

**GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT**  
**Minutes of the SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARTIES**  
**November 15, 2018, 2:00 P.M. (MT)**  
**Quality Inn, Cooper Room, Yellowknife NT**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Present</b>	<u>Giant Mine Oversight Board</u> Kathy Racher – Chair Ken Froese – Director Ken Hall – Director David Livingstone – Director Ginger Stones – Director Ben Nind – Executive Director  <u>North Slave Métis Alliance</u> Nicole Goodman  <u>Yellowknives Dene First Nation</u> William Lines Jason Snags  <u>City of Yellowknife</u> Kerry Penney  <u>Government of Canada (INAC)</u> Natalie Plato Katherine Ross Matthew Spence  <u>Government of the Northwest Territories</u> Erika Nyysönen Diep Duong
<b>Regrets</b>	<u>Giant Mine Oversight Board</u> Tony Brown – Director  <u>Alternatives North</u> Todd Slack

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## **Approval of Agenda & Approval of May 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Kathy: Welcome everyone. The agenda that you would have received prior to the meeting is exactly the same as it was in May, the same format. So after approval of the agenda, we'll approve the Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2018. There were four action items at the end of that meeting, so we'll look at their status.

Again, since this is a Semi-Annual Meeting of all the parties, we're supposed to have a little...We're not supposed to assume who is going to chair this meeting. We'll look at the appointment of the Chair and talk about how we're recording the meeting. Then we'll do a roundtable where we'll talk about highlights from each party.

With respect to Alternatives North, it turns out William is not crazy, even though Ben tried to make him out to be. Just kidding. With Alternatives North, Todd Slack did send an email to everyone. Ben didn't receive it, for whatever reason, so we didn't see those notes until just now. I've been looking through them. In terms of how to deal with them, the notes from Todd and Alternatives North, I think we'll respond in writing because it's too hard to have a back-and-forth. It would be weird to discuss his notes here. But anything that's relevant to the discussion I will bring up. I've got the notes in front of me. If any of the Parties want to bring up any of Todd's notes, feel free to do so.

Agenda Item 7 is Reconciliation Issues and Actions, so it's an update of what anyone is doing with respect to reconciliation. Then there are any additional agenda items, which I will ask you in a moment. Then we'll talk about the next meeting. So that is the format of the agenda. Is there anything missing on the agenda or any additional agenda items? Is there anything anybody wants moved around?

(Pause)

Okay, so then I'll ask for a motion to approve the agenda.

Kerry: I move to approve the agenda.

Ken H: I second.

Kathy: Okay great. Minutes from the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Parties on May 15, 2018. Are there any issues identified with the minutes from that meeting?

William: I have two. The first one is on page 10. It says we have a newly formed department. Dechjta Nàowo is misspelled. I could send you an email of the proper spelling of that.

Then on page 21, Ndilo has an apostrophe in it and a capital D. There should be no apostrophe and just capital N, and throughout the document apostrophes in Ndilo shouldn't be there.

Kathy: Okay, thanks William, which means you really read it. I'm very impressed by that.

(Laughter)

Anybody else have any comments on the minutes?

(Pause)

Okay. So we will endeavour to make those changes so that the record is accurate, but I think we can still ask for a motion to approve the minutes with those changes, once we get those changes incorporated. Can I get a motion to approve the minutes with the changes mentioned by William?

William: I motion to approve.

Kerry: I second that.

### **Review of Action Item 1**

Kathy: Alright, thank you. So I'm going to go over the action items from the last meeting. They are on the final page of the minutes. There are four of them. The first action item was for GMOB staff to look into the Residential School Educational Module developed by the Department of Education, Culture, and Employment to determine whether one can be built off of to create an element of the Giant Mine history and Giant Mine land use.

As I recall, this came out of a discussion about wanting to have a good record of the story of Giant Mine told from multiple perspectives. The idea I think, was Todd Slack's original idea to bring it up to see if it could be an educational module of some sort. He specifically mentioned this module from ECE as a good model for that.

GMOB staff was to look into that, which was Letitia who began to do that and then decided to leave us for further education, so we have not completed that action item. It's still in our books to do so. I'm just looking off Todd Slack's notes to us. He brought that up again as well in his opinion, or Alternatives North opinion. They still think GMOB would be ideally suited to making the initial contacts to establish the frame, identify necessary elements, and put a work plan together to build whatever it is that teachers need and want. So we will definitely continue to look at that. Does anyone have any comments on that action item? Erika?

Erika: Maybe before you pursue anything with ECE – I don't know if it's Ben doing that – but I'll let you know the discussions we've already had and who our contacts have been. From

the Project side, we are currently working on a plain language summary of the CRP, of the Closure and Reclamation Plan.

A couple of years ago, William and I were both looking at how to provide information into...it's not necessarily a unit but more of an exercise. That would be part of the Northern Studies program for grade 10 at the schools. At that time, we didn't have proper information. We hadn't made decisions on the project, so now we're at a place where materials are being prepared for other things that can be a part of that. So really what that exercise would be, it would be like sort of like an opinion essay or something like that.

So I'll let William speak to it as well, but the work that is undertaken by Trailmark right now is compiling sort of that historical YKDFN perspective. So that could be something that could be used as well. The time just wasn't right to have those materials to inform that chapter or whatever we're calling it. But anyways, we're at a place now. Before you talk with anyone, we'll just get on the same page. I don't know if William will want to add to that.

William: Yeah sure. I'll do that. So Trailmark is doing as part of their Traditional Knowledge work, they are pulling information in for that. Not only that, but Randy Freeman is doing an accurate statement of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation on the history of that area and the traditional use of the site with the specific lens so that it could be used in a high school curriculum forum.

So we have the document, and we're working on publicizing it because it's a lot of information. We don't want to release it preemptively without ensuring we know what we're releasing. So what I can say is stay tuned to that, but you will see something coming from our office.

Ben: Thank you for that information. I think maybe what we should be doing is meeting together, because there is no use in tracking over each other's tracks on this - to just put our heads together on this. If you need GMOB's support with that, we would be more than willing to meet. Thank you.

Matthew: Being relatively new, I wanted to actually ask William a question around this. Is that appropriate for you? Okay. I just wanted to know is this pre-Giant? Are you doing some history or historical use of the land before Giant was there?

William: Yeah. It's leading up to and including gold production. So it's pre-Giant and during Giant.

Jason: Matt, that's part-in-parcel of the compensation proposal that we are currently working on.

Matthew: Okay, so just to square the circle here, we have been engaged with the Yellowknives and had an initial meeting with Jason and Johanne Black and Randy related to establishing some sort of process around a potential apology or compensation. That requires historical records, really from prior to Giant being established, how it was established, and then through the years that it was operating. So there are definitely some linkages.

So I'd say that maybe one of the things we could do with this action item is suggest that CIRNAC could also be a participant in this particular item. Sorry, just to clarify, that's outside of the Project Team, so the Project Team wouldn't be a part of that. They're doing their own thing, and it would be through the Regional Office.

Kathy: Thanks for that. Maybe it's good we didn't get too far down the path on that particular action item. It's better to be doing this stuff together. Jason, I'll just get you to turn your microphone off there.

#### **Review of Action Item 2:**

Kathy: Okay, Action Item 2 was that Lisa Dyer on behalf of GNWT committed to meeting with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation to discuss funding opportunities for the Traditional Knowledge study. Of course Lisa is not here, but I believe that was done. Erika?

Erika: We met with William and discussed with Johanne. We discussed a proposal that is underway this year. Actually, I just wanted to also highlight that CIRNAC did fund a first phase of the TK work, and GNWT provided funds for a second phase, a bigger phase that includes a TK study, but there are a number of items that we're required to get done prior to that - Phase 1, obviously. Anyway, so that work is intended to be submitted by end of fiscal.

Kathy: Okay, excellent. Thanks, Erika.

#### **Review of Action Item 3:**

Kathy: Action Item 3: Kerry Penney, City of Yellowknife, committed to meeting with Johanne Black to discuss how they can work together in an effort to include the history of the Yellowknives Dene with the history of the City of Yellowknife and make it public. Kerry?

Kerry: Johanne and I have not met to discuss, and it's not for any particular reason, and most likely capacity. Neither one of us has reached out to the other, so we haven't made any headway on that.

Erika: It sounds like the work that is undergoing right now could definitely inform that.

Kathy: Yeah, I was wondering if...no, it's not really a bilateral thing anyway necessarily, so maybe we'll just include everybody in the same discussions.

**Review of Action Item 4:**

Kathy: Action Item 4, the last one: Todd Slack from Alternatives North suggested that GMOB look into hiring a consultant to look in the socio-economic side of things to develop best practices to ensure that socio-economic benefits accrue to both the Yellowknives Dene and Yellowknife.

We have thought about it, but we have not hired a consultant at this time. I think so far we haven't felt a particular need for it. Ginger, did you want to say any more about that?

Ginger: Given that the Project has recently released their draft Socio-economic Strategy, it's timely that this issue is brought to the table for discussion. One idea that I would like to have some input from others on is if they thought that the model where Bill Slater has been involved to work on some of the engineering and other aspects as a joint resource, whether that model might be useful to look at engaging somebody to act as a joint resource on the socioeconomic side. It's just a thought, as opposed to having GMOB go out and hire somebody who then would probably operate in a similar fashion as Bill, but engaged by GMOB. Just a thought.

Matthew: I think there is actually a GMOB Socio-economic Advisory Body meeting next Friday the 26th... the 23rd, sorry. It's the 23rd. It's our first meeting. It's actually a new body. I'm co-chairing it. I didn't realize it would be the topic of discussion today or I would have brought some information. But certainly I can provide you with the terms of reference and some other details around that if you like.

Kathy: Matt, you called it a GMOB group.

Matthew: I didn't mean to call it that. Sorry. It's not GMOB. I was wondering why I was getting a confused look from you.

