

## WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



Minutes – June 11-12, 2024  
Yellowknife Boardroom and by teleconference / Zoom

### Present:

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>	Tłıchǫ Government
Sean Erasmus, <i>Director</i>	Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Laurie McGregor, <i>Alternate</i>	GNWT-ECC

### Absent:

William Aglukkaq, <i>Alternate</i>	Kitikmeot Inuit Association
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### Staff:

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

### Guests:

Laura Malone, GNWT (Day 1)  
Joanne Barnaby, Consultant (by phone, Day 2)  
Natasha Thorpe, Consultant (by phone, Day 2)  
Matt Breen, Diavik (Day 2)  
Gaeleen MacPherson, Diavik (Day 2)  
Garret Hinchey, Diavik (Day 2)  
Laura Worsley-Brown, Diavik (Day 2)

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**  
**Meeting started at 9:04 am at EMAB Boardroom**

Chair opens meeting at 9:04 am  
Opening Prayer – Violet Camsell-Blondin

Introductions

#### Item 1: Approval of Agenda

Chair reviews agenda.

- Diavik has sent around Thursday site visit itinerary for Board review
- Official correspondence to Diavik should now be directed to COO Matthew Breen via writing
- Add approval of draft TK Fish Camp heavy metal cleanse letter under Item 10
- Switch items 6 and 8
- Next meeting, could we have a whole day to discuss TK?

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- We could extend the item into the afternoon, not sure how long discussion will be
- Wildlife manager (Tas-Tsi) not sure what going on with TK group, will talk to Łutselk'e chief
- Board might want to strategize before Matthew Breen meeting; decide what we want to discuss

**Motion:** To approve agenda for June 11-12 as amended

**Moved:** Marc Whitford

**Seconded:** Violet Camsell-Blondin

Motion carried.

### Item 2: Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared

### Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meeting

ED presents draft minutes from April 16-17'24 meeting

- Rayrock community update cost has been submitted, under Item 4
- Need to revise community update budget for all communities
- Worth it to pay people to attend, get more engagement that way
- \$400/day for Tlicho elders; some don't accept honoraria because it makes their pension less (because they have to report it as income)
- However, Elders still usually participate regardless
- NSMA gets into situations, where they do food cards, but Canada still claws back
- But if you give out a hamper, they won't get taxed

**Motion:** to approve April 16-17, 2024 meeting minutes as presented

**Moved:** Marc Whitford

**Seconded:** Charlie Catholique

Motion carried.

Email motions read into minutes

ED presents Action Items

- ED to circulate EMAB Code of Conduct to Board members for those who haven't signed

Outstanding Recommendations

ES presents outstanding recommendations

- Noted Matt Breen letter asking official correspondence with Diavik be directed to him (received yesterday - not reviewed yet).
- There is lots of concern from community around yellow haze and possible effects, including possible link to cancer.

### Item 4. Finance

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ED and Treasurer present item.

### a) Variance Report – to May '24 and revised budget

ED presents proposed revised budget for this year

Discussion on paying participants/communities to attend community updates

- Board has to decide; does EMAB want to pay people to attend community meetings?
- Would likely have to approach Diavik for additional funds
- Elders can be budgeted under TK instead of community visits; have to recognize Elder's expertise (e.g. place names and geography), also good to have youth and people who used to work at the mines participate
- In Behchoko, we sometimes give a free dinner (stew, bannock) and a draw and give out prizes (swag) and then people take the food home without paying people.

Governance

- EMAB had previously been had not been paying YKDFN member honoraria because they were being paid by employer, but that's not the case anymore, so increased amount
- Oversight - Need NSC's proposal for the AERER review approved by Board, beyond ED's spending authority.

Discussion on paying participants/communities to attend community updates (cont.)

Q: is this budget for this year, or every two years? If we increase honoraria, do we also need to increase the budget? Or, could we pay to go to a couple of communities, and go to others for free?

Q: When we do community visits, what is the typical turnout?

