board approval before Sep 30, including requests to Diavik for roll-overs and additional funds.

Action Item: ED to request extension of recommended budget submission date to allow Board to approve budget at October meeting. Otherwise, approve by email motion.

Action Item: Staff to register for Geoscience Forum and consider making a presentation.

ACTION ITEM: TG member to provide EMAB with estimated cost to attend conference.

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Item 7. TK Working Group Discussion

ED presents item in kit

- Looking to board for input on budget and workplan for TK Monitoring Plan development
- No response from DDMI to EMAB letter
- It will take time to get things going and there is some urgency; could start research if funds are approved by Diavik
- DDMI needs to have TK plan submitted end of Sept 2025
- Noted that TK Working Group is in place and has been doing work; they developed the Framework and received presentations from BOTG and NHX. Not clear on why EMAB is jumping ahead to the Panel. Panel should be elders/communities.

Action Item: EMAB to request Diavik / TK WG to provide information received from BOTG and NHX, and other information related to existing TK Monitoring

- Noted that Diavik and TK WG asked EMAB to set up a TK Panel to take over the work of the TK WG. EMAB received a copy of the Framework, which is helpful, but more focused on how to do monitoring, not on the Monitoring Plan. Need to have the Plan first.
- Brief review of previous Diavik approaches to develop the TK Monitoring Plan
- EMAB is waiting for DDMI to get back to us. The workplan is fairly expensive and without the money we can't move forward. Letter sets out a list of principles and requirements for development of Plan.
- EMAB has to think very carefully whether we want to take this on in this short amount of time. If we do something we want it done right.
- If we take this on we're doing something that helps DDMI a lot.
- The EA provides for EMAB to set up a TK panel
- First step is to do hire the TK Coordinator - do interviews.
- Actual monitoring not included in this proposal
- Plan needs to be adaptive and have an evaluation component

Q. What does the Board need to do at this point?

A. Nothing, the ball is in DDMI's court – they need to approve budget. If any input from Board on workplan or budget that would be great.

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- DDMI was assuming we wouldn't answer till having discussion about the workplan and Monitoring Plan.
 - Anticipate at least 10 yrs. of monitoring. But what we need now is a plan for what monitoring will happen.
 - DDMI needs to be part of discussions.
 - Plan will have to include cultural water use criteria.
 - Would same group continue on to do the monitoring?
 - Will need leadership to make this happen, EMAB will need increased leadership role; concern about amount of time ED can dedicate to Plan development. ED budget should be increased to reflect greater time spent on TK Plan.
 - Parties would need to determine about approach of going straight to Panel,
 - Will TK coordinator from development phase be same as implementation phase
 - EMAB can send a follow-up letter stating it's urgent and need to get going so we need a response
 - DDMI member will follow-up with response
 - Purpose of verification workshop? – get everyone all together and sign off on combined plan; or ratification; not only are Elders ok with this approach but also leadership; not clear how Parties are represented (e.g. leadership);
 - For verification, would leadership need to sign off too?
- Q. What happens if, at verification session, if leader doesn't agree with what Elder said, then what?
- A. The intent is to accumulate and use TK during closure phase long-term; Elders are holders of TK so they would be able to speak on this and submit their info to mine
- Leadership should not be trying to steer the results, their job would be simply to facilitate.
 - We're talking about what info will be collected, not the results.
 - Leadership shouldn't tell TK holders what information to collect. Don't want TK body being steered by leadership; TK holders should be driving the bus.
 - Leadership should support TK holders. And the plan will lay out for parties what you want to monitor. DDMI has a mandate to do this for closure. So, TK panel has to do its work. There has to be cooperation.
 - What needs to happen is DDMI and the Parties need to come up with an agreement on how TK monitoring will happen after closure ie the Plan
 - Elders play the key role for TK Monitoring. TG may make recommendations on Plan.
- Q: would TG staff members be involved in developing Plan?
- A: Through the Panel
- Need to put a call out for TK Panel Elders. We can recommend our elders from communities; maybe each Party can name 4 elders; we can advertise at community level
 - Good to have elders with experience in the area around the mine; or have worked at the mine.
 - ED to identify draft criteria for TK Panel members
 - DDMI member will take this budget to DDMI and get a response. Is the \$650K firm?
 - May be a need for a contingency; budget has not been reviewed in detail.
 - DDMI member will ask



- Time is a major consideration – we have about 12 months to get this done.
- Communities know who are the best hunters and trappers
- Can interview Elders; explain workplan, so everyone knows the objective; especially older Elders
- When we talk about member criteria should we only focus on people who used barren grounds most? The barren ground is unique; big boulders and lakes. But also, good to include young people working at the mine. E.g. bear, environmental monitors; heavy equipment operators; they know what mine is looking for.