(Laughter)

No, it's a CIRNAC-led Socio-economic Committee, and I think it's... well, it's actually CIRNAC and GNWT. So there's the Senior Project Committee, which is co-chaired by the Senior Executive and an ADM out of ENR, and then there is the Advisory Body, which I am co-chair of. That's it. That will be an initial meeting of the Advisory Body on the 23rd.

David: One of the challenges that we've faced as GMOB is this perception at least that different organizations are pursuing the socio-economic opportunities differently; some not at all and some making muted efforts towards that. One of the things that we had

recommended is that it not be an Advisory Body but a Steering Body that would actually work to jointly facilitate capturing the opportunities that this Project will create, and not just capture the actual opportunities but prepare adequately to capture the maximum benefit possible. So can you just briefly outline the terms of reference for this committee?

Matthew: I can't David, but that's only because I don't have them in front of me. But I would say my preoccupation or priority would be the same as yours. We have about a two-year horizon is my view, before we see a water license and we start actually remediating. It is currently managed by the Project Team, so I need to have some discussions with them about that and whether or not that's an appropriate way to manage it.

In terms of the Advisory Body, yeah. I mean if it doesn't have the influence beyond advice, then that's probably not that useful. I would want to participate on a body that actually influences how we do this stuff, so I will take your concerns to the table, but we'll also provide you with some information on that.

But my overall commitment to GMOB would be that we will be working to identify the socio-economic benefits and to maximize local participation in those benefits, especially amongst our indigenous partners. Thank you.

Ginger: I'm really pleased to see that there is some momentum on the horizon for the socio-economic aspects. One of the concerns that we've identified, and we'd bring it to the table if we were there at the Advisory Body or Committee, is currently the focus seems to be on the economic opportunities, which is great. I mentioned on training, the third leg of the stool is on the social impacts of the Project and the social opportunities of the Project.

There is a potential here to maybe look at a vision of what the community would like to be 10 years down the road - what it would look like and if there are some aspects of the investment that government is making that can help move that vision along with the idea of community health and wellness. So we really appreciate the focus on jobs and economic opportunities, but we'd also like to see the initiation of discussion around social impacts and social opportunities.

Matthew: Thanks, Ginger. I will take that into consideration for sure.

Jason: Thank you for mentioning that, Ginger. It's definitely one of the areas of concern for YKDFN in the sense that we are looking at, for example mental health and addiction support that currently does not exist in terms of treatment in the Northwest Territories. We're looking also at improving some of the housing, for example. We're also looking at infrastructure associated with water and sewage treatment in addition to, of course, the jobs and economic benefits that will come out of it. I do concur with you and with Matt in terms of we have to look at this very holistically when we talk about the socio-economic benefits.

Ginger: Thank you. Just so we don't lose Todd's point, after maybe when the committees are up and moving, if there is a need identified, we could have a separate resource to help the discussion or do the analysis, the same kind of thing that Bill Slater does for the working group. If you identify that, it's not like we have additional funding for that, but at least there's a place to bring that need back and the potential of maybe having a shared resource as opposed to each group hiring their own and kind of going over the same ballfield.

Kathy: Ken, did you have anything else to add? Sorry, I saw your hand up at some point.

Ken: What Ginger said.

### **Meeting Organization**

Kathy: Well thanks. That was a good discussion, and that was the end of the action items review from the last meeting in May. Although we're deep into discussion already, Agenda Item 5 is on Meeting Organization and the awkward part of needing to appoint a Chair for the rest of the meeting. That's awkward, so....

(Laughter)

Somebody needs to be...

Ken H: I nominate Kathy to be Chair.

David: I second the motion.

Kathy: Okay, well I looked at the minutes from last time, and I think I said last time if you were interested in being Chair, I was good with that. Just let me know.

David: I notice when that question comes up, you cannot make eye contact with anybody around the room.

(Laughter)

Kathy: Exactly. Alright then. Just so you know, the meeting is being recorded and will be transcribed. I think we found the transcriptions of these meetings very helpful so we don't have to paraphrase anybody later. We can get an exact record of what has been said. Oops, somebody forgot to tell Matt, but so far you've said lots of nice things about us, so of course we recorded it, Matt. All those minutes will be made available to you as soon as they are prepared. Okay, any other questions about meeting organization? If not, we'll just get into it.



### Highlights from the City of Yellowknife

Kathy: This section of the agenda is the roundtable where we go around to get highlights from each party: agenda issues of concern, those successes over the past six months, and the priorities that you might have for the next six months. As you're going, if there are any things you wanted specifically GMOB to address, please bring those up then. We'll ask you as we go around. So I think this time we were going to start with the City of Yellowknife. Kerry, go ahead.

Kerry: I'll address them in order. The biggest concern from the City's perspective is capacity. Not to sound like a broken record and I'm sure the other Parties are in similar situations, but we're finding it very difficult to keep up with the Project and the number of meetings and the number of materials. We don't have specific staff dedicated to this, so we have made a request for some funding from the Project, and we do have a meeting scheduled to discuss that request, because the big concern heading into 2019 is the water license application. The City is quite concerned that we just don't have the manpower to keep up with the increasing demands of Giant Mine.

Besides the water license application, there are ancillary things the City has to deal with, for example the dock and if that has to be shut down for a number of years during the remediation. How do we address that? So Giant Mine itself affects numerous departments at the City in numerous ways, and we're finding the demands are increasing. We don't have any increased capacity, so that's a concern for the City.

Success: I think a big success over the year has been the continued goodwill in working together. We have regular meetings with Natalie and her team. We've had certain meeting with Lands and ENR regarding the Giant Mine relocation. I think we do have many open lines of communication, and I think that's helpful. It's allowing us to plan for the future. We're years out from the dock having to be closed to the public for remediation, and we're already on top of that through the GNWT and the federal levels of government, so that's a really good success story.

Obviously a priority for us going into 2019 is we're dealing with the water license application. The City itself is also preparing an intervention to the water license application process. Our Department of Engineering is going to be quite overloaded over the next couple of years with those two happening at the same time. There will definitely be at least a year or two overlap. Then another priority for us is making some headway with respect to the dock relocation. As I mentioned, we're already a little bit ahead of the game on that one. So we have time to prepare and make it a good news story instead of a bad news story splashed in the newspaper. I think that kind of sums it up from the City's perspective.

Kathy: Are there any questions or comments for the City of Yellowknife?

Ken H: Thanks, Kerry. We're already interested in hearing from people and about how Parties are hearing from people. So I had a question to the City about if you have any kind of mechanism in place. How do you get feedback from residents? Have you had a lot of interest shown in that, or do you have some system in place where you can hear from the average person on the street, a member of the public resident of the City of what's happening and how things are going, what the City is doing in relation to the Project? Do you have anything in place to solicit that input from residents? Thanks.

Kerry: We don't have anything specific to Giant Mine Project. However, I think everyone here is aware that City Council and the Mayor are readily accessible to the public. People email and telephone on a regular basis if you have questions or concerns about what's going on in the City.

I think the biggest issue that the City got questions about was when Public Health released the arsenic levels in the lakes in and around the town. We got a lot of questions. Then we just direct people to the appropriate territorial representative. The Project Team does come to present to Council, I think about two or three times a year...two. That's an opportunity where the public – because those meetings are open to the public... They are also webcast live, and our webcasts are available on our website for people to view. So when the Project Team comes to present, that's another opportunity for the public if you have questions of City Council or staff about Giant Mine, that would kind of spur those questions on.

Truthfully, we don't get many questions about Giant Mine. I think right now the biggest is going to be we're currently doing some community engagement on our Agricultural Strategy. It's our Urban Food and Agricultural Strategy that we're completing. It was part of the budget in 2018. We have had a consultant over the last couple of weeks. There is no question about soil quality. Some of that is related to arsenic levels as a result of the mines, but in general we don't get a lot of questions about Giant Mine.

We did include a link on our website to the HEMP project, the Human Effects Monitoring Program, just to make it easier for people if they are looking for information. Yeah, that kind of sums it up.

Ken H: How about on the business side? Forgive me. I don't understand the relationship between say the City and the Chamber of Commerce if there is feedback from local businesses on upcoming opportunities, strategizing, questions about contracting, etcetera. Is there a role that the City has in relation to local businesses?

Kerry: Yeah a huge priority and interest to the City is economic advantages that can accrue to Yellowknife residents. We are a member of the new committee that Matthew spoke about earlier. So Sheila Bassi-Kellett, our SAO, will be participating in that telephone

conversation next week. We've also met with Louie Azzolini, the rep from Parsons who is their economic development person.

And we have a very close working relationship with the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce, and we meet regularly with their Executive Director. We keep them apprised of anything that we know that is coming or about to come with respect to Giant Mine. For example, the Industry Day: We made sure they were aware of that. We work very closely on opportunities and advantages that might be of benefit to our local businesses. Deneen brings concerns from the Chamber forward to the City, so we have an open line of communication there.

Ben: Kerry, because we get a lot of walk-in traffic, I'm just wondering what is the status of the leased areas for the mining museum - or what is it called - the Yellowknife Heritage Museum and the Sailing Club as well? We've had walk-ins on both of those, and we're just wondering what the status is on communications with the City and what your thoughts are on that.

Kerry: So as part of our meetings with respect to the dock, which is a result of our leased area from the Government of Northwest Territories, the City and the Project Team – specifically Natalie – have worked together to ensure that communications are consistent. I believe Natalie attended one of the City's meetings with the Mining Society – Sailing Club, sorry – so we can make sure that the messages is communicated clearly.

The City hasn't taken any outward steps with respect to communicating about the leases, because at this point, we don't have specific enough information. So the leases right now are status-quo, and we're working with the process with the territorial and federal governments to ensure that there is a seamless transition through remediation of that area of the mine site.

With respect to the buildings that the Heritage Committee, the Mining Society has on the leased area, the effect on those will really be determined by the work that is being done by the Project Team, so I can't speak to specifics about the relocation-not relocation of the building. However, the City is committed to working with the Mining Society and the federal government to try and make sure everything is as seamless as possible. At this point, we don't have definitive answers to those things. I don't know if Natalie has anything to add.