A: Worst turnout was 0, Whati/Gamèti usually okay (~5 people), Kugluktuk/ùtsel K'e usually about 10-20 people; NSMA about 5, historically has been challenging to arrange updates in Ndiìq or Dettah

Q: Are community updates in person or via Zoom?

A: Normally we go in person

- Consider reducing number of community updates per year to manage costs
- Unassigned funds could go to community visits (staff flights, hall rental, accommodation, catering)
- We need parameters for setting up community updates. E.g., a max 10 or 15 people? What's the rate of pay? What are the other costs (setup, hall, etc.); Will it be different for each community?
  - Could arrange meetings in winter so we can drive on winter road instead of flying; driving is much cheaper
- Tlìcho has 4 communities – there are logistical issues organizing community meetings.
- Need to consider number of communities, not just number of Aboriginal Parties
- We need to find out, do we pay community members honoraria (different rates/different community members e.g. for different ages)
- Elders might need escort for out of town travel; costs could be higher

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- Do we go to all communities, or based on size? Or, give a certain number of members per community to attend, and then get each member to update their community (to keep costs low)
- In-person meetings help keep meetings smaller
- We can ask community, because each community will have own set of honoraria
- Ask leadership who should attend meetings, and to send a proposed budget for the update
- Need a drug/alcohol policy – use existing community policies as a basis
  - No show, no pay, someone will take attendance at meeting before and after to make sure the person attended the entire time
  - If under the influence, you're banned from meetings for 1 year
- If any community pays more honoraria than our max, then they can top up
- ED to follow up with each board member and community, and bring to Board, to figure out cost
- Every community that wants a visit should do its own proposal for EMAB to review
- We could use Teams for members who live too far away to attend in person?

Chair tables the issue for now

ED Spending Authority

- ED spending authority only \$10k
- We should increase spending authority to 20, 25k at least

**Motion:** to approve revised budget for this year (April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)

**Moved:** Marc Whitford

**Seconded:** Violet Camsell-Blondin

Motion carried

**Motion:** to approve AEMP RER 2020-22 proposal from NSC

**Moved:** Laurie McGregor

**Seconded:** Marc Whitford

Motion carried

**Motion:** to increase ED spending authority to \$25,000

**Moved:** Marc Whitford

**Seconded:** Violet Camsell-Blondin

Motion carried

### b) Audit 2023-24

Underway, expecting a draft this week

### c) Response to Roll over request from 2022-23

- Diavik said this doesn't fit the Business Rules, so did not agree.



**d) Jack Kaniak Scholarship finalization**

- Specify "equivalent" fields of study under Evaluation criteria (c), so it's not too open ended; make sure field of study is relevant to scholarship
- Should include communication on scholarship recipients on social media and websites (Diavik and EMAB's); good PR for both
- Send comments to Diavik

**e) Exit interview results**

- Not actioned

**f) Wildlife Consultant Standing Offer approval**

**Motion:** to approve Brian Kopach standing offer

**Moved:** Laurie McGregor

**Seconded:** Marc Whitford

Motion carried

LUNCH 12:00-1:15PM

**Item 7. EAQMP Update & Discussion**

ES introduces item

Laura Malone from GNWT provides update to Board

- GNWT has met with senior DDMI staff to create a plan going forward
- Then GNWT had a technical meeting with Diavik staff on site to see what is being done now, and discuss program details
- DDMI is still a little resistant to the Minister's report. Nancy and Imran will meet with Diavik on June 27 to figure out next steps
- DDMI installing a continuous air monitoring station (Scentinal; will measure TSP, SOx and NOx)
- DDMI trying to work with GNWT so they can respond to Minister's report by deadline of July 8<sup>th</sup>

Discussion:

- Yellow haze – if Minister's direction doesn't address EMAB's concern with yellow haze, we could write to Minister and ask why report didn't mention yellow haze, and ask for rationale
- Because presumably GNWT would have had a reason (e.g. assumed monitoring the suspected cause, Sox, would address) but if that was assumption, they should clarify

Q: Where will Diavik's continuous air monitor be placed?