ACTION ITEM: DDMI member to follow up with response to EMAB's TK WG letter and budget, as well as additional funds for contingencies.

Item 8. EAQMP Update and Discussion

ES introduces item.

Nancy Njerere presents update on Minister's investigation of Diavik EAQMP

- Minister's report May 9th had 6 recommendations for Diavik
- Timeline since Ministers' report – had Minister's meeting with DDM May 30; theme was collaboration
- On June 7th had staff level meeting between GNWT and DDMI
 - The report had bigger scope than expected by DDMI given that closure has started; DDMI went over the existing program at DDMI
- On June 24th, GNWT staff went on-site to see air quality monitoring facilities; have AQ monitoring station, weather station for rain & snow, etc.
 - Were shown 2 of 12 dustfall gauges; AQ monitoring stations – have 2 continuous monitoring stations; one old one and one Scintinal; Scintinal is having issues with data transmission
 - Currently take panoramic photos for yellow haze – was discussions about effectiveness of this method
- Technical meeting on July 5; went through recommendations again; Diavik sent follow-up information requests for clarity on some issues. GNWT responded on July 26. Diavik responded to GNWT responses on August 20, largely defending its previous positions.

Possible Action Item: request copy of Diavik IR's and GNWT responses

- On July 8 responded to the Minister's report, noting discussions with GNWT, but needed 6 weeks to respond with a revised EAQMP. GNWT gave DDMI an extension to September 27th.

Status of GNWT recommendations and DDMI responses to date include:

- Monitor for TSP and PM2.5 – DDMI continue to argue their existing data is sufficient;
 - from GNWT's view, data collected so far is not sufficient; so now DDMI is seeking clarity on how long they need to monitor TSP. GNWT is looking into this.

Wasef Jamil from Arcadis joined meeting

- Increasing dustfall monitoring from quarterly to monthly; DDMI said they can change 5 stations (out of 12) to monthly checks; Noted that AEMP has been approved with quarterly frequency, so they might need to discuss with WLWB. GNWT is considering its response.



- Start monitoring nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide, included in Scential, but July 5 technical session showed the instrument is not approved. Diavik agreed they can share info from the manufacturer of the instrument so GNWT can decide if it's acceptable compared to approved instruments
- Reporting data- DDMI agreed during first meeting that they would improve reporting
- 2012 dispersion model – during July 5 meeting, Diavik said they had considered the info and would not redo model. Rationale was just sent to GNWT August 20.
- Next steps – GNWT to respond to August 20 letter; next design plan update is 2025

- Noted that BOTG participants saw a haze over Diavik on a very cold day when they were in the area.
- Haze may be related to the kinds of explosives Diavik is using.

Action Item: Send Nancy's email and contact information to Board members

Meeting adjourned for the day

Friday August 23, 2024

Meeting started at 9:04 am at EMAB Boardroom

Chair opens meeting at 9:04 am

Introductions

Item 9: 2023 Wildlife Monitoring Report

Nicole Goodman and Kyla Gray from Diavik joined the meeting by phone, along with Dan Coulton and Grace Enns from WSP, and Brian Kopach from Roam Ecology

ES introduces item

Grace Enns presented the 2023 WMMP on behalf of Diavik.

- Footprint remains slightly smaller than predicted in Environmental Assessment
- Caribou behavior at mine is mostly feeding, bedded or walking. Very small amount of time spent trotting, running or alert (1-2% for each)
- Wolverine surveys found tracks present in 24 of 36 transects
- Three raptor mortalities
- Waste management results similar to 2022
- Energy production: 7.3% of energy from wind (saved 3.4 M liters of diesel); solar just starting so no stats – predicting about 25% of energy from solar during closure, saving 5.3 M liters of diesel

Discussion:

Q: why no information on wolves, or amount of caribou calves?

A: these are important, but not part of WMMP

- Calves are recorded as part of scan monitoring; shown in appendix on behavior

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- Also track incidental sightings – no recordings of wolves on site in 2023
- Wolf tracks are also recorded.

Q: what is a habitat unit?

A: amount of area lost multiplied by a suitability factor for the species eg. caribou

Q: what is a hard turn? When caribou change direction?

A: yes, when direction changes by more than 60 degrees

Q: is this an indicator of stress?

A: no, could be part of any behaviour

Q: is Diavik on track for energy production from solar?

A: only been running for a little while so still determining production. Saved about 20,000 liters of diesel more than predicted so far.

Q: can hard turns be related to location of infrastructure?

