

EMAB teleconference – March 1, 2011

Present for the call:

Doug Crossley, Chair, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Ted Blondin, Vice Chair, Tlicho Government
Floyd Adlem, Secretary Treasurer, Government of Canada
Charlie Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
Sheryl Grieve, North Slave Metis Alliance
Steve Ellis, Government of the Northwest Territories

Staff:

John McCullum, Executive Director
Michele LeTourneau, Communications Coordinator (also minutes)

Started at 3:08 p.m.

There are three items on the agenda:

1. SENES/EA Implementation Review
2. Tlicho request for letter of support
3. Air quality

1EA Implementation Review

Noted – Email from Erik Madsen/Diavik. (“Regarding the SENES report and comments from the Parties I do not agree with the Executive Directors recommendation that the report be approved/released now and that we instead consider the comments from the Parties at a later date and separately. The purpose of the SENES report was to conduct an independent review including input from the Parties. It was indentified that there wasn’t a lot of Party input – so we requested again. Now that we have it we should get SENES to use it. I recommend that we provided the comments directly to SENES in writing (ie not a summary of the comments but the actual comments themselves) and that we ask SENES to a) append the comments to their report b) consider the comments c) make any changes to the report they believe to be justified based on the comments submitted. Remember this will still be a SENES Report. Once the report is finalized it will then be up to EMAB to consider how to address the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report.”)

General agreement. Executive Director will call SENES re: cost.

There is one missing written comment. ED did talk with the Lutselk'e SAO, who indicated something would be in by today.

ACTION: ED will proceed with SENES re: update the report on the EA review, unless the cost is outrageous.

3Air Quality

Regarding meeting scheduled for March 15 with Diavik, EC and GNWT and EMAB.

Chair notes there was a reply from INAC on our request that the Minister investigate whether or not Diavik is in compliance with the EA re: air quality.

Q: Will a Board member attend the meeting? Michele will attend as staff.

A: Sheryl will attend.

Main message to the meeting: EMAB has been raising this issue for five years. EMAB wants a concrete plan with timelines.

2 Letter of support

The Tlicho Government's Kwe Beh working group is looking for a letter of support for their CIMP proposal.

The Board would like to see the proposal to CIMP. No need for the budget, but that would be useful.

Q: EMAB has written letters of support in the past. What was the process?

A: There isn't a policy.

ACTION: ED will request the proposal, distribute it, and the Board will proceed by email motion.

3. Air Quality

Q: Does EMAB want to respond to the Minister's letter.

A: Yes.

ACTION: Write a letter to the Minister acknowledging the response, not that EMAB is looking forward to seeing a plan, and we will attend the proposed March 15 meeting.

Meeting finished at 4:20.