A: Beside an existing monitor. – New continuous air monitor is called Scentinal (real time, online access, will be better for data capture

Q: Has GNWT agreed that Scentinal meets their criteria? There was some question about which ones were accurate enough to be acceptable

Commented [AM1]: Laura Malone to confirm

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A: The Scentinal will be put in place for SOx and NOx. GNWT has not agreed yet, haven't seen specs; Laura will send to Imran and ensure they are confirming those details

Q: Does it seem like Diavik will push back against recommendations?

A: Diavik sounds like they already think they're doing sufficient work, but wants to come to a resolution, but they do want to sit down and work out what they need to do

- Diavik needs to provide a response and rationale to Minister by July 8

Q: Why still no action on yellow haze?

- Yellow haze needs to be monitored with both NO2/SO2 paired with photographs/observation and then correlate. Diavik did develop a draft plan, but it was inadequate in EMAB's view (e.g. they only recommended taking photos once per week)
- EMAB will send letter to Minister about Yellow Haze, not Diavik, don't want to deal with them anymore
- And attach the yellow haze photo AND draft sampling program from Diavik and get them to evaluate
- Conditions for yellow haze are specific (cold weather, blasting/emission activity)
- Thinks yellow haze results from blasting

**ACTION ITEM: ED to draft recommendation letter re: yellow haze monitoring to Minister**

### Discussion

- Why did the mine wait so long to do these things?
- GNWT has noted the delays. That's why Minister's report was issued, Diavik must respond
- GNWT has been trying to develop air regulations since 2017 as follow up to the Ekati Jay EA.
- Draft regulations were circulated but people wanted LWB's to regulate. MVRMA doesn't provide this authority to LWB's.
- So GNWT developed the air quality guideline, but guidelines are not enforceable
- Proposed regulations didn't address dust or how it impacts plants, wildlife, existing dust standards tend to revolve around aesthetics

**ACTION ITEM: ED and TG Board Member to invite Petter Jacobsen to attend next meeting – Has a good video on climate change, trucks, wolves, caribou**

### Item 5 – Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Fuel Spill

#### ES presents item

- Tanks are double walled, which counts as secondary containment
- Fuel spill not illegal; and Diavik has been really careful up until this point
- Where spill happened is very small and would be easily lined and bermed
- Tank regulations only apply when tanker truck is filling up tank, not for spills that happen during tank-to-tank transfer

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- Next thing to do is look at fuel spill area during site visit, get input from Board, and then draft up another letter to Matthew Breen asking to see remediation plan and ask why area wasn't lined and bermed.
- How is Diavik ensuring that this won't happen again? Have they reviewed internal procedures?
- Good to know how this spill is being cleaned up, but important to know any other sites, look at procedures, etc. to make sure it doesn't happen again; e.g. cheaper to just line/berm than pay for an entire spill response

**ACTION ITEM: ED to draft a follow-up letter on the spill clean-up after the site visit: ask DDMI if there are any other fuel storage areas on site that aren't lined and bermed.**

### BREAK

#### Item 8. Planning for two-year budget submission

##### ED presents item

- Need to submit new budget to Diavik 6 months before next fiscal year (end of September)
- First step is to decide what should be in the budget, then ED will draft budget
- Depends if EMAB takes on TK Panel – ED recommends TK Panel budget stay completely separate

##### Discussion on Questions for Matthew Breen

- What is status of "Reimagining Closure" program (where Diavik was considering keeping some buildings, airstrip etc. on-site after closure)
- what are Diavik's plans regarding replacement Board member

#### Item 10. TK Fish Camp

##### ED presents item

##### Discussion:

Q: What will happen to TK Camp without Natasha and Joanne?

A: Diavik will hire another facilitator

- ED goes over April 26 EMAB letter and Diavik's responses

Q: Is it usually the same Elders attending year after year?