A: there is very little movement on the mine footprint. They do record behaviour when caribou are near the mine, and sometimes are able to link this to collar data. They also record stressors. The overall picture shows up in cumulative assessment.

- Hard turns tend to be associated with behaviours such as feeding and bedding.

Q: how much is energy use expected to drop during closure?

A: huge drop; biggest use is from pumping out the underground

Q: how noisy is the windfarm

A: very quite because they are direct drive

Q: any effects on birds?

A: no bird mortalities since they were set up in 2012.

Q: do Ekati and Diavik compare notes on wildlife?

A: there is some shared work – effects of mines on caribou movement. They used the methods from Poole and Gunn.

Q: TG staff noted reports are very technical; Elders and staff can't understand all of them. Try to present them in more plain language.

A: WSP will look at trying to improve plain language

Brian Kopach presented his review

- Caribou sample sizes are small; hard to tell whether caribou behave differently far-from-mine by individual
- No discussion on ZOI; waiting for analysis – expecting later this year

Nicole noted ZOI will be discussed later

- Good to show annual mortalities in a summary figure by species and by year to see trends.
- What were the causes of the three raptor mortalities?

A: raptor mortalities are usually not witness; just find a dead bird. May have hit a power line or a vehicle.

- Mortalities of raptors have been rare, then 3 in 2023. Good to identify issue.

Waste – in 2023 more wildlife were observed in the Waste Transfer Area with less surveys having been done. Has the WTA attractiveness increase?

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- Diavik says no change in practices at WTA. Could be related to surveys being done at different times of day.

Conclusion – methods are adequate, ZOI analysis still has not been done, made recommendations to improve reporting.

Nicole – updated WMMP will be submitted shortly with ZOI monitoring removed. The varying size of the ZOI from year to year means it is not relevant to management, since the changes in size are not related to changes in mine-based activities. Monitoring ZOI doesn't help to protect caribou.

- There is no transparent process to calculate ZOI, so no comparability
- Need standardized guidelines for ZOI analysis.
- Dropping ZOI in next version of WMMP. Have discussed with GNWT and they are on board.
- Have introduced nearfield group behavior scans based on EMAB/TG/ECC input

Diavik will submit the updated WMMP in early September. EMAB can comment at that time.

Q: are there decision documents from GNWT related to the dropping of ZOI monitoring?

A: not sure what records were kept; these will be part of the submission. The lack of clear guidelines and a standardized approach were the main reasons for dropping the analysis. The ball is in ECC's court.

Nicole requested a different format for future meetings using zoom instead of teleconference. Hard to keep track of who is speaking. Would be good to try to resolve zoom challenges.

Action Item: Brian to send Excel table with recommendations. ED to circulate for Board review and approval by email motion.

Action Item: send slides from WSP and Roam Ecology presentations to Board.

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Item 10: 2024 TK Fish Camp

ES presents item from kit

- Noted there were four youth at camp, not three

Q: how can transportation issue be resolved?

A: helicopter was commandeered for firefighting

- Lack of time was an issue largely due to transportation from site to TK Camp; possibly increase length of camp
- Inform Inspector about garbage on islands
- Each fish should be viewed by all participants
- Noted that fish are spawning in fall so taste different. Meat is dry.
- Condition of fish eggs was recorded.

Q: how many fish in total?

A: about 20 fish; 13 were processed

- Concern about parasites, mercury, effect of low water levels

Q: is water temperature recorded? This affects fish.

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Action Item: Tara will get back to EMAB with an answer about recording water temperature.

Q: what happens to remaining fish?

A: youth and Diavik staff processed them to take back to camp and offer to staff.

Q: is it necessary to taste the fish?

A: not required. Noted that the purpose of the camp is to assess fish palatability, to observe any changes over time.

Recommendations:

Amend: Diavik should provide efficient transportation whenever possible

Motion: to adopt the TK Fish Camp recommendations included in the item description, as amended.

Moved: Baba Pedersen

Seconded: Marc Whitford

Carried

Sean abstained.

Board viewed pictures from Fish Camp

- Noted that people would throw away fish that have cysts
- Suggest filleting the fish to make it easier to see parasites.
- Noted that Inuit eat fish frozen/raw
- Use facilitator with TK expertise/experience
- Noted the value of having an EMAB observer present at future fish camps.

Action Item: Inform Inspector about garbage on islands.

Item 11. SWALF Decision Update

ES presented item from kit

LUNCH 11:45-1:00PM

Unscheduled Item: Northern Participant Funding Program

ED notes that the Northern Participant Funding Program provided funds for participation in Imperial Oil Water Licence Renewal at Norman Wells. EMAB and Indigenous organizations should consider writing to NPPF administrators to request funds for upcoming Diavik Water Licence Renewal.