Natalie: Thanks, Kerry. I can certainly add that we regularly update both the Yellowknife Historical Society and the Great Slave Sailing Club. It has been about on an annual basis. We did just attend the Great Slave Sailing Club's AGM about two weeks ago to give them an update. Now that our Closure and Reclamation Plan is on the street, people are certainly taking a bit of notice that we're getting ready to do work. So we shared with them what our plans are and what are current schedule is. As well, we have a request from the Heritage Society to meet with them.

We're just trying to nail down a date, but our message has been "Yes, remediation is coming." We lay out our timeline, which is the standard submit for water license in January 2019, perhaps receive it by June 2020. Then begin reclamation in 2021 and share our current schedule with the caveat that we know Parsons as our MCM haven't validated it, so it's likely to change. But the messaging with our current schedule is the earliest work in the town site area is the town site deconstruction demolition, which is slated for 2021 currently, and then contaminated soil remediation in 2023 with the sediment in Baker Creek going upwards to 2027.

So the messaging is there certainly will be impacts, and access will be limited during those times. We have committed to working with the Historical Society with their building so that it can stay, and we will not need to likely limit access to their very small parcel that they own. But the areas that they are currently occupying outside of their lease - where their display is and the commissary building - will be impacted and limited for at least one year. But we're saying you should prepare on the negative side of things, and it could be upwards of five to six years. Some buildings like the commissary will likely have to be relocated. That's all tentative based on confirmation of schedule, plans, everything. But the messaging is that site will be off limits at some point for sure.

Ben: Thank you for that. I'm just thinking that maybe what we should do is when those things are now walking in, I should have direct communication then with I guess both the City and with Natalie on those things, just so when those issues come in off the street, I can communicate what the latest updates are. That'll help with communication on the street. Thank you.

Kathy: I have one quick question for the City. With respect to the water licensing process, I've been part of a lot of water licensing processes, but the City would have no need to be involved with a lot of the mines, etcetera. Do you have a plan to be an active participant? I know you have capacity issues, but would you like to be an active participant and provide an intervention at the final stage of the process? Is that your plan?

Kerry: The City definitely has an interest in being active throughout the water license application. At this point, I don't know the extent, but it's our intention to be active during the water license application.

David: This is a bit of an indirect consequence of the Giant Mine Remediation Project. There have been recent articles in the paper about the Asian tourism business and how it's booming, and the fact that many of the Asian tourists are going to the Giant Mine dock site and viewing from there. Obviously there is going to be an impact, but in the bigger picture, is the City working toward somehow integrating the Giant Mine schedule and implications of that with its broader tourism plans?

Kerry: Definitely. That's why we started the conversations already with the territorial government. We're looking at expanding our lease area in other places of the City. So we've already started that discussion with the Department of Lands. That's why we've been working closely with Natalie Plato and her team with respect to the anticipation and knowing that the dock will be closed at some point to the general public and tourists, and making sure that we can accommodate that kind of traffic in another location.

Because in addition to the tourists that like to watch the Northern lights, we all know if you live in the City, the two dock locations in the City of Yellowknife in the summer are already packed with lineups to get your boat in and out. There's not a lot of...there is no excess room. We all recognize that we don't want to be on the front page of the newspaper when we have to say we're down to one dock for an extended period of time. That won't look good on any of us, so that's why we're trying to be proactive and work together to make sure we have a plan in place to hopefully make that process as seamless as possible.

We're just at the initial stages, but we're definitely cognizant of the fact that the closure of the Giant Mine dock for an extended period of time can have a negative effect on residents, tourists, and visitors. We're trying to work towards a solution that overwrites that.

#### **Highlights from Alternatives North**

Kathy: Okay, any other questions or comments for Kerry?

(Pause)

Okay, if not we'll go on. Next on the agenda is Alternatives North. As I said, Todd Slack provided a number of items, which he labeled "Priorities for GMOB." Oops. So I think it's up to us then to respond to all of those. I thought of bringing some of them out for discussion, but it's very challenging. I can't reproduce being Todd.

(Laughter)

I'm not even going to try to go there. Actually I probably could with the number of meetings I've been with him. I could probably give it a good try. If anyone saw something in the email that they would like to bring up at this point, you're welcome to.

(Pause)

Okay, so we will endeavour then to answer those questions in writing, and we'll share our answers with all the Parties, this meeting as well. Then we're onto the Yellowknives Dene. William?

### Highlights from YKDFN

William: Thank you, Kathy. So I've got three pages in front of me. I'll start with the priorities of the YKDFN over the next six months. The number one is the water license. We quote it as "the big one:" the process, the review, the reports coming out of it, all the consultation necessary, and the accommodations for the YKDFN. That's definitely number one priority right now.

Another priority is the Archeological Impact Assessment. We did do the AIA over this past summer, and we're still working within that AIA just to ensure that we prevent any damage or destruction of any sites onsite, especially any artifacts. Further to that, there has been some identification of potential gravesites onsite, so that's definitely a priority to us to make sure that nothing happens to that gravesite.

Another one is consistency and permitting throughout the Project. I didn't cc: any of the parties except for GMOB, but we have been sending letters to the Project on their quarrying process. So you may see further letters on different permits throughout the Project, because that's a priority to us.

Then there's long-term funding, reviewing the report, and making sure that it's adequate for the future years. Socioeconomic Strategy: Right now we've said at numerous times and we'll say it again, the company Stratos created the labour study, and we are not satisfied with that labour study. There was not adequate consultation that happened. They only went to myself and Det'on Cho and a handful of other people, which was upper administration in our organization. So we've made it loud and clear that the Project as a whole needs to go back to that study, and there needs to be community consultation, especially on identifying barriers that are present to the YKDFN.

Then last but not least, a priority to us is communicating to our own membership so everybody is aware what's going to happen over the next 10 years. In reality, after the Giant Mine is remediated, it's going to be us who is going to be here for many, many years afterwards.

So with that, I'll go on to some of our concerns. I've touched on the Socioeconomic Strategy. The main one is the labour study that is the foundation for a lot of decisions being made. Then we need to ensure that there are maximized benefits to the YKDFN from this Project. So a lot of work still needs to be put into that to ensure that happens.

Further to this, we have some concerns on the Quantitative Risk Assessment. Because it's being delayed, we're just unsure of whether it will actually be applicable to the water license and what the impact is on the Project throughout the water license.

Then the Closure and Reclamation Plan: The Project has only committed to one day of meetings, and with that, we still feel as though that's not adequate for consultation and engagement. So there has been a lot of email streams on that, but that's definitely a concern from us is that we feel as though we're not going to get through the whole Closure Plan in one day. That can be discussed further at another time.

Then Reconciliation: We're constantly bringing this up, and it feels as though the YKDFN is the only one bringing this up aside from maybe the Métis at times. To me, reconciliation, especially throughout this Project should be a two-way street, and I'm not seeing that on the Project's end. At the last working group meeting we had, I listed numerous times, "Where is reconciliation?" "Where is reconciliation?" And I don't see it at all in any of the documents. That's definitely something that should be brought forward.

Then to Kerry's note on capacity, we are overwhelmed. I know we got funded for an Economic Development Officer as well as a Junior Engagement Position, but the amount of work that is coming out of this Project - it's not a three-man operation or a two-man operation for that matter. So I just want to remind everyone that I'm only one person, so a lot of things are not as well as they should be because of this.

Finally, my favorite point on this is the communication at Giant right now in terms of signage. I can't remember the month, but when we did the onsite tour, there were signs on Giant Mine of a picture of a man swimming in Baker Creek. Like literally in Baker Creek there is a picture of him swimming there. On one of the signs, this is quote – this is a direct quote from the site: "Put on some snorkeling goggles and put your head in the water" of Baker Creek. I just want to flag that to everyone that I don't think that's the message we should be putting across.

Then on the AANDC's website, there are pictures of non-YKDFN members under "Consultation." I don't know if they are Tl'chô. I can't recognize any of them, and I know the Project has done a lot of photos of consultation. So it would be nice if there were some real photos and not random strangers.

Then finally some of the successes, some of the good stuff: We got funding for our EDO, which is our Economic Development Officer, which is phenomenal, because in the past this wasn't even looked at, let alone funded. We got funding for our second phase of Traditional Knowledge, which is again phenomenal. We can thank GNWT for that. There has been some accommodation in the QRA process working with our schedule and more community engagement as well as Indigenous tools being implemented, which is really great by the way. Hats off to the Project on that.

Then accommodation with the AIA: I don't know how the Project did it, but they got us onsite with no other stakeholder onsite for that process. I've got to tip my hat to the Project for that, because we really appreciate that. Then finally, just rebuilding

relationships between the Project and YKDFN. So with that, if there are any questions... That's it.

David: Thanks, William. So I've got a couple of questions. The first is when it comes to the water license, or what I'd expect of the water license process rather – I'd expect the Yellowknives would want to be a full intervener on that. Do you have...It's probably a rhetorical question, but do you have the technical capacity to fully engage in that process?

William: In terms of the Yellowknives Dene's technical capacity, we do partially. Well we have Bill Slater of course, and we have myself, but we would like more involvement from Trailmark. I know that they are set to do some review of certain documents, but I think going forward, that would be a definite recommendation is to include them further in the process, throughout the process.

David: I have a follow-up if I may. What is your expectation of GMOB in that process? Are you thinking that this organization will intervene?

William: I would hope that you would. I think that you guys have tremendous expertise throughout your life of this Project, so I would hope that you do. If not, at the very least, provide advice to the stakeholders.

David: Yeah, and I fully expect that we will. But I guess what I'm getting at is your expectations of this, filling the technical capacity voids that you yourself and other interveners may have.

William: I think for technical matters related to science, I think you guys fill that gap really well. But I think for Traditional Knowledge based initiatives, I think that should be left to ourselves or Trailmark. That's kind of the expectations that I've had going forward.