A: Not always the same people; depends on availability

- DDMI revised video from 2021 TK Camp so there are no negative comments on video; When people asked why their concerns were not included, it became a dispute
- Because Diavik held video contract, if the company doesn't do as Diavik says, they won't get paid
- When Paul Vescei reviewed the report, he said fish get sick just like humans. Fish have big heads and skinny bodies because they're getting old (since LdG is not getting fished as often anymore)
- Diavik asked Paul Vescei to attend TK camp
- **Should count number of parasites in each fish**



**Heavy Metal Cleanse letter**

ED reviews item

- Trout are the main concern
  - Fine unless you're eating more than 20-24 servings/month per trout
- Draft letter was sent out last week; no comments received.

**Motion:** Approve follow-up letter to Diavik re: Heavy Metal Cleanses

**Moved:** Charlie Catholique

**Seconded:** Sean Erasmus

Motion carried.

Adjourn for the day

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

**Meeting started at 9:05 am at EMAB Boardroom and by teleconference**

Meeting opened at 9:05 am

Natasha Thorpe and Joanne Barnaby joined the meeting by phone for Item 6 – TK Working Group

Chair added an item on a Board member for immediate discussion. Joanne and Natasha requested to wait.

ED provides background. William Aglukkaq sent a message the first day saying he had broken a tooth, and missed the first day of the meeting. William was ejected that day from his hotel for intoxication, bringing intoxicated guests to his room who were fighting, and abusing front desk staff. Noted that William has been ejected from a hotel during an EMAB meeting in the past, and has often missed days of meetings since he started attending. William has requested EMAB arrange for another hotel room for him.

Discussion:

- Enough is enough – don't want this behavior at EMAB. Board needs to conduct business.
- Lock the door
- Lack of participation at meetings is a problem
- Other organizations have policies on this: must attend meetings; must be sober to participate; don't pay honoraria or travel expenses if people don't participate in the meeting and/or are not sober.
  - Only cover flights and travel expenses if appointing Party approves
- EMAB to follow up with letter to KIA informing them William is not welcome at EMAB meeting any more.
  - EMAB to consider requesting compensation for costs from KIA
- Ban people who don't attend for a year; require expenses to be paid back
- Noted that KIA member Baba Pedersen was just appointed
- Cut off preparation days

**Action Item: ED to prepare a draft motion on this for review by Board after lunch.**



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### Item 6 – TK Working Group

Natasha Thorpe and Joanne Barnaby rejoined the meeting. They provided two documents for the Board to review, which were added to the dropbox.

ED introduces item.

Natasha – provided a table of some TK Panel recommendations relevant to the TK Monitoring Plan.

- Noted the TK Panel Elders were very dedicated; they went over all of the Diavik site very carefully.
- These recommendations should be considered in the Plan – Elders often say they feel like they are repeating themselves. The Panel recommendations provide insight into the contents of the Plan e.g. recs from Panel # 9

Joanne – provided views on whether the TK Working Group should become a TK Panel under EMAB

- Elders and harvesters should make up the Panel in order to be credible communities
  - Invite existing Panel members
- Panel should cover all groups
- Include youth
- Provide mechanism to evaluate after a few years.

Noted that many of the Elders Joanne and Natasha worked with are not around any more. TK WG is mostly younger people. Need to figure out who should be involved on the TK Panel. Youth participation is critical, to have them out on the land & learning from Elders. Elders have all the knowledge.

Item adjourned for meeting with Diavik COO Matt Breen.

### Item 9 – Meeting with Matt Breen, Diavik COO

Matt Breen arrives with Gaeleen MacPherson, Laura Worsley-Brown and Garrett Hinchey from Diavik

Chair welcomes Matt and rest of Diavik group. Notes closure is coming soon and it's important to make sure the mine is closed right.

