

## **July 8-9 2020 EMAB Meeting Summary**

Meeting held in-person and by teleconference/videoconference. Videoconference was for presentations only.

### **Finance**

- Noted effect of COVID on Board meetings and community updates; budget will need to be revised
- Reviewed draft audit – clean audit and finances are in good shape
- Approved upgrade of EMAB office and Board computer equipment to Windows 10 compatible
- Approved new signing authority now that Canada rep has resigned.

### **Draft two-year budget**

- To be recommended to Diavik at end of September, for 2021-23 period
- Presented to Board as draft for input; will be finalized by September meeting

### **Independent Review Panel for PK to Pits Water Quality Modelling**

- Board approved recommendation in kit.

### **ICRP Review updates**

- EMAB consultants presented updated reviews
- Proposed mixing zones are much smaller than previously proposed, but over 200 times larger than current mixing zones. Models show no acutely toxic effects and no critical fish habitat within mixing zones. More information is needed on how they will be monitored.
- EMAB may want to consider recommending tougher standards for hydrocarbon contaminated soils
- Next steps
  - Diavik will provide written responses to consultants' comments – agree, disagree or clarify info
  - Consultants will review responses and decide whether comments should be changed
  - Staff will oversee any discussion between Diavik and consultants and will summarize any changes to Board
  - Staff will also review TK Panel recommendations on closure and report to Board

### **Annual Report**

- Draft to Board by end of July for review at next meeting

### **Draft Wildlife Monitoring Program description**

- Should be ready by July 24
- Diavik has included most TK Panel recommendations on wildlife monitoring
- Diavik is focusing on monitoring during and after closure; still working on what TK monitoring will be done
- Suggested including assessment of habitat using indigenous monitoring

### **Lake Trout Mercury Data**

- Diavik has provided as much of the information EMAB requested as they have. Consultants will review and let EMAB know if they need anything else.

### **Next Meeting:**

- August 18-19, 2020