

Giant Mine Oversight Board (GMOB)
Friday January 20, 2017
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. MST
GMOB Office, 5014-50th Ave., Yellowknife NT

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present:	Chair Kathy Racher, David Livingstone, Ken Hall, Ken Froese, Ben Nind (Executive Director), Tim Morton (NAO, INAC), Devin Penny (NAO, INAC), Mike Roach Manager (NAO INAC)
Via teleconference:	Tony Brown, Ginger Stones
Regrets:	Letitia Pokiak (Office Administrator)

1. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.; quorum was met. Chair, Kathy Racher welcomed the Directors and guests.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Moved: David Livingstone moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded: Ken Hall

Motion carried.

3. FEDERAL INSPECTORS

The Chair welcomed the Federal Inspectors to the meeting. The Inspectors outlined their responsibilities for site inspections for land and water use licences. The contractor is the main point of contact but the Project Team, Public Works, and the subcontractor attends the inspections. The inspection office maintains a close relationship with the Project Team and there are protocols in place for any major incident. The inspectors sample water under the parameters of the previous (and expired) water licence. They stated that there has never been an exceedance of the standards established under that licence.

The lack of a valid water licence for the current discharge of water from the site was discussed. The Project Team has been operating without a water licence for about 8 years, and has not indicated that it intends to apply for one prior to its application to the MVLWB for an all-encompassing water licence. The application is years off, and it will likely be a year or more thereafter before a new water licence is in place. This is clearly problematic as the Project is currently operating without a valid water licence contrary to the MVRMA. This is a situation that would not be tolerated in any other circumstance. The inspectors advised this is a matter to be resolved by the responsible agencies including the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) and the Project Team.

The inspectors were asked if they had any role in developing activity plans at the site. The inspectors replied that they have been involved only after the decisions have been made.

The Chair then answered question from the Inspectors about the Board and its role and activities.

The Inspectors were thanked for answering questions from the Board and for sharing their information and insight. It was recommended that quarterly meetings be scheduled.

Action Item: ED to set up a meeting between GMOB and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.

Action Item: ED to schedule quarterly meetings between GMOB and the Federal Inspectors.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: December 14, 2016

There were no changes to the minutes.

Motion: Moved: Ken Hall moved to approve the December 14, 2016 meeting minutes.

Seconded: Ken Froese

Motion carried.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Kathy Racher reported that she and Tony Brown met with the Project Team to follow up on the past Giant Mine Working Group discussion regarding the proposed Baker Creek outfall location. Tony Brown stated that for the most part, the Project Team was inclusive in its consultations with the Parties as it considers Traditional Knowledge and addresses public safety and other concerns. Tony noted that he was troubled that the Project Team appears to be making a decision on the outfall location before sharing its technical analysis of the options and considerations, and that the decision is apparently being made before the SDE process is completed.

Chair Kathy Racher reported on the recent Giant Mine Working Group meeting and highlighted concerns related to grayling spawning habitat in the restored reaches of Baker Creek. Fisheries and Oceans Canada has underscored the importance of this habitat and the process challenges that would be raised if the Project Team was to propose removing this spawning habitat.

Chair Kathy Racher concluded by thanking the staff for organizing the Open House and arranging the television and radio interviews.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tony Brown reviewed the financial statement to date, noting the end of year projected surplus. The Board recommended that the research allocation be left intact and the operating budget expended on general operations, the State of Knowledge Report and the new maquette for the office displays.

ED Ben Nind presented the draft budget for 2017-2018. The Board discussed the adjustments made from the previous year and agreed that the coming year would be a good indicator for future years.

Motion: Moved: Ken Froese moved to approve the 2017-18 budget.

Seconded: Ginger Stones

Motion carried.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ED Ben Nind updated the Board on the work of the staff highlighting the launch of the website, the Open House, public display panels, draft budget for 2017-2018 and meetings to consider the development of a database for GMOB research. The Board discussed with the ED the database initiative and agreed that this initiative is to be put on hold until the data needs are clear.

8. UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTORS

- David Livingstone reviewed GMOB documents and engaged in community conversations.
- Ken Hall met with Mr. Lim who decided that he could not coordinate the building of the maquette. The Board asked the ED to look at alternate arrangements for this initiative.
- Ken Froese updated the Board on the Health Effects Monitoring Program Advisory Committee (HEMPAC) meeting, noting audio difficulties and that the majority of the discussion focused on the question of what to test for and how to report on it. The Board agreed that Ken table at the next HEMPAC meeting a recommendation that testing include and report on all the elements identified in the present Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) study. Ken also provided an update on the HHRA Dietary Survey meetings held in N'dilo and Dettah over the past two days, reflecting that the process and participation was positive. Ken Hall asked if Yellowknife residents were also included in this study. Ken said that he would check into this that an online survey tool, developed for the NSMA and YKDFN, was available and could be used for a Yellowknife survey.
- Ginger Stones reviewed documents and headed updates with the ED for the Annual Report. Ginger also mentioned that the upcoming Real Property Institute Conference she attended last year would concentrate on harbour cleanups but that the Board may want to see if there was anything of interest in the working sessions.
- Tony Brown updated the Board on the State of Knowledge Report stating that he was happy with the work of the contractor to date and that the main output has been the work plan, pilot study and development of methodology for how to rank the technologies. He invited the Board and staff to participate in a call with the contractor on Monday, Jan. 23, 2017.

Action Item: ED to research building the maquette.

Action Item: Ken Froese to recommend to HEMPAC that testing include and report on all the elements identified in the HHRA.

Action Item: Ken Froese to check on the status of a Yellowknife dietary survey.

Action Item: Board members and staff invited to participate in the State of Knowledge call with the contractor.

9. REVIEW DRAFT 2015-16 GMOB ANNUAL REPORT

The Board agreed that the review of the draft Annual Report will be done in a separate meeting scheduled for Friday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Action Item: ED to work with the Chair to prepare the draft Annual Report for the set meeting date.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

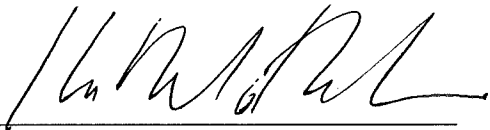
- a. David Livingstone referenced mine site remediation presentations to be made at the 2017 Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU) and Canadian Society of Agricultural and Forest Meteorology (CSAFM) Joint Annual Scientific Meeting scheduled for May 28-31, 2017 in Vancouver.
- b. Ken Froese referenced the 2018 Arsenic in the Environment. No dates are set at this time for this event. He also highlighted possible training with the IAP2 International Association for Public Participation for Project Team training in Canada.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting scheduled for Friday January 27 at 9:00am at the GMOB office.

Motion: Moved: Ken Hall moved to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded: David Livingstone
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15p.m.



Dr. Kathy Racher
Chair
Giant Mine Oversight Board

Feb 17, 2017

Date

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Motions; GMOB January 20, 2017

- 30. Motion: Moved:** David Livingstone moved to approve the agenda.
Seconded: Ken Hall
Motion carried.
- 31. Motion: Moved:** Ken Hall moved to approve the December 14, 2016 meeting minutes.
Seconded: Ken Froese
Motion carried.
- 32. Motion: Moved:** Ken Froese moved to approve the 2017-18 budget.
Seconded: Ginger Stones
Motion carried.
- 33. Motion: Moved:** Ken Hall moved to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded: David Livingstone.
Motion carried.

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