

Verbatim Minutes
GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARTIES
January 16, 2020 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Champagne Room, Franklin Avenue
Yellowknife, NT

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present	<p><u>Giant Mine Oversight Board</u> Kathy Racher – Chair Ben Nind – Executive Director Ken Froese – Director Ken Hall – Director David Livingstone - Director</p> <p><u>North Slave Métis Alliance</u> Jessica Hurtubise</p> <p><u>Yellowknives Dene First Nation</u> Jason Snaggs (until 3:00 p.m.)</p> <p><u>City of Yellowknife</u> Sheila Bassi-Kellett Todd Slack</p> <p><u>Government of Canada (CIRNAC)</u> Geneva Irwin Natalie Plato Chris MacInnis (Telephone) Katherine Ross (Telephone)</p> <p><u>Government of the Northwest Territories</u> Diep Duong Alex Lynch Erika Nyssonen</p> <p><u>Alternatives North</u> Gord Hamre Michael Nabert Katharine Thomas</p>
Regrets	<p><u>Giant Mine Oversight Board</u> Tony Brown – Director Mark Palmer - Director</p>

Agenda Item 1: Welcome by the Chair, Dr. Kathleen Racher

- Kathy: Okay, we'll get started now with the Annual General Meeting....No, gosh. Who are we and why are we here? We're here for the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Parties. We had the AGM this morning. The last Semi-Annual Meeting we had was in May of 2019. We'll start out with introductions again. We'll go around the room, and then we'll ask for people who are on the phone. My name is Kathy Racher, and I'm the Chair of the Giant Mine Oversight Board.
- Ken H: Ken Hall on the Oversight Board.
- Alex: Alex Lynch with GNWT.
- Diep: Afternoon. My name is Diep Duong. I'm with the Project Team on the GNWT.
- Erika: Erika Nyyssonen, GNWT on the Project.
- Jason: Jason Snaggs, YKDFN.
- Jessica: Jessica Hurtubise with North Slave Métis Alliance.
- Geneva: Geneva Irwin, CIRNAC on the Project.
- Natalie: Natalie Plato, CIRNAC on the Project.
- David: Richard Binder, and I think I'm at the wrong meeting.
- Ben: That was David Livingstone. Ben Nind at GMOB.
- Todd: Todd Slack. I'm a contractor with the City.
- Michael: Michael Nabert with Alternatives North
- Katharine: Katharine Thomas with Alternative North
- Gordon: Gordon Hamre with Alternatives North.
- Ken F: Ken Froese with Giant Mine Oversight Board.
- Kathy: Can we get the people on the phone to introduce themselves?
- Katherine: Katherine Ross with CIRNAC with the Project.
- Chris: Good afternoon. It's Chris MacInnis with CIRNAC with the Project.

Kathy: Great. Thanks very much, and thanks for joining us by phone. Remember once again that we are being recorded, so please say your name every time you talk.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of the Agenda

Kathy: Okay, once again, Ben sent out the agenda for the meeting. Our first agenda item is approval of the agenda. Does everyone have a copy of the agenda? Okay. Again, this is pretty standard format, and Ben sent out the minutes for the May 2019 meeting for Agenda Item 3 already. If you don't have those, please let me know. Are there any changes to the agenda as it stands?

(Pause)

Okay, then can I get a motion to approve the agenda?

Natalie: I'll approve that.

Kathy: And a seconder?

Erika: I'll second.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes of November 2018

Kathy: Okay, the next item is approval of the minutes from the Semi-Annual Meeting, May 1, 2019. Those are fairly long, and we do have action items, which we will go through in the next agenda item. Does anyone have any changes or concerns with the minutes that were sent out for May 1, 2019?

(Pause)

Okay, hearing none, then can I get a motion to approve the minutes from May 1, 2019?

Michael: I will so motion.

Kathy: The seconder?

Erika: I'll second.

Agenda Item 4: Review of Action Items

Kathy: Okay, great. On the last two pages of the minutes are eight action items, so we'll go through those now.

Action Item 1 and 2: GNWT to Contact YK Historical Society and GMOB to work with the Parties to coordinate a meeting to report program on the educational module

Kathy: Action Item 1 is for the GNWT to contact the YK Historical Society for historical immigration information involving the establishment of Giant Mine for the educational module. It was a summary of a pretty large discussion we had before. So yeah, go ahead and tell us about that.

Alex: We did reach out to the Historical Society, and they provided us with some statistics on immigrant workers, which were actually quite interesting. In 1962, there were around 62% of underground workers as recent immigrants. There was also a book that Ryan had suggested we reference if we're looking for more material on that.