David: Thank you, and one final different-topic question: The soils in Ndiloq, I read with interest the media article. I'm just wondering, given the long history of that issue because you didn't raise it, whether it's a done deal and everyone is moving on or whether there is...what's the feeling on the street I guess?

Jason: So we worked together with CIRNAC. The outcome of the testing has been done within the community. The results demonstrated, in particular at the site next to the school, there were no issues for concern given the small levels. As we discussed with CIRNAC, there will be ongoing education and communication. CIRNAC has committed to looking at working with YKDFN, with students within the communities and to reach out again to members of the community that would like to do testing, for example, the mobile kit can be used. This to just reassure the population of where the levels are that are in the community, or in particular within their backyards for example, if they have a concern.



I think with the latest round of testing and the work that CIRNAC has done, we're at a point with the additional education that's going on that the community is feeling a lot more comfortable. Given that, there will always be people who have an issue or may have a concern, but we want to make sure that we stay on top of it in terms of communication and as well as doing additional testing if requested in specific areas within Ndilo as well as Dettah.

David: I certainly want to thank Matthew for his engagement in that. That was a really tricky situation, and it seems to have worked out well. Thank you.

Matthew: Yeah and maybe if I can just add, certainly from my perspective the concerns of the YK Dene are real and legitimate. So we are definitely taking the perspective that we want to address this. You know, it's not just that people are concerned there may be a health and safety issue, but even if there is not, some people continue to perceive that. That can stress people out too.

So the reassurance that we wanted to provide is that we will continue to look at areas. So if you have a garden, whether it's in Ndilo or Dettah and you're worried about your soil quality or the levels of arsenic in there, then we'll come and test it for you. Not only that, we'll look at remediating it so you can continue to have a garden, but it'll be a garden hopefully that doesn't have a whole bunch of arsenic in it, or it's below background level. I think the one thing about Yellowknife is, it's got a lot of arsenic. We're not going to get no arsenic. As long as we're below baseline levels and health levels, then we should be fine.

Certainly I'm concerned, and we're committed. The other thing is, just to define these within CIRNAC. Some of this is Project Team stuff. Some of this is sort of the Regional Office. Not to belabour that point, but it's just to recognize with you guys that if you have somebody that wants to talk about offsite contamination, probably send them to me. If you wanted to talk about Project Team issues, you send them to Natalie.

The last thing is I don't want to put Jason on the spot, but we do have the results from that testing. It is a Yellowknives Dene report? Is there any reason why we wouldn't circulate it to the members of the GMOB?

Jason: There is no reason at all. We'd welcome that.

Matthew: Would you like me to do it? I could do it on your behalf.

Jason: If you can.

Matthew: Okay.

Jason: Thank you.

Ken F: That was one of my questions, so that question is answered. I'll look forward to seeing that. Another question that I have, William and Jason, is on the economic opportunities. It's kind of a two-part question. One is the economic opportunities and how do you see the trickle-down of that into the community and whether the stats that you're seeing from the Project Team are adequate for understanding that. Provide your perspective on that.

William: Well, for economic opportunities, the number one that I see is ensuring that the labour that we have – or the capacity that we have within the community – is being adequately used. By that, I mean if we have five electricians and two engineers and ten heavy equipment operators, they're all given the opportunity to have a job at Giant Mine. Because I can guarantee you that all of the people – maybe not all – but the majority of residents in Ndilo would much rather have a job that they can go to at 9:00 to 5:00 rather than going to the diamond mines and being away for two weeks.

Keeping that in mind, I would say that one of the biggest things is ensuring that we are not only accessing local residents but residents that are currently employed in the diamond mines.

How it trickles down to the community: It's not only employment but it could also be making sure that gaps are met...sorry gaps are resolved. There are numerous spinoffs that could come from it. One thing I see is maybe people can't make it to work because they have kids. Well we could look at shortening hours of work and rather it being a 12-hour shift, we have an 8-hour shift. Therefore, we can have more people from the community having access to these jobs.

It's numerous things like that. Where I see it is it's like a bunch of dominoes, and if you line them up perfectly, you can knock them all down and you'll get the maximized performance.

Jason: Just to add what William is saying: There is our corporate arm of YKDFN, which is Det'on Cho. The expectation is that they will be part-in-parcel of the procurement process and they will have a significant role, for example in their remediation of Giant Mine, while at the same time there are people, for example who are employed by Det'on Cho, a significant number of our citizens of the YKDFN.

On the local side, as William says, we have the opportunity where we have a training department within YKDFN that is focused on trade and skills such as heavy equipment operators, plumbing, electrical, and other trades. The expectation is that there will be some investment – continued investment – in our trades program, as well as in our education program, because let's face it, Giant Mine remediation is going to take years, right?

So one of the things we're looking to focus on in the schools for example, starting at grade 6 all the way up, is to encourage for example, kids not only to stay in school but to provide resources to parents and to ensure that they are going to be the future geoscientists, geologists, and environmental scientists that will play a more effective role, rather than just the trades for example.

So the goal is to really ensure that we also create a climate for independent businesses - the creation of small business incubators, whereby some of those, whether it's someone starting up their own trades company, participating on a contract basis within the Project – all of that is taken into consideration.

So our goal is to really focus on preparing, looking for opportunities today and would be onboarding with Parsons and getting onto those contracts for our corporate arm, as well as using the trades that currently exist within the community. We'd also like to focus on the future, on the future benefits in terms of training, in terms of working with our youth and kids for example, and as well looking at ways in which we can have a trickle-down effect in terms of investment in mental health, addiction treatment, for example.

Because if we have good health in terms of mind, spirit, and body, then we have people that can contribute to the Project as well. We have to go a long way in addressing that, because within the Northwest Territories, there is no center for mental health and addiction. There is the Arctic Indigenous Wellness Program that is starting up, but the goal for Yellowknives Dene First Nation is to ensure that the health and wealth of the people are created with this Project going forward.

Ken F: Thank you, William and Jason. You totally answered the second part of my question. I was going to ask what your definition of benefits is in terms of socioeconomic benefits. I'm encouraged to hear that broad-based definition of benefits. Like you said, William, it's a series of dominoes and if you can build up the strengths in some areas, you continue to build certain strength in other areas. You've both echoed that, and it's great. Thanks.

Kathy: William, you brought up the QRA process and the TK study and how those get incorporated into the water licensing process. We did speak to the Project Team yesterday about that as well, and we'll be looking for those linkages as we go. The QRA process will continue in parallel to the water licensing process, but we'll keep looking for ways to make sure that information finds a home in the final water license process. Look forward to the TK study.

I'm wondering with the TK study, will it be confidential, or would that be something that you'd be sharing with folks? I know TK studies often are confidential.

William: Right now I can't 100% say whether it will be fully confidential or not, but what I can say is that we definitely will look at ways to make it public so it can be implemented. So that's the goal of it right? So that the Project can review it and say, "Wow, this is a prime

example of how we can implement it into the Project.” Not 100% of it will likely end up being public, but the definite goal of it is to make sure that it can be implemented.

Kathy: Thanks for that. Are there any other questions or comments for Yellowknives Dene First Nation?

(Pause)

Okay, great. Thank you very much. We’re on to Nicole for the North Slave Métis Alliance.

### **Highlights from the North Slave Métis Alliance**

Nicole: I’ll start with successes. One thing that I think has been very successful in the last six months has been communication and relationship building with the MCM, Louie Azzolini. He’s had a lot of contact with the Board of Directors about contract opportunities, which we identified last year as an area that was of pretty high consideration for us. So that has been really good and moving forward with that.

I’ve also been doing a fair bit of communicating to the membership about the technical aspects of the Closure Plan at a relatively basic level. He was just sharing the basics of roughly what’s going to happen and when it’s going to happen. This included a site tour that we did a little while ago that I thought was really successful. I got really good feedback from members about it. One woman said, “This is so awesome. Now every time I drive by Giant Mine, I can tell all my friends what’s going on.” So it was really good to have that direct engagement. As a result of that tour and outreach that I’ve been doing, I haven’t yet gotten any kind of concerns about the technical aspects, so that’s really good.

One thing that I will be paying a bit of attention to moving forward – Shin and I are starting to review right now, as William was saying, is the Socioeconomic Strategy. One thing that jumped out at us is that the focus of the document appears to be on training and training only, and lack of training as a barrier to employment. Certainly from the perspective of people who do quite a bit of community hiring and facilitating hiring, that’s certainly not the number one barrier.

I mean sometimes it’s a secondary barrier, but more usually when I try and hire people for environmental monitoring or bear monitoring or whatever, one of the two barriers that come up most often is child care...There is a very high rate of single mothers in our population who can’t just on fairly short notice drop everything and say, “Okay, I wish I had someone to look after my kids for the next week.” That’s the number one. Number two is often when training is involved for these positions, so many of these people are living pretty much paycheck to paycheck. You can’t just take a couple of weeks off or even a few days off to access the training when you’re barely keeping your head above water in your own position.

So we'd really like to see maybe a bit more research on barriers and community specific barriers and if there is some way for these to be incorporated as performance indicators and kept moving forward. Certainly Shin and I would be happy to talk about those. I know perhaps the Union of Northern Workers might have a bit of perspective on why employees are likely to quit. I don't know. They might be a good resource. But yeah, looking forward to continuing a discussion on that moving forward. I think the outcomes of that would probably play pretty significantly into an intervention that we would make for the water license.

One other concern that I had was to do with the recent QRA process. I mean the process we didn't have an issue with, but one thing I did notice when we went to the October session was that the facilitators were not really using inclusive language. I don't think the word "Métis" was mentioned once in the two days. After the session, the members I took communicated to me that they hadn't felt particularly acknowledged or welcomed. I did discuss it with the facilitators and the Project Team. The later part of the session was better for that, but I would just hope that for future events, the facilitators would come in a bit more prepared with language and also understanding that when things like this happens, it really endangers my ability to get participation in the future because people don't want to come.