Matt

- Was GM of Operations, then took over as COO when Angela Biggs moved on.
- Wants to listen and understand issues and EMAB's point of view; understand how the relationship is doing
- EMAB, GNWT and Diavik are partners; everyone needs to be pulling in same direction and work at rehabilitation and closure together; Diavik's goal is to close properly and leave a good legacy
- Recognizes everyone won't always agree; need to be respectful.

Discussion:

Q: when will Diavik fill vacancy on Board?

A: discussed with Gord Macdonald; looking to put someone back on the Board. Provides better information flow.

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Q: what kind of changes to the Environmental Agreement are being considered? What does the future of EMAB look like in Diavik's view?

A: EMAB is a forward-looking group – includes role as watchdog, community engagement. Interested in TK Monitoring components – this is a key aspect of closure.

- Had initial meeting with ECC; went well
- Matt comes from Mount Isa in Australia; small mining community for almost 100 years; the mine just closed – 2500 jobs lost, \$1.5 billion cleanup

Q: Gord Macdonald has retired?

A: Sean Sinclair is now Closure Manager. NCRP cover is complete, PKC is well on the way, asset disposal is being planned. Gord is on contract with Diavik.

ED provides background on TK Panel and development of TK Closure Monitoring Plan

- EMAB not clear on what TK Monitoring will look like; the Plan has not come together so far.
- We would like to see the Plan move forward.
- We have a decade of recommendations made through the TK Panel, knowledge from other programs (e.g., Boots on the Ground).

At the Closure workshop held 6-7 years ago, participants said they wanted the land returned to pre-mining conditions

Matt – Has a program like this ever existed in Canada before? There may be other examples that could inform the Plan: Cluff Lake mine in Saskatchewan that was recently granted full relinquishment?

Discussion:

- De Beers Victor Mine in Ontario – also a diamond mine
- Useful to look at examples from other mines
- In general, mines are rarely successfully closed in Canada.
- We could look at other examples worldwide.

Q: how will Diavik monitor after closure?

A: dual approach using science and TK; also discussing this with GNWT.

- Diavik needs a consistent monitoring plan; GNWT allows for Ministerial discretion to change monitoring.
  - Can't budget with that

Noted that TK Monitoring will require funding. Not sure how long monitoring should continue.

Diavik is looking at monitoring for 5, 10, 15 years, but can't predict without data; example of pond breaches – need data before decisions on how to monitor.

Q: how soon will Diavik appoint a rep to EMAB

A: only found out yesterday there wasn't a rep and needs time to appoint a new one. Willing to attend meetings as needed – would like to be more present at meetings.

Q: EMAB noted the metal detox letter – had asked for information about heavy metal cleanses during presentation but discussion was cut off by Diavik rep.

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A: Diavik does not have medical experts – EMAB should seek medical advice. In Matt’s experience heavy metal detox doesn’t seem to work. Lead contamination at Mount Isa.

Q: Board member calculated the percentage of metals in slimy sculpin based on AEMP data - ~ 52%

A: will look at the most recent AEMP report.

Noted that it is useful for EMAB to have Diavik technical expertise on Board; can get things clarified before recommendations are made.

Diavik may not necessarily appoint a rep with specific technical expertise; but will appoint someone open and honest and committed to providing information; someone who can build relationships.

- Openness from Matt is appreciated

Gaeleen noted that Diavik would like more engagement – need to sort out TK Monitoring. Diavik wants to provide EMAB information needs.

Discussion on TK Fish Camp

- Paul Vescei will attend for TG
- TG involved in TK; used a similar approach to TK Monitoring
- Good to include youth in closure; that’s what TG does for Rayrock; also shows youth a potential career path
- Need to include youth participation on TK Panel

Matt asked if Sean Erasmus will be attending the TK Fish Camp.

A: not invited – YKDFN will send a male and female elder, a youth, and an interpreter.

Matt noted they might be able to answer Sean’s questions at the camp.

Any questions from Diavik?

No – just noting that the EA is a forward-looking document

Q: noting Diavik’s letter from June 10 requesting correspondence be sent to Matt and Gaeleen, who should EMAB contact if issues come up.