The education piece is still being developed. We had a meeting with Ben, and some folks here as well, to discuss what that should look like. The next meeting for that is proposed for some time in February after the Public Hearing. There will be a pretty extensive history piece in that education module. Right now, it is made up of a history piece that the Project had drafted, as well as the history piece that the YKDFN provided us. So, we can certainly take this information and incorporate it once we start rolling with further development on that piece.

I can certainly share this with everyone as well, the stats that Ryan provided us and keep folks updated as we move along with that work.

Kathy: Yeah, that sounds really interesting. For the educational module, are we talking like for high school education?

Alex: Yeah, so the module is a Grade 10 curriculum insert. There was one previously developed with the Toxic Legacies Project with Memorial University, and we're revisiting that. It's essentially an essay question that teachers can pull as a resource, so it won't necessarily be a set curriculum piece. It's actually quite difficult to get that into the curriculum itself, but ECE said that this is certainly something that can be a resource, a standing resource that can be used as teachers wish to pull from that. So yeah, Grade 10.

Kathy: Great. Any questions on that one? Looks like there is progress there. Go ahead, Jason.

Jason: So ECE has communicated that they can't include it in their curriculum. Is there any assistance needed from YKDFN to set up a meeting with ECE? They currently have an Indigenous Studies Program at all of the schools. We definitely do not want it to just be one of the resources. We'd like to ensure that all schools have it in the curriculum,

because we see it as lessons learned for the future generations. So, I would like to offer our assistance in meeting with the ECE and the Minister to see how we could add that to the current Indigenous Studies curriculum.

Alex: Yeah, certainly our focus was really on the Northern Studies curriculum, because I think that was the focus of the previous resource that was drafted, but we can certainly go back to ECE and have a discussion on whether or not there is flexibility within the Indigenous Studies Program. William was part of those meetings as well, so we can circle back with him on what's required from YKDFN for assistance.

Todd: Jason, just to make sure that I'm understanding, the role of this within the Indigenous Studies as you're thinking here, that's not relating to the past immigration. You're thinking about this more in terms of impacts on land use...

Jason: Right.

Todd: Okay, just making sure that I'm understanding.

Jason: Correct.

Kathy: So, the focus might be different for the part that's in the Indigenous Studies Program versus Northern Studies that is a standard course that is more general. Any other questions on that? Okay.

Action Item 3: GNWT to report next meeting on the progress of discussions with Newmont regarding information needs for the Offsite Contamination Initiative

Kathy: Action Item 2: GNWT to report next meeting on the progress of discussions with Newmont regarding information needs for the Offsite Contamination Initiative.

Alex: So, we have provided Newmont – their Environment folks with an overview of the Offset Risk Assessment and what the scope of that risk assessment is and timelines for when we'll be engaging on all that. I guess we don't really want to blur lines, so we're putting it out there to them that this is taking place. If they see a role for Con or Newmont to be involved in this work and the engagement, then they certainly can be. However, this has been driven by GNWT from the beginning. So, we're just trying to keep things separate for now, but they certainly are aware of the scope and aware that this work is taking place. If there is any desire for them to be involved, we will update this group as well as we move along.

Ken H: You probably anticipated hearing from me on this subject, and I welcome that, but I fully recognize the line between the Project and the regional issues. I would suggest to the GNWT to ask Newmont if they want to be involved in it. They're going to say no. It's nothing to do with us. I suggest that they be encouraged to be involved,

because they had a roaster for 30 years. Negus had a roaster for 2 years, which Con bought.

So Newmont – and apologies to those who have heard me say this again, but it bears repeating that when you talk about regional issues, we’re really missing something if Newmont is not involved, because they were a contributor. You look at Kam Lake, Grace Lake, Great Slave Lake south of Con...I’ll even go so far as to say that some of the contamination that exists on Latham Island could potentially be traced to Con Mine.

There’s nothing saying that when you look at the wind rows, when you look at how long their roaster operator that yes, they had some abatement on there, some scrubbers, but it wasn’t 100% effective. I’ve read about where the Northwest wind blows from Giant towards Ndilo, while at the same time if you draw a line northwest from the Con roaster stack, it’s blowing sort of right at Dettah.

So, I’m suggesting that the option to be involved in the whole regional legacy issue not be given to Newmont but that they be brought to the table because they are a part of this whole picture.

Erika: Thanks, Ken. Thanks for the clarity. I’m just kind of thinking about it more. I mean right now we are quite clear on what the scope of work is, and I think where we could probably have them come to the table - we’ll need to do that with the City, NSMA, and YKDFN, is once we have our results...I mean preliminary results are showing very low or negligible risk so far. However, we’re still waiting for more sampling results.