I did discuss that at the event, so I feel hopeful that future rounds will go better in that regard. I think that's it.

David: Thanks for that. Same question that I addressed to William is for you. The technical aspects of the water licensing process: Are you expecting to have your own technical capacity or are you looking for GMOB to fill many of those gaps?

Nicole: At this point, I would think we would mostly be looking to GMOB for that. I mean Shin and I can comment on what we can, but relaying our areas of focus and in the areas where we personally have the capacity are the cultural side essentially.

Ginger: If as we move forward and following Todd's suggestion that GMOB engage someone to deal as an organizer or resource person – not organizer, resource person on socioeconomic – would that resource, if it is available to you, would it be of use?

Nicole: I think that a person or resource like that could certainly be beneficial in terms of identifying solutions to specific issues and barriers that are identified more directly by the communities. I guess in my mind it would be myself and Shin and William and his team sort of meeting in a meeting room engagement and figuring out the issues that we are facing. Then experts accordingly can help hammer out a plan to move forward through those.

Ginger: So we've had discussion about various target groups who may be facing barriers to employment or participation, whether it is employment or just actively engaged in helping to provide a vision of what the community or the Project could do into the future. So one of the areas that I brought up at the working group was whether youth are being left out of the discussions. I put that one out as, is that a group that needs to be identified and targeted within the engagement strategy? And are there other subsets within the communities that are maybe not being addressed?

Nicole: I mean I certainly do think that outreach to youth is very important. However, and I mean you'd have to talk with sources as well as me, but speaking from my own personal experience, honestly I find it easier to hire youth than slightly older people, because youth don't yet have children. I do think they are a priority group, but in terms of barriers, I would not say that they are the group with the highest barriers. I don't know. William, can you identify with that?

William: Yeah, well, I think youth have...I think each different age group has its own unique barriers. So to compare one group to another is very difficult because they are totally different. It's kind of a tricky question to answer.

Nicole: Yeah, it's hard to prioritize one group over another, but it's certainly not a one-size-fits-all strategy across the age spectrum.

Ken F: Nicole, you've again defined some of the social economic benefits that you could use or that you would like to see from the Project, and that's great. The more of those that we hear and the more of those that are articulated, will be helpful to the government committee that is looking at the social economic overall package and the better we can ask questions that would also direct towards fulfilling that. I'll state it again here that I think the Project as a whole has a lot to offer the communities, the different segments of community, and the region as a whole in terms of being a real benefit. We can look back on it in 2027 and say we're truly in a better place than we were when we started in 2018... or 1999. (Laughter) Thank you.

Nicole: Sorry, was that a question or a statement?

(Laughter)

Thank you too, Ken.

### **Highlights from the Government of Canada and the GNWT**

Kathy: Any other questions or comments for the North Slave Métis Alliance?

(Pause)

Okay, thanks a lot Nicole. So next up on the agenda, we've got the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada. I think last meeting we had we kind of discussed talking about Project Team-related things and then maybe breaking it up, because I know both the Government of Canada and the GNWT are also doing things that are slightly outside of the Project, but I think we'd like to hear about those as well. Your fearless leader just left. I'm not sure...

(Laughter)

Okay, where would you like to start?

Erika: I know that there might be some overlap. I kind of want Natalie, because I know she's.... she's probably going to say similar things so...

Kathy: Excellent. Thanks, Matt.

Matthew: This item I was going to raise under reconciliation too, but it's really about again, looking back historically over the time that the mine was there and determining whether or not there was any...I mean really at this point, I don't want to say any deliberate attempts to do anything to the Yellowknives. But I think what we're trying to identify is a process to gather the evidence collectively with the Yellowknives Dene around the mine to determine at some point, to do an assessment of whether or not the Government of Canada needs to apologize to the Yellowknives - or apologize and provide compensation to the Yellowknives - for the activities of the mine that impacted them in a negative way.

So we've started that process. I think the timing was good in that we had a meeting – I don't know if it was last week, Jason? Two weeks ago. Time flies when you're having fun. So two weeks ago it was really an initial meeting to start to talk about so we have some money and we want to offer some funding to the YK Dene to help them do that. We also want to help them with the work. So we needed to have a meeting with them to determine what that would look like. So we had a preliminary meeting. What we expect from that is they'll start to build a bit of a proposal around the money, but it's also going to mean sort of a terms of reference for a committee, and an identification of a process with some milestones. Defining that project is also going to be important in terms of how big it is and what sort of impacts we would consider. There are multiple different ones. There's the environmental, but there are also social impacts from the mine.

As I said, we've started the process. We're hopefully going to continue. We'll probably see a proposal at some point. We're going to continue that engagement. It's going really well. I think from our side it's primarily me – although I do have some researchers that are helping me. I will probably be the lead for the Government of Canada. In fact, I've been mandated as the lead by the Government of Canada by the Minister. Then Jason and his team – it's likely Johanne Black and Randy Freeman and possibly some others.

So I'm excited that we're starting that process. We're getting going on it. I know it has been a longstanding irritant in terms of the relationship. Having also again my own history in Yellowknife, I'm very interested in the evidence. I think we're all going to work together on this collectively. We're shooting for...At this point we think we can get something together in possibly 18 months, so the end of fiscal 2021 I think is what we're looking at. But we'll take as long as it takes, and we'll do as much as we need to do to get it done. So that's my commitment on behalf of the Government of Canada.

Kathy: Any questions for Matt? Now I see why you didn't want this recorded, Matt. That was quite a commitment.

(Laughter)

Any questions for Matt on this? David?

David: Thanks Matt. And I want to say, I personally appreciate the effort – the personal effort you're putting into this. It's very much appreciated. The socio-economic stuff is a little different – same but different, right? I mean you've got a committee that you've been co-chairing. I guess I'll be blunt. The socioeconomic, the cultural, the social and economic issues that we've identified with the Project have not been addressed, and it's frustrating. It's frustrating for everyone. So I guess we're here to help on that. If there are any ideas other than the ones we've already discussed that we can help promote, we'd be happy to do this.

This is a huge project. A project that involved a billion dollars over a period of time would get far different attention if it was a private sector project. In the federal government and the territorial government, you'd be making different demands on the private sector. We don't see that happening with a government-sponsored project, and it's pretty frustrating to sit as a former government employee and see the government somehow treating itself differently than it would the private sector when we would expect government to set the highest and best standards.

So it's important to us and it's important to the residents in the region. We would like to see some significant progress made in preparing folks to capture the greatest opportunities they can and to minimize the downside of that work, because there are social and cultural downsides as well. Whatever you can do to help I think we would be happy to.

Matthew: I appreciate that, and I would like to echo the fact that Giant Mine Oversight Committee has a lot of capacity, a lot of experience. So certainly I want to continue to keep...And I guess I've only been in the job for a year, so I think you're going to start to see things maybe improve a bit on the socioeconomic planning front, and it is an area in my professional career I've spent a lot of time working on. So I'm again very excited about it.



I guess I could make another commitment, which is that we're going to try...You know at some point, I think we're going to have a discussion around what does success look like, because I'm going to work hard, but I just came back from Tulita last Friday. We're investing several million dollars in remediating the Canol Trail. But the project doesn't seem to be a success for the community. That's a concern for me, and it's primarily because they just don't feel like they're involved. Part of it is the procurement process.

So we need to look at that procurement process from the perspective of there are metrics for determining who gets that contract, or maybe even prior to that there are metrics around how do you determine whether you're going to negotiate a contract. I don't see reconciliation playing much of a role in that, and I think it's an important metric that we need to start to incorporate into our procurement processes.

Again, from the perspective of real reconciliation, the Government of Canada is going to take a different approach. I'm disappointed in that project on the Canol Trail, because the community doesn't view it as a success. So for me it's a bit of a disappointment. So I don't want that happening here. Thanks.

Kathy: Thanks. Thanks very much, Matt. Any other questions for Matt before we move on to Natalie? Any questions for Matt?

(Pause)

Okay, so next on the agenda is the Project Team, and we'll let Natalie take the mic.

### **Highlights from the Project Team**

Natalie: Great. Thank you. I missed how we led in with Matt, so I apologize. I thought I had a chance to sneak out. Starting with successes, I guess he was first on my list. We've now got Matt engaged, and he's worked on two very important files that could keep coming up for the Project, that being apology and compensation and the Ndilq soil. So thank you, Matt.

I won't go into all the Project details. We talk to everyone here on a monthly basis, if not more, so I'll try to highlight things that are outside of the direct Project day-to-day details. Successful this year, we got our grant authority to fund GMOB. So this year was the first year we actually had a grant with them, and that will continue. So that was a big success for the Project.

We had a Project Team meeting, our first all-Project Team meeting of the Giant Mine Remediation Project, which includes GNWT, Public Services and Procurement Canada, and our consultants. We had it a couple of weeks ago. There were 46 of us, and we held

it here in Yellowknife. The big success for us is we had a day where we addressed reconciliation. We did the KAIROS blanket exercise in the morning with all of our Project Team, and it was very impactful. There were a lot of people, this was new information to them. So it was really an impactful morning and an impactful day.

We also had three residential school survivors come and speak to us in sharing circles. That was for me, extremely difficult to participate in but very impactful as well. And one of those was Stephen Kakfwi, and he also spoke to us afterwards. I took one thought from him that I wanted to share. He said healing the land is the biggest act of reconciliation, or it can be. So from the Project's perspective, that really hit home. He stood up in front of us and said that healing the land is the greatest act of reconciliation. So for me that was a really touching moment to know what we work on as the Project can really mean that much to some.

So it was a great day, and for all the Project Team it was mandatory. Everybody came. So that was a big success for us. I've only been on the Project just over four years, and that was only the second time that we've done an all-team meeting. I think I told Kathy we're on the world cup schedule for all-team meetings.

(Laughter)

Then of course, priorities with the water license, right? Getting our application in, in a couple of months is a big milestone for the Project and one we will hit in January. And I'll pass it over to Erika for GNWT.

Erika:

Thanks. So some of our priorities are to continue to facilitate or encourage expert GNWT departments and staff to participate on the socioec side of things of the Project, and economic benefits on these committees, and really bring their experience and guidance because they have done this on other projects. So to see that engagement continue and to be beneficial to all parties.

Another priority: I'm an active member of the Engagement Team and a number of aspects of the Project, but continue to look at the creative ways to communicate. William sort of touched on that. One thing we're doing right now, which I explained to you guys, was using video and film and getting that translated and just looking at creative ways of reporting back to the community. So we're looking at that for our legacy work that we're doing. So that's another priority.

With a different hat in mind, carrying out the Human Health Risk Assessment on the offsite areas. So that's a priority this year and continuing into next year with support from Matt and his group. With that, we also have an internal GNWT group that communicates with each other, but we're updating our website. We want to have a one-stop shop that is really just arsenic, the monitoring that GNWT does, and links to public health advisories where you don't need to dig around if you have questions about arsenic. Right now it's

spread out all across the board. So that is going to be up and running pretty quick here. That is a priority and actually a success as well.

Our next priority item for that group is to develop educational materials to go into the schools. So I have been doing that. On behalf of GNWT, not really as Giant, I've gone and done a number of presentations for that, but then also supporting Giant. Geneva and I go into the schools and do that. So continued work on that.

A priority is the stress study and working together with our stakeholders on that and really having a process where there is buy-in. For that and carrying out that work this year and get it up and going. Again, like Kerry mentioned, bringing the GNWT Lands on with the City and having those conversations about access to those areas and being a landlord, just to work together on that. That's definitely a priority to make sure that is flawless.

So some of those are successes as well, but Nicole and William touched on relationship building. I have to say, over the last couple of years working with William and Nicole, our working relationship, and Todd as well, we even text each other. It has become...it has improved. There's a relationship there that allows for us to work well with each other and understand each other's constraints and try to find compromise and all that.

Another success is we've been able to fund training programming with the YKDFN. What was really great to see was that with some of that training we're actually seeing those students engaged directly with Giant. They are informed of the Project. We see regular faces, and that's really encouraging to see that. They've not completed their program yet, but the Project is able to actively contribute to that. That's really great.

Natalie talked about reconciliation, and that was really critical for our Project to have, even for us here for the region where we live in the community, and we see the impacts of that. That session was really touching and informative. We continue to learn. So I think that was not a kick in the butt, but just a nice nudge for us to think about what is reconciliation and how do we apply it to the Project. So that's a priority as well.

Issues: I mean really it is capacity as well. There are two of us at GNWT, and the Project is big. We're involved in all aspects. We do our best and try to find areas where we can best support the Project. That was something with the TK study we could do, and we support facilitation and things that isn't so easy for federal government to put contracting mechanisms and stuff.

I mean we're coming into the water license. The timelines are tight for everybody. There's so much information, and I mean the Project has gotten a lot of input from our stakeholders. That's a major success of what the Project has been able to do in the last couple of years of heavy engagement, pulling a plan together, and really bringing our engineers on board to understand how to take that community input and make a plan work. It's a big success. So now all that work and the timelines going into the word

process for the Project to turn around things that quick – we'll see how that plays out too. That's it for me. Are there any questions?

Kathy: Any questions or comments for these guys? Go ahead, Matt.

Matt: So when we went to meet with the Chief and Council, I think one of the things that we found was it's not just the kids that want to know, or deserve really to know more about arsenic, it's also the adults. Some of the concerns are based on not good information. One of them is that as an example, arsenic is pretty ubiquitous so it's found in a lot of things beyond just the soil in and around Yellowknife. It's found in certain things that we eat regularly, and it's in cigarettes as an example. You can increase your levels of arsenic without actually being subjected to any of the environmental issues in Yellowknife and still end up with a raised level of arsenic.

I think that context piece is important too, and in fact, I think when we briefed the Chief and Council initially on that contextual piece that went into the results of the work, I think the two of them worked well together because then people had a better sense of what the sources were and that arsenic is quite prevalent. Then secondly, the results are probably reasonably accurate...It's not so much that but that people don't need to worry. It's a known element and quite frankly, doesn't really impact your health as long as the levels are fairly low – that you can get it from other sources.

So I think that's important for people to know. I was actually thinking about the fact that we probably need education materials beyond the school, and we need to educate the broader populous in general about it. Muriel Betsina raised the issue. She talked that her dry fish smells like oil. So there's a missing connection there in terms of what is the problem with Muriel Betsina's dry fish? Maybe it's not arsenic, but maybe there is something impacting it. We need to figure that out. If she's thinking it's arsenic but the outcome is different, then we need to educate people like her in terms of what that means. That's just a plea. And let's work collectively on some materials. Thank you.

David: Yeah, one of the things that GMOB has been concerned about is the offsite contamination. I'm just wondering if you guys can provide an update on where those discussions are.

Erika: Sure. Where we're at in the process right now is we had CanNorth come on board to carry out the Human Health Risk Assessment. So the two governments match up and are working together. ENR is managing the contract on the Project. CIRNAC is supporting the resources for that, financial resources. So we've hired CanNorth because of their experience with the data and the community just completing the Giant Mine's Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment.

Their initial step was to do a gap analysis instead of environment reports. So they did that. That was completed in March, and the results identified certain gaps in some data. So

really the scope area is looking at impacts from the roaster to the west, northwest of Giant Mine, but we're also looking at areas around Con.

Then we really wanted to make sure that the places that people use recreationally for cabins and fishing and camping or whatever, that they would be looked at as well. So we're also looking at what areas are used traditionally. We still have meetings coming up with the YKDFN on that, so we'll just see are there any areas that we're not capturing in our study area. So there was some data missing. ENR has filled those data gaps through our staff, so we feel like our data is complete for that work.

We've done surveys with local residents in Yellowknife, so that took place in May. In April, May there was an online survey asking people, "Do you use these areas?" "What do you use them for?" so we could develop our risk scenarios and identify the exposure pathways to those people using those areas. So that has been completed.

We've been working with the Yellowknives Dene to develop a process that can gather that information. We worked with North Slave Métis, and Nicole looked at information they already held and provided that to us in a compiled way saying, "This is our knowledge of how people use this land that you're looking at." So that was great. Yeah, we're at a point where CanNorth has data. They have a sense of what the exposure pathways are. It's YKDFN validating that information but also identifying if there are any further gaps there and if there are other scenarios that we should be running.

We hope to go into the community hopefully next month. So rather than just sort of an online survey, we're looking at door-to-door, a walk-in at the office, and sort of a station session of an all-day kind of thing in Dettah. So that has been something that has been suggested to us that we do from the YKDFN, that we can't just capture people in the way that we thought. So that's great. We've been working together on that.

The plan is to present a draft report, likely in February. So we would be engaging more publically on that. As soon as we have our session with the YKDFN, we would be the consultants, and our Project Management Team would be briefing senior folks up within our government, to Matt and his shop and to my ADM. So we'd be updating them along the way.

Then CanNorth...sorry I feel like I'm kind of all over the place. Once CanNorth has presented their draft, that is an opportunity for input from people. They would make revisions, and their contract identifies a final report at the end of March. That doesn't mean everything is solved. Their report says, "These are the risks. These are the areas where the risks are." Then it would go back to the governments, and the governments would come up with what is the path forward. Are there areas that we can just risk manage by administrative controls? Are there areas that we'd sort of have to hotspot scoop up? So we'd have to look at what the risk management options are. That's a bit of the schedule and timeframe for that.

Now Matt you don't have to read that memo I sent you the other week.

(Laughter)

So there is progress on that. We also hired a Risk Communicator. This is someone that Ken Froese recommended. So she will be advising us on that reporting out of the draft results phase, and then continuing on with us as an advisor on what the things are we need to think about. She has a lot of experience working with indigenous communities in BC or Alberta...or she's all over western Canada. So we're appreciative of that suggestion from Ken. We can see how she can better our comms and these other pieces that GNWT are trying to do.

Really we recognize there's a lack of knowledge about arsenic. There is arsenic in rice, and that blows people's minds. Just getting that kind of education out is important, and we recognize that.

Matt: If I could just add, I would suggest we would in addition to briefing senior government officials, we would come and arrange a meeting to brief the GMOB.

Ken H: Thanks, Erika. I'm encouraged to hear about the offsite work that is being undertaken. I have a question in that area. Recognizing that historically there were two other contributors to the arsenic legacy we have in the Yellowknife area, has there been any further thought given to one of them is still here and still in business? Is there any further thought given to involving Newmont in the discussions about the offsite portion?

Erika: There have not been. Matt, do you have any thoughts?

Matthew: I guess Ken, and I don't know but this is the process we used at Con. They were able to sequester most of the arsenic, so it didn't end up in the environment. So it seems like Giant is the big contributor to the offsite contamination, but if somebody can tell me differently, I'd be prepared to consider that. But as far as we know, the contributor offsite contamination is the roaster from Giant. I don't know.

Erika: Ken, could you expand what you're thinking? In what way do you see that engagement or what kind of angle? That's what you mean? Okay.

Ken H: Maybe it's money. Maybe it's just an acknowledgement. I look at...I mean Con had a roaster for 30+ years. Negus had a roaster for two years. I've seen Henry Bussey photos taken during the summer of significant white plumes coming off the roaster stack at Con blowing right into the City in the summer. So it's not water vapor.

(Laughter)

What I'm getting at, my point is we have...In some respects I'm personally glad that the government is doing Giant because I think it's going to be a heck of a lot better job done than industry would do. In that light, I also think – partially as a taxpayer but just looking at the big picture - the offsite is an important part of this. We have a company that is still here, and when you're doing a cleanup job - and they're just about done - they're going to be treating the water for 20+ years.

Looking at the information that is available on the offsite, contamination exists in Yellowknife. There is no doubt in my mind that they were a contributor to some of that. I'm not refuting by any stretch of the imagination that Giant was not the major contributor. Just look at the size of the operation, the mill feed rate versus Con – there's quite a difference.

However, I look to holding those accountable that were contributing to the issue here, and one of them is still here. Whether that's financial involvement, I leave that to you to come up with ideas in that area, but it's simply I would be looking to have them involved in some capacity in the offsite issue. It's an important part of understanding the whole legacy in this area. Thank you.

Erika: Thanks, Ken. We call them out on paper. We don't just say Giant is a contributor. But also our original scope didn't include taking a look at the emissions that would have happened around Con, so we actually modified the scope of the work to make sure that we did capture that rather than just limit the focus to areas around Giant. But yes, appreciate your comment there. We'll talk internally about if we would want to at least inform Con that we're doing that, or Newmont, and see if and how we would approach that.

William: Well I'll start off with a comment that the GNWT's one-stop shop on arsenic – the website that you're creating – that's phenomenal. I'm really happy to hear that. What my question is, is there anybody in the GNWT who is delegated or who it's their responsibility to take questions on arsenic?

Like say I'm a member of the public. I go to this website. I have all these questions. I read some information on it. I still have further questions. Who do I go to? Do I go to you? Do I go to Public Health? Is there somebody there that's the person that you would talk to?

Erika: Good question. That is something that we're talking about within that committee, who that would be. We have representatives that have that experience with arsenic in the Health Department, and they sit on the committee, so we would look to identify who the contacts are. So if you have a health-related question, obviously there would be someone that would be highlighted from Health. But usually it would go through your communications shop within your department. Then they would be traffic-controller kind of thing. So we are looking at that for sure. We don't want people running around trying to find someone that can answer a question.

William: Great. Thank you.

Kathy: I'm just cognizant of the time. It's just about 4:00 but we're not quite done. I know Ginger has to bolt soon.

Ginger: My apologies. I'm sorry I have to leave, but thank you very much for allowing me to participate. I certainly enjoyed getting together and having a chance to work on this Project. It's good. Thanks.

Kathy: Okay, thanks Ginger. If you have to go while we finish, then you can go. Sorry Jason, did you have another point to make? I saw you reaching for the mic.

Jason: No. My question will come off the Giant Mine Oversight Board comments.

Kathy: Okay, any other specific questions for the Project Team or GNWT?

(Pause)

#### **Highlights from the Giant Mine Oversight Board**

Kathy: Next is Giant Mine Oversight Board. We put ourselves on here, but you've already heard a lot from us already so I don't think we need to go back through anything. I think I will say though that we heard your message, the message of several people about our involvement in the water licensing process. We do intend to be a very active participant in that process, so we'll keep talking about that.

Unless there are any other questions you have for the Board members right now...If anybody has a question, we'll be happy to take them.

Jason: It goes back to what Matt said earlier in terms of what does success look like pre, during, and post- well post for years. I was just wondering, and seeing as I'm new to YKDFN and this particular file, I was just wondering whether or not there were key performance indicators associated with this Project currently and whether they were published online, opposed from the schedule for example. In other words, has the definition of what success looks like in terms of key performance indicators been established or defined? Are we or not tracking those on an ongoing basis?

Kathy: Do you mean performance indicators for us or for the Project? If it is the latter, maybe Natalie should take that one.

Jason: I think for both the Project as well as the Board.



Kathy: For GMOB, in our last annual report, we did put out some sort of table and appendix, which listed all our mandated items and how we were doing. Again, we don't have really specific performance indicators and didn't want to spend a lot of time grading our own papers, so that's why we're looking into that kind of audit. But several times we have recommended to see performance indicators for the Project, because there are so many different aspects. In our role as the Oversight Body, we're always supposed to be saying, "How is this going?" It's hard to know how it's going if you don't know how it's supposed to go or what the expectations are. We have seen some drafts of performance indicators in the last year, but I don't know if they're finalized or published yet. So I'll let you speak to that.

Katherine R: Yeah, I guess to basically reiterate what Kathy just said, I think it was at the May GMOB meeting, we did table a list of some our short-term three to five year performance indicators for the Project that were developed as part of the previous Treasury Board submission. We haven't really...They're not so much published in that way, but we have provided them. So it was something new to figure out how we report on those, which is still an ongoing process. They are still technically draft.

Some of them are fairly basic for now in terms of looking at what sort of reports we expect to get in and if we get them in. It's on that level for that. I think they're looking at developing some more KPIs on the socioeconomic side of things. We have a lot of different ways in which we report as a Project. We also have to report up our line on...It's the socioeconomic side of things that we have in place right now for consultants and contractors and things.

So it's not a target, but we do inform our program, etcetera with quarterly reports that go up that just track essentially the number of people who have been working on the Project through our consultants and the contractors. So the MCM would put in their information on things, which gets rolled up into a larger document so that we can see how many people...It's broken down I believe into Northern, Northern Aboriginal, Northern or Northern Indigenous, Southern Female is broken out I believe...So it's kind of on that level as well as a very high level idea of what we've done for engagement through the year. It's how many events we've had and how many approximate people have taken part.

On the other side of things, of course, there has been work done on closure objectives and things like that as well, but that's more part of that Closure Planning Team. That's a lot of different pieces of information, so it's sort of a difficult question to answer necessarily right now. But yeah, we're looking towards those short-term indicators. I think we spoke at the meetings yesterday just to say that we're looking at how we try and roll those up into a document or something and then how that would be presented, because it's typically something that would go to Treasury Board, whether it would be something that we would amend to the GMOB report or something like that.

Jason: I think for me it would be interesting that we have something that is easily digestible by the communities and by the stakeholders to track the progress of the Project as well as its benefits. It would make sense that it is communicated widely so that people know where things are, whether it's on a quarterly basis or semi-annual basis.

The other thing for me with respect to the main contractor, which is Parsons, has the definition of what success looks like and their performance for example, been established or defined, in addition to the socioeconomic benefits schedule time etcetera, as per any project?

I think that's something that we should be mindful of, because we really want to be successful. We can't improve what we can't measure. We have to have at least some baseline to know where we are and where we are going and where we are on the scale in terms of meeting the key objectives of this very critical project. Those are my final comments.

Matt: Yeah, and I just wanted to add...Going back to my Tulita example, success is different for different groups within the Project. So certainly PSPC, Public Works thinks that project is a success. It's ahead of schedule. They got more work done than they thought, but it doesn't feel like it was a success for the community. So I think we have to think about those, and there are different metrics for different groups in terms of defining success.

I also think that it's incumbent upon the government in terms of socioeconomic issues to set some targets. We need to suggest to the Yellowknives that we're willing to try to move towards that particular target in terms of employment or training, because that helps us with our relationship with the community.

The other thing is we made some progress in the last little while. I think the Project Team and I think you guys and us guys and you guys all understand that we probably improved the relationship a bit with some of our...but there's no way Ottawa recognizes that and the struggle for us is to try to get them to understand the impact and we are making progress. So we do need to think about those.

I think defining success for the Yellowknives Dene may be different than PSPC's. Then if we can think about those and then figure out how to meld them or at least how to have an honest conversation about expectations around those, then that will help as well, right? So I think we need to anticipate that we're going to need to set some targets around socio-economic activities, and you're going to need to have some conversations with various groups about what success means including the Elders. I'd be really interested to know what Muriel Betsina would see as success, as an example. Thanks.

Jason: I just want to add that's a very good point - defining and corroborating with YKDFN to understand the key measures that are important to us. Do we see a return - as we do the monitoring for example - do we see the return of wildlife to the area? In other words, is

the land healing for that matter, in addition to the socioeconomic? Then for others, in particular when you speak to some of the youth for example is where for those that have a little bit more education, what is the progress of the Project? Where is it currently today? Are we meeting our goals in terms of the remediation of the land for example?

I think to your point Matt, at some point we'll need to engage further to explore, not just for the Yellowknives Dene, but the wider Yellowknife population as well, to ensure that those are communicated. Because no one knows what's going on. I mean even for me, I know that there's the office and I can pass by. I can ask questions for example, and I can get a blurb on the air sampling quality from time to time. But just having those metrics – is it green, yellow, or red? Or is it tracking to some end? Are we meeting a milestone for example? Those are some of the key things in general that YKDFN of course and the general population would want to see.

Kathy: Yeah, thanks for that discussion. That's very helpful. Some of your points reiterate some of the points that we've tried to make over time. It sounds like you're hearing that, so that's good. The idea of the targets and metrics so that we all have a common understanding of what success looks like is what is key. It's different for everybody. So thank you for those clarifications. I think it's very helpful for our Board. Were there any other questions for the Giant Mine Oversight Board at this time?

(Pause)

### **Reconciliation Issues and Actions**

Kathy: It's 4:00 but if everyone is able to stay a little bit longer...I mean we have kind of touched on the next item already, reconciliation issues and actions. I was very interested to hear about the Project Team's ability to have that world cup meeting of your whole Project Team, to have a full day on that. The only question I wanted to ask in this regard is how do you think you're going to take that experience, especially days like that which are real deep experiences, how do you translate that into the Project and how you're managing the Project?

We heard from William about some of the documents – I don't know if it was engagement or socioeconomics that don't even mention the word reconciliation. I'm just wondering, do you anticipate things changing for how you're implementing your Project going forward?

Natalie: That's a really good question. We didn't actually get into having that discussion on how we would take that. We're having a work planning meeting coming up in two weeks, so I think we'll probably continue that discussion at that time. Personally I saw everyone just taking a better understanding of the Project and the context of it away from that, but we

didn't have that discussion. We're going to continue that in a couple of weeks. I look over to Erika if she has any thoughts on that.

Erika: From a personal experience of that, recently we went to talk with community members about a plan that we had in our heads that could work. The outcome of that meeting didn't meet exactly what we were hoping for. So I think the experience of that day during that meeting, people are sharing and talking about what their concerns were. There was a moment where I just in my head thought, "This is what reconciliation is."

Yeah, we walk in and can't expect that in a snap of a finger people are going to jump on board with our process, and we're going to get the input that we want. So it was kind of a humbling experience for me, and it was like okay, well we're just going to have to adapt and modify and maybe take a couple of steps back and work together on this.

That sort of thinking wasn't something that was common for me before. And I think now having time to reflect, maybe that's a bit of learning of what reconciliation could be. So I appreciated that, because now it's just, now what's next? Together we go through this. That's my personal experience. Maybe the impact of that session will impact other people in that kind of way hopefully. Yeah, it'd be great to talk as a larger Project Team about how to actually tangibly take action on that.

William: Was there Public Works...federal Public Works people there?

Erika: Yeah, absolutely.

William: Okay, so one of the things you want to talk to them about is how they improve reconciliation in contracting.

Kathy: Yeah I would encourage as a way of embodying what you...You have something as an experience, but it's quite different than embodying an idea. Part of work planning is just on every agenda item, how does this relate to what we learned on that day? And just have a what-if discussion about that as a way of embodying what you've learned and the efforts you've already made. David?

David: I'll be brief. We talked about the reconciliation element in that working group meeting a couple of weeks ago. As William said, the word 'reconciliation' was absent from the engagement vision, objectives. We talked about it here on Monday and Tuesday when we were meeting to develop our annual report. I mean it seems to me that reconciliation...the Project should be considered in the context of reconciliation, and in the past I think it was perhaps the reverse and perhaps not even a real conscious effort to connect the two.

But the Project in the context of reconciliation is also in the bigger context of community wellness, and it's in the yet bigger context of healing the land, the environmental work

that needs to be done. So I think there's a need to really – as Kathy said – every action that the Project is undertaking needs to be considered in the context of reconciliation.

This is a huge opportunity to achieve reconciliation through this Project. There are enormous opportunities. Reconciliation isn't just an apology and a compensation. It's far more than that. It's about partnerships. It's about truly meaningful engagement. As we discovered when we talked about what engagement meant, it's not just a series of dates. It's a different kind of thing. And too all often what we think of engagement is sometimes just a series of dates.

It requires a different lens, a different perspective. I really strongly encourage folks to start thinking within the Project context – and in the broader for that matter – about how the Project can aid at every step of the game, every step of the way, that progress toward reconciliation. Thanks.

Kathy: Are there any other ideas or things people want to discuss on this topic? It has been peppered throughout the meeting, which is a good sign. It doesn't have to be a separate agenda item necessarily. Any other thoughts or ideas?

Katherine R: I just want to echo the Project Team that it was a really impactful day that we had. I've done, not in a long time but in my previous work, I've done different awareness exercises and things like that. It had been a while, but it was really interesting to see some of the people on the Team who hadn't lived in Yellowknife. That's a big thing. Not all of the Team has lived here or spent the amount of time here or had the interaction with the local indigenous communities. In my case, I worked with communities further north as well.

I think it would be helpful for a better understanding, again for people who aren't on the ground here, as to how we need to work with the community of Yellowknife as well as the indigenous community in Yellowknife. I for one, spent most of the day crying.

(Laughter)

So it definitely impacted me, because it's a subject that was very emotional. I felt honoured that the people who came to share with us their experiences talked with us so freely. It really meant something. On that note, I really hate to run, but I do have a plane to catch as well. I thank you all, and I appreciate the meetings over the last few days. I will see you soon.

Kathy: Thanks very much, Katherine. If we don't have anything more on that particular topic...Go ahead, William.

William: I've got just a quick suggestion. Every year we do the Healing of the Land Ceremony. That ceremony means a lot to the community members of the Yellowknives Dene. In our Contribution Agreement, it may look like a small amount, but to the YKDFN, that is one of

the most significant items. My suggestion would be for the Project Team to take that back and explore further ways of really reconciling with the community – like sharing circles, drum dances, healing ceremonies, feeding-the-fire ceremonies... different project-hosted events.

Take it back and really explore what can be done and how can we engage the community differently, not on a technical aspect but just to say, “Hey, we’re here and we’re working to reconcile this Project.”

Natalie: Thank you for that suggestion, William. We would love to work with you on that in the coming year. Thank you.

Ken F: It’s interesting you say that William. My first trip to Yellowknife as a Board member, I had a similar brainstorming exercise with Ben in the office. The suggestion came up that we hold circle talks in the office as part of GMOB outreach to the community and to bring the community in to engage.

Kathy: Any last comments from anyone? Go ahead, Matt.

Matthew: I appreciate the opportunity to come. I’m glad I ran into Ben on Saturday at the Co-op, at the banana station. I think that’s sort of Yellowknife, right? My view is if anybody around the table has any concerns or issues with the way that I’m doing things, I would really appreciate you coming up and telling me, whether it’s in the grocery store or a formal letter to my Minister, whichever. Thanks.

(Laughter)

#### **Additional Items and Next Meeting:**

Kathy: Thanks, Matt. Now we know where to find you. On Saturdays apparently. Are there any other additional items to talk about? Go ahead, Natalie.

Natalie: I did not put this on the agenda, so I apologize. I know we’re already over-topic, but it’s a suggestion for the water licensing that I wanted to pose to GMOB but also to some of our other parties while they are here. Hearing the concerns with the upcoming water license...I’ll just stop there. Is it okay if I continue with this additional item?

Okay, thank you. It won’t take too long. I just want to put it out there. We’ve heard a lot of concerns. Water license is coming. We’ve been working with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, and we have a timeline that we’ve shared on what the process will look like starting in January.

Because it is a regulated process, the Board has their 9-month timeframe that’s regulated. They’ve identified that one of their big concerns is if stakeholders or interveners ask for

additional time for reviewing materials, they are going to be very hard-pressed to grant it based on the legislated timeframes without going back to the Minster and asking for an extension.

So one of the ideas the Project Team had to try to mitigate this – and this is just a proposal. We are not tied to this, but we would want complete buy-in. That's why I'm posing it to GMOB: When we submit our package on January 31st, which is the date we're aiming for in January, is that we actually don't submit to the Board on January 31st. We submit it to all. We put it out there for public review for say four weeks, and then submit it to the Board to gain us an additional four weeks of time for review right up front.

We know that everyone has seen the package materials since June, but this will be as a complete package. So that is one idea that we had come up with as a Project to alleviate the timeline concerns. So I put it just out there. I don't look for an answer today necessarily, but for perhaps to see if people would support that approach as one effort to make sure people have enough time to review materials.

There might be other suggestions, but that was one that we came up with as a Project Team. Now from my perspective and knowing I have a January 31st timeline, I would have to sell that as well to my supervisors, but if I had support from GMOB and the other parties, it's I'm sure something that we can get behind. So I'll put that out there for thought. Thank you.

William: I can say right off the bat, YKDFN would definitely be supportive of that.

(Laughter)

Kathy: Thanks for that suggestion, Natalie. That could be a really good way. We'll take it back and think about it. That would also give the Board time to look at the package and decide if it's complete. Then when you do submit it, then the completion thing can be done right away. So we'll take that back and think about it. It's very inventive. I like that. Okay, any other additional items? Okay thanks very much for coming. I really appreciate that.

If not, in terms of the next meeting, we're looking at the first or second week of May 2019, because we want to avoid...Well, we'll see about the Technical Sessions. We're not sure how that's going to go, but we'll try to target maybe the second week of May. So please let us know if there are any issues with that that you know of right now. With that, any last comments?

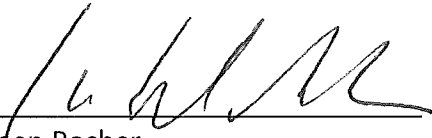
Thank you for your patience and staying a bit late. Sorry we went overtime. I'll need a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Natalie: I'll move that we adjourn

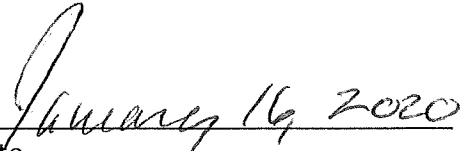
Ken Froese: I'll second.

Kathy: Okay, thank you. The meeting is adjourned.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**



Dr. Kathleen Racher  
Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

  
Date



## **Motions: GMOB 2018 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

**Motion: Moved:** Kerry Penney moved to approve the agenda.

**Seconded:** Ken Hall

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: Moved:** William Lines moved to approve the Minutes from May 15, 2018.

**Seconded:** Kerry Penney

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: Moved:** Ken Hall nominated Kathy Racher as Chair of the meeting.

**Seconded:** David Livingstone

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: Moved:** Natalie Plato moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Seconded:** Ken Froese

**Motion carried.**

## **Action Items: GMOB 2018 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

1. **Action Item:** GMOB to make corrections of Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes May 15, 2018. (page 2)
2. **Action Item:** GMOB, Interested Parties and CIRNAC (Regional Office) to meet to coordinate efforts in regards to the educational module (page 4)
3. **Action Item:** Parties to coordinate on an inclusive history of Yellowknife initiative. (page 5)
4. **Action Item:** Matt Spence to update the Parties on progress of the Senior Project and Advisory Committee regarding socio-economic planning (page 6)
5. **Action Item:** GMOB to respond to questions from Alternatives North and share them with all of the Parties. (page 13)
6. **Action Item:** CIRNAC and YKDFN to share the recent Ndilo soil testing report with GMOB (page 17)
7. **Action Item:** GNWT to speak with Newmont (Con Mine) to discuss public information regarding offsite contamination. (page 31)
8. **Action Item:** GMRP to look at how to present performance indicators for Project progress into a public document. (page 33)
9. **Action Item:** GMRP to explore in the coming year opportunities to work on reconciliation awareness with the local community (page 38)

**10. Action Item:** GMRP to consider a delay in officially the final Water Licence application package to the MVLWB so that the Parties have more time to review it before the MVLWB process officially begins. GMRP will inform the Parties of the submission schedule (page 39)