A: while Sean Sinclair is away, contact Matt and Gaeleen. Also notes that face-to-face meetings are much faster than letter writing.

Matt noted that Diavik’s Roadmap to Closure will be coming out in a few weeks. Two slogans for closure: “Closing Responsibly” and “Closing with Care.” He noted Diavik’s MyPath program to assist employees whose jobs will end. Diavik has budgeted for this.

Q: who is doing final spill clean-up

A: WSP – the remediation plan has now been submitted. Weather is warm enough that the mine heaters can be turned off – they will move the heaters and remaining tanks, drill new holes and continue to pump. There is not much fuel being recovered from the current holes. They will also dig low-level sumps. They are trying to fully remediate now.

- They had done an investigation but can’t replicate the fault. The previous system was set up to allow two weeks between fills. They aren’t doing that now.

Q: are there any other tanks not in a lined, bermed area?

A: the only tanks that are not in a lined and bermed area have been decommissioned.

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Noted that TK Monitoring will require a lot of resources

- TK Monitoring will be first in the world
- TK is a gap in research

Matt – science and TK go together.

Chair thanks Diavik team.

### Item 6 – TK Working Group Discussion (cont.)

Natasha and Joanne re-join meeting

Play video of George Marlowe addressing TK Panel

Natasha – George was talking about closure. The map he referred to showed areas of the mine the Panel wanted caribou to be encouraged to go, or be discouraged from going. They began by mapping out past caribou migration routes, then deciding on the areas for encouraging/discouraging.

Discussion:

- Good to see video of Panel in action.
- West Kitikmeot / Slave Study research was useful.
- TG formed a Renewable Resources committee made up of Elders
- East Island was sacrificed for Diavik project

Joanne – need to build on past research; continue to involve Elders. Many Elders who had “old knowledge” have been lost. TK Monitoring can be a way for “old Elders” to pass on knowledge to younger Elders and harvesters.

Natasha – key elements of a draft TK Monitoring Plan (see handout document)

- Review, and build on, TK Panel recommendations
- Look at lessons from Guardian programs
- Find ways to create bridges and build on existing community programs
- New TK Panel to meet and review documents – prepare a first draft plan
- Communities to coordinate monitoring schedules – may be some individual monitoring plans within the overall plan

Joanne – refers to Caribou Guardians Coalition. Each region has its own program; they are starting to work on collaborating eg. BOTG, Ni Hat Ni (this is largely focused on Thaidene Nene park).

- It will take time to develop TK monitoring
- Process
  - Develop benchmarks, then build on them over time
  - Make sure nothing critical is missed
  - Map out program – what needs to be done and for how long. Some areas may need to be monitoring for 30 years; others may need 80 years.
  - Need to be adaptable if context changes, affecting the plan

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Natasha – look at other examples from mines around the world

Q: size of TK Working Group?

A: about ten people. TK Panels were about 15 people (2 elders and 1 youth per community).

Noted that Natasha has a spreadsheet showing who attended each session. Some attended most sessions, others just one. Total of 71 people have participated in at least one Panel.

Q: timeframe for plan development?

A: are there funds for community consultation?

Budget has not been developed.

Noted EMAB's previous direction on the process for development of the Plan (see recommendations to Board). These also fit with Joanne and Natasha's recommendations.

- Noted that 2026 (closure) is less than two years away
- EMAB may need to meet more often – can meet by TEAMS or Zoom

Joanne – timeframe of about 12-15 months for initial plan; complete program probably won't be developed in that timeframe, but a good start could be made.

Natasha – plan would start small and expand – use a phased approach; likely not fully complete in 18 months.

- Focus on caribou, fish and water in the initial phase

Discussion

- Ask Guardian programs to comment on plan e.g. BOTG
- Involve everyone who has participated in TK Panels to date
- Establish initial budget

Q: any views on using staff vs. consultants to develop plan?