As we define potential remedial options, maybe in certain areas again, no commitments have been about that. Maybe that’s where we bring them to the table. But it’s just kind of tricky if you talk about how they had a roaster. Then people get nervous about liability, responsibility, and pain and things like that. But I think at that point, yeah, we can definitely bring them to the table once we have some clear results.

Yeah, we’ve been talking with Dwight, and he’s aware of the work. It’s sort of a tricky area to talk about reasonability and impact from their work in the past.

Ken H: I appreciate that. It’s how we get them involved and what role they play. Of course, as soon as you start talking about liability, the legal flags run up the flagpole. I guess part of my concern is that the governments essentially are bearing the brunt of the whole regional – for lack of a better word, and I don’t like to use it too frequently – the regional contamination issues if there are any and what they are. The government is essentially taking that one on in its entirety – or governments.

We have a company with a still, solvent still, working still who live here, and they were a part of that whole picture. So maybe on the communication side, they should

be involved. I don't want to see the governments as taking responsibility for something that was the result of corporate activity by another company. I know it's a bit of a bone of contention with me. I try to not sound defensive about Giant. As you know, my history is associated with the company and the people who work there.

But it just seems to me if we're talking regional issues – and again this is outside the Project – If we're talking regional issues, they need to be involved in some form, because as I said, there have been some attempts made at distinguishing contamination in the area, trying to fingerprint it to one mine or the other. My understanding is it can't be done. You can't differentiate. So, any contamination that does exist regionally, some of it maybe obviously came from one or the other, but a lot of it is pretty nebulous when you try to pinpoint it to a source. Therefore, that's all the more reason they should be involved, because they contributed to what exists here now. Thanks.

Erika: Just to add: Originally, we were looking at – GNWT and CIRNAC, not the Project Team – were looking at carrying this out because of the impacts and the research from around Giant, recognizing that impacts came from Con. So, we did expand the scope later on to make sure that we incorporated the areas that had those Con impacts. So yeah, the scope has definitely recognized that. I'm not sure, Alex, if we sort of communicated that message to Miramar, but that was something that we didn't want to be just highlighting Giant. Thank you for your consideration and thoughtfulness on that.

Kathy: Okay, great. Thank you. Anything further on that? Go ahead, Todd.

Todd: I'll beg a little bit of indulgence here, because it's not related to the action item but the offsite contamination questions. So I had the good fortune of seeing Mike Palmer talk about the state of arsenic in the upper parts of the watershed. I don't know if he's given this talk elsewhere...and the relationship between the amount of water leaving the upper watershed, and how this relates to Baker Creek. I don't have a conclusion on this, but it's just information.

The more water that flows out, the better it is for oxidation state, and the less water that flows out, the better it is for flushing the upper watershed. I seem to remember it being counterintuitive.

The reason that I bring this up is it relates to the relationship between the areas within the lease versus the offsite. So again, we're going to have to put positions forward on Baker Creek next week. Here's another aspect that would be useful to try to have more information in the public realm in terms of okay, well if we want to engineer Baker Creek to have greater flow, I know we're very concerned about flooding. I'm not arguing that, but if we're trying to pull more water out of the upper

watershed or if we want less water, it has implications. And then what are any goals for the upstream?

I'm just raising this as an information item that it would be useful for the offsite contamination folks as they start to roll out products to bring this forward as well, and how these events are interlinked, and what the mine closure would mean relative to his conclusions as well. You can see the depth to which I understand this is pretty thin, so they have it. I'm not sure if you were there, but certainly I know Pike was there from the CARD folks, and from you guys it was Melissa Pink, I think, in that same session. So hopefully there are other folks that have a better understanding, but there you go.

Alex: I can just speak to...the Project has started meeting with Mike Palmer and other researchers on a regular basis to just have updates of research that is ongoing or new developments. This came up in the meeting that we had last month, and the Waters Team was there. Hillary was also on the call from Golder, and Emma was there. They're aware of this research for sure. So yeah, just to let you know it has been heard from the Project.

Todd: Thanks, Alex. That's even better, because I'm sure Hillary understood it way better than I did. And so was there any kind of response in terms of what the current closure plan would mean? Sorry. This is not GMOB stuff, so you can tell me to be quiet. But the current plan, what are the implications relative to the sequestration of the arsenic in sediments or the release of arsenic? Was there any talk about that?

Alex: I was just nodding my head at Todd, no. It was really just an update from Mike at that point. There was no further discussion with the Waters folks. I'm unaware if they had one internally.