Action Item: ED to send contact information for NPPF to Board, with context.

Action Item: ED to draft letter for Chair to sign requesting funds be made available for Indigenous participation in Diavik Water Licence Renewal.

Q: will EMAB apply for funding?

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A: we haven't in the past; leave funding for Indigenous organizations.

Unscheduled Item: Discussion on June 13 Site Visit

Discussion:

- Amazed at how quickly PKC has been covered. Able to stand on rock on top of PK
- Impressed with slope of NWRSA. TG have recommended Ekati and Gahcho Kue use the same sloping
- Noted that when TG do a site visit they stay overnight so there is more time to go over maps of the area and have a supper meeting right after tour.

Q: Possible EMAB site visit could be overnight?

A: Diavik will look into possibility of Sept 9/10 overnight visit; with Sept 16/17 as backup. First flight arrives back at 9:25 am; second flight back arrives at noon.

Marc and Baba will need to get right of entry. Others who went on June site tour are covered for six months.

Action Item: Tara and Jason will get back to Board about possible overnight site tour.

Item 13. FCRP Decision Update

ED presents item from kit.

Discussion:

- Need sufficient time to review materials and comment.
- Need evidence and fact regarding WLWB comment to EMAB

Tara noted that Diavik can provide materials to EMAB before they have been checked for conformity by WLWB, to allow extra time.

- Concern that WLWB made comments to EMAB in a public document; should have dealt with this privately, not on the record.
- Seem to be assumptions behind statements.
- Everyone is busy, but doing their best.

Action Item: ED to contact WLWB ED for more details on why WLWB did this and what outcome they are hoping for.

- This was a significant call-out. Don't want to continue to contribute to problems.
- Tara noted that Diavik has been given direction, and will comply.
 - Noted that when Ekati/IEMA resolve a problem between themselves in advance of comment deadline, this is noted in the recommendations. Reduces burden on WLWB.
 - Relationships are important to Diavik and Parties
 - Diavik wants to support EMAB working with communities; helps Diavik meet mandate.
 - Diavik is taking this comment seriously.



Item 14: Plume Study update

ES presents item from kit

Discussion

Q: Could Diavik use underwater cameras to identify plume?

A: Plume is likely not visible. EMAB has proposed using a Remotely Operated Vehicle. ECC suggested installing remote sensors, such as a Hydrolab.

Item 15. Round Table

Charlie Catholique (LKDFN)

- Very busy, hot summer
- Built a fuel cache at Reliance; will complete this next week
- Two councilors have quit so will need to be replaced
- This weekend is fifth anniversary of Thaidene Nene park.
- Many people not travelling by boat due to low lake levels
- Community members went to Lac Ste Anne
- Denesoline court case – concern that Denesoline Board members should have known what was happening.

Marc Whitford (NSMA)

- Low water levels creating problems for members
- Overhaul of Old Fort Rae has been affected – challenges acquiring materials and transporting them to Old Fort Rae (OFR).
- Had one boat flip due to low water; rescued by DFO.
- Firesmaring all over OFR – new metal rooves, equipment such as pumps and generators. New dock to address water levels. Acquired a firefighting tanker that can be mounted on a flatbed.
- New Environment staff – now have: Noah Johnson, Alan Alex, Orna Phelan, Joey, and Carson (summer student). Also new Land Use Planning staff: Jessica Smart, Faye, and Jamie

Baba Pedersen (KIA)

- Happy to be at first meeting
- Involved in Search and Rescue, member of Canadian Rangers
- KIA appointees will now make presentation to the Board.

Sean Erasmus (YKDFN)

- Some members went to Lac Ste Anne
- Flew on NASA flight surveying burnt areas; able to ID areas where water used to flow many years ago
- Working on business compressing logs: paper, cardboard, wood chips

Violet Camsell-Blondin (TG)

- Still doing monthly briefings to leadership; monitor several mines.

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- Comments on Diavik FCRP
- Ekati Sable Hearing Sep 25/26
- SGP Road
- Rayrock ceremony
- Site Visits to Gahcho Kue and Snap Lake. Noted Gahcho Kue is struggling financially.
- Fortune Minerals will also produce Lithium
- Looking to hire a geologist and a hydrologist – developing capacity

Tara Marchiori (Diavik)

- First meeting - thanks everyone
- Spent lots of time with Allison this summer – fish camp
- Very busy – management team went to Wekweeti
- Fish Camp was a huge privilege.

Jason Thompson (Diavik)

- Thanks everyone for welcoming him
- Everyone has same objective of protecting the environment.

Chair noted that October meeting dates could change.

Closing Prayer – Charlie Catholique

Meeting Adjourned