A: Good to have a coordinator – lots of work, and lots of moving parts. Consultant could work with coordinator

- Consider an assistant as well
- Need full consultation
- Diavik could pay consultants directly

Adjourn item to after lunch.

### LUNCH

#### Unscheduled Item – William Aglukkaq situation

Board considers draft motion:

Whereas William Aglukkaq was booked at the Explorer hotel at EMAB's expense to attend EMAB's June 11-13,

2024 meeting, and received advance payment of per diems to attend the meeting, and

Whereas William has not attended any of the June meeting at this time, and

Whereas the Explorer hotel has ejected William from his room due to inappropriate and aggressive behavior while intoxicated, and

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Whereas William has missed a number of days of previous EMAB meetings he attended at EMAB's expense, and has been ejected from a hotel while attending a previous EMAB meeting, and  
Whereas William's behavior negatively affects EMAB's ability to conduct its business  
EMAB bans William Aglukqaq from attending EMAB meetings for the next year and will not pay for any further accommodation costs for the June meeting, and will inform KIA of this decision, and

Any further travel/participation for EMAB will require the agreement of the Board and the Party, and

EMAB will no longer pay for Preparation Days honoraria for William Aglukqaq for the next year, and

EMAB will attempt to recover the per diem and hotel payments advanced to William, and/or from KIA

**Moved:** Marc Whitford

**Seconded:** Charlie Catholique

Carried unanimously

### Item 6 – TK Working Group Discussion (cont.)

Discussion continues

- Concern about how Plan will be developed
- Concern about Gord/Diavik involvement in TK Monitoring – issue at 2021 TK Fish Camp
- EMAB needs to decide if it wants to take on the task of developing the TK Monitoring Plan
- Would it be better for Diavik to drive Plan development, or EMAB?
- EMAB is better; mine does not have TK expertise
- If TK Monitoring will fall under EMAB, we will need additional assistance – this plan needs to be in place before closure i.e. April 2026
- Once the Plan is ready it will need to be submitted to WLWB, reviewed, and finalized, so less than 18 months
- EMAB will need adequate resources
- Can Joanne and Natasha help?
- EMAB only asked Joanne and Natasha for their perspectives on how useful the TK Recommendations would be for the development of the Plan
- ED should sit down with Sean and Brett
- Does EMAB want to be involved in developing the Plan, or just implementing it?
- There is a time crunch – need to get this moving
- Request Diavik provide someone to provide someone to handle planning and logistics – they have strong skills in this area
- Send a letter to Diavik setting out EMAB's requirements to take this on
  - Additional funds
  - Support resources
  - See ED recommendations to Board
- ED can draft a letter; expresses concern about the amount of work involved
  - The amount of work and complexity is the reason Diavik is willing to give up control

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**Action Item: ED to draft letter to Diavik regarding conditions for setting up TK WG as TK Panel for review by Board.**

**Action Item – discuss possible involvement of Joanne and Natasha to get this going**

**Item 9: Board Member Update and Community Concerns**

**Violet Camsell-Blondin (TG)**

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**Violet Camsell-Blondin (TG)**

- Continuing to keep leadership updated
- Following Leadership direction on TK Working Group – “work it out”
- TG AGM July 8-11; will provide Annual Report to Leadership
- TK Monitoring is an opportunity for EMAB to set the standard.

**Marc Whitford (NSMA)**

- Busy arranging for Aboriginal Day fish fry.
- Lots of different activities right now

**Laurie McGregor (GNWT)**

- Filling in for Kelly; nothing to report

**Sean Erasmus (YKDFN)**

- Holding Aboriginal Day event at Yellowknife River
- A couple of Elders passed away recently

**Charlie Catholique (LKDFN)**

- Lots going on
- Hide camp just finished
- Preparing for Aboriginal Day
- Dene National Assembly in Ft. Good Hope
- Low lake levels are a big concern
- WLEC meetings mostly postponed.
- Lost two Elders recently

Closing Prayer – Charlie Catholique

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Thursday, June 13, 2024**  
**Site Visit to Diavik**