Female?: Kathy, it's not related to the action item, but maybe once we go through the list, there is another item that we can update the group. It is offsite-ish sort of or in-town-ish. Just work that Palmer is working on through Aurora College and how we're involved in that. It's a good news story, but I don't know if now is the time to do that.

Kathy: Let's wait till your update, and then maybe we'll talk more broadly and those results. We'll talk maybe about the availability of that kind of research as well.

Action Item 4: Project Team to share draft key performance indicators with the Parties when completed.

Kathy: Okay, Action Item 3 then: Project Team to share draft key performance indicators with the Parties when completed.

Female?: Yeah, Kathy I think you might have missed Number 2.

Kathy: I am sorry. I seem to have two lists here. Oh, Action Item 2: GMOB to work with the Parties to coordinate a meeting to report program on the educational module, which was done in October I believe. It's going to be followed-up on in February. Thank you. I reproduced the list and then added notes, but I dropped that one.

Kathy: Okay, Action Item 4 then: Project Team to share draft key performance indicators with the Parties when completed.

Natalie: So that was completed. I don't have the exact date, but it is completed.

Kathy: Any questions? No?

Action Item 5: GMOB Executive Director to Share Public Concerns Regularly

Kathy: Okay, Action Item 5: GMOB Executive Director to share public concerns with relevant parties on a scheduled basis. My understanding is that compiled concerns have been shared to date. Ben, can you confirm that?

Ben: Yes, we tracked what was coming into the door. A lot of those issues that were coming into the door had been addressed by the parties. The relevant one was an employee's concern about testing onsite, and that was transferred to Natalie directly.

Kathy: Okay. Then we have another Action Item 5:

Second Action Item 5: GMOB to Develop Information Sheet & Communications Protocol for GMOB Research Program to be Shared with All Parties

Kathy: Okay. Then we have another Action Item 5. That's where the numbering got off here. GMOB to develop an information sheet and communications protocol for the GMOB Research Program to be shared with all the parties. I believe there was an update shared with the parties, and there is a section on the website as well about the Research Program Communications Protocol. Any questions on that?

Action Item 6: GMOB and YKDFN to Arrange Meeting with YKDFN Leadership to Update Them on Status of GMOB Research Program

Kathy: Item 6: GMOB and YKDFN to arrange a meeting with the YKDFN leadership to update them on the status of the GMOB Research Program. In that one, we've tried a few times, but one or the other of us have had to cancel. So we're trying again for early this year. So that is outstanding.

Action Item 7: Parties to Share Thoughts on How GNWT Departmental Expertise Can Be Involved in Water Licensing Process

Kathy: Okay, Action Item 7: Parties to share their thoughts on how the departmental expertise in the GNWT can be actively involved in the water licensing process going forward.

I read the section of that in the minutes from last May. We had a long discussion about it, and some things happened. Do you want to update us on that?

Erika: Yeah, so the root of this conversation and this action item was really the request to have specifically GNWT Waters play some sort of public role in the Project, or to share how they reviewed the information. At that point, we had indicated that GNWT would not be an intervener, that we would engage in our expert departments and divisions to provide input internally to Project programs, plans, etcetera.

So upon request of all the Parties actually, there was interest to look at a way to make that public, or just be more transparent about that. So we had asked the Waters folks to do a second review on what was released publicly on the response to comments. That was done, and we shared that directly to you, Kathy, and cc'd everyone.

After we sent that along, we heard nothing more, so we were sort of like "Phew!" Crossed our fingers and hoped that was sufficient for everyone, so that's where it has kind of ended. We have talked about as the draft water license comes back out that Waters would play a similar type of role in reviewing that. Again, we can talk about what that process really would look like, and we definitely want to make sure we get it right on the first time, and there is buy-in from everyone in terms of how that's transparent or whatever. So I'm just flagging ahead that there is interest. Waters has volunteered to play that kind of role again.

Todd: Do you have a sense as to when that would have been circulated, or what it might have been titled just to look it up? Sorry, I know that's a hard question off the top of your head.

Erika: It was...I feel like we got it out right before the second tech session, because I was surprised that you were so quiet about it.

(Laughter)

Todd: Yeah, you have some insight into why.

Erika: So what we had done is the majority of the issues were addressed or reached some sort of agreement. Then there were a couple of issues that we had said further discussion or...I can't remember the wording. But we did provide a comment table, and there were other meetings that were had. You know, the geeks geeked it out and worked through a lot of the issues that were originally outlined. So we feel very

positive that we reached agreement in 95% of the issues. We can send it back out to you.

Todd: That would be great. If you can find it again, that would be great.

Erika: Okay. We'll send it out after the public hearings.

(Laughter)

Kathy: At least Sunday night maybe. He'll be dead interested in it then. Yeah, I read through it. I thought it was good. I really appreciated that you guys took that on. Any further questions on that item?

Action Item 8: Project Team to Arrange Meeting with YKDFN & NSMA to Build on Reconciliation Issues Going Forward

Kathy: Action Item 8: Project Team to arrange a meeting with YKDFN and NSMA to discuss how to continue to build up on reconciliation initiatives going forward.

Natalie: We didn't schedule a specific meeting with each the North Slave Métis Alliance or the YKDFN, but we have had multiple meetings with both parties where that has been discussed. If you're okay with that, we can defer that until later in the agenda when we talk specifically about reconciliation, and we can provide an update at that time. Does that work for you?

Kathy: Okay. Yeah, that works for me. Is it okay with everyone else? I'm seeing nods. Okay great. Those are the action items.

Agenda Item 5: Appointment of Chair

Kathy: Okay great. Those are the action items. This section of the meeting is the appointment of Chair, because we've gone through all the other stuff. Then we're going to get into the meat of the meeting where everyone gets to report. This is the Parties' meeting, so there's option for someone else to chair it. I will volunteer to do it, but I'm throwing that option out. One day someone is going to surprise me. Thank you. Again, the meeting records and secretariat function – obviously, the meetings are recorded verbatim and shared with everyone.

Agenda Item 6: Roundtable Party Updates

Kathy: Okay, then we will get on to the roundtable and the highlights from each party. Again, we've structured it to look at issues of concern and success, priorities for the next six

months, but feel free to speak on what you like. We'll have questions for each party as we go. So this time around, we're starting out with the City of Yellowknife.

City of Yellowknife

Sheila: Wonderful. Thank you very much, everyone. Yeah, this is the meat of it. This is what we're interested in talking about. It has been a pretty...how can I say this in the nicest possible way? It has been super active since our last meeting. We are involved in a bunch of fronts.

I would like to give the Remediation Project a shout-out for the collaborative way that they've approached supporting us to be able to engage in the vast number of initiatives that are all related to remediation overall, whether that's preparing for the water license, whether it's socio-economic work, whether it's getting ready for things around municipal services and the water license of course. There's lots to do on access, but we do appreciate the financial support that positions us to be able to do that.

I will ask – and here is the result of our financial support – we are very pleased that we have the expert advice of Todd Slack who has been helping us out enormously working with the different departments within the City who all have skin in the game. We've been in this for a long time. There is a lot going on that warrants a lot of our attention, and we take this incredibly seriously. So I'll ask Todd to speak to the details around things and where things have been for the last six months.

Todd: Thanks. I'm going to follow the way that it was written: successes, concerns, priorities, and just talk about what the City is doing to respond.

Successes: One of you guys hinted at it this morning. I remember looking to my right. The GMOB website is my go-to source for documents. It's the first thing I go to. I don't know that the website – here's a backhanded compliment – I don't know if the website is great, but it is the superior source at present. By default, the favorite words of Homer Simpson...No, it's great. It's the easiest place to find things. So yeah, keep at it on that front.

I thought the water license submission showed the quality of GMOB, and it was reassuring to me some of the concerns that I could see with other parties as well. It's always nice to know that you're not out on an island by yourself. So that made me feel good, and I felt the technical quality of it was to the degree that I would expect.

Moving on to concerns: The City has heard the recommendation from last year in terms of the communications, and we're looking to recognize and respond to that in ours next year once we get through this little thing next week. The feeling is that if we're looking to improve information distribution and knowledge building in the

residents, then GMOB has a role in that too. It goes to that risk communications workshop a while back. Yeah, we're hoping that this is – and you've already said it, so I won't go on – that this is more of a priority in the future. We can support each other and critique each other in what works and what doesn't work.

The other big concern from the City is land use planning. The City is not - and Sheila will strongly correct me if I say anything wrong on this – is not looking to give away its land use planning role, but everybody around the table here has a role in what the values of this site are. The Yellowknives' values are different than the City's values, and it's going to be a conversation. GMOB as a third party has an interesting potential role in encouraging that to happen. You guys all have a great deal of experience around the table. How it transpires, I don't have an idea yet. But pushing towards that event is important for the future.

One that I struggle with a little more is the Perpetual Care Plan. We all struggle with it because we don't know really what we're doing. What is the role of GMOB in that event? Erika, you spoke to what the expