

Giant Mine Oversight Body Implementation Committee Meeting

Conference Call Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2015, 10:00 AM MT

Scotia Building

In attendance:

Jeff Mackey, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)
Johanne Black, Yellowknife Dene First Nation (YKDFN)
Shin Shiga, North Slave Métis Alliance, (NSMA)
Kerry Penney, City of Yellowknife (City)
Kevin O'Reilly, Alternatives North (AN)
Bruce Hanna, Environment and Natural Resources (ENR)

Regrets:

Erika Nyssonen, Environment and Natural Resources (ENR)

MEETING OF INTERIM BOARD APPOINTEES TO DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Kerry Penney, City moved to approve appointment of listed officers:
 - Johanne Black – Chair
 - Erika Nyssonen – Vice Chair
 - Kerry Penney – Secretary
 - Kevin O'Reilly – Treasurer

Motion seconded by Jeff Mackey, AANDC. Unanimously approved

- Option to discuss all 6 resolutions and if no concerns pass all 6 at once rather than individually. Kevin O'Reilly, AN expressed concern with #3 suggesting that signing of the Environmental Agreement should be postponed until permanent board members are in place. No rush to sign as there is a 90 day period following incorporation which would require signing by late October. Orientation meeting for the permanent board scheduled for mid-September.
- Only concern expressed with the proposed delay in signing was if it impacted the ability to flow money. If an issue did arise later, a meeting of the interim board appointees could be scheduled at any time to address it.
- Motion to delete #3 from resolutions approved unanimously.
- Motion by Kevin O'Reilly, AN to consolidate the remaining 5 resolutions and approve. Seconded by Jeff Mackey, AANDC. Unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Giant Mine Oversight Body Implementation Committee meeting Thursday, August 6, 2015 – 10:00 AM Scotia Centre basement boardroom.

- Jeff Mackey, AANDC requested any input on agenda for Board orientation in September and list of items that Letitia Pokiak and Bruce Hanna could assist with prior to the permanent Board being established.
- Targeting the week of September 21, 2015 for the Board orientation meeting to avoid timing conflicts with the public hearing for Dominion Diamond's Jay Pipe Ekati Mine expansion scheduled for September 14-16 in Yellowknife, September 17 in Behchoko, and September 19 in Lutsel K'e.
- Letitia Pokiak/ Bruce Hanna to investigate options for Directors/ Officers insurance for the Board. Kevin O'Reilly will provide information for similar insurance held by the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency. Exposure to lawsuit is slim for an advisory body but good to have.
- Jeff Mackey, AANDC stated that funding agreement could be executed quickly, sent to oversight body in the next 10 days or so. Funding could flow as early as mid-August.
- For the initial 436K - 50% can be provided in initial payment with the balance in equal monthly installments until the end of March, 2016.
- Kevin O'Reilly, AN recommended that as much of the 436K as possible should be provided in initial payment – i. e 90% with 10% holdback to avoid any unnecessary funding delays. Jeff Mackey, AANDC stated that he will check into what might be possible but that 50% is already outside of the norm.
- AN provided CVs for their two candidates – Bill Slater and David Livingstone. Requested that all parties do the same when candidates are identified. City of YK has candidate now – Tony Brown. Kerry Penney sent CV to group. NSMA is now investigating third potential candidate as first two are unable to put their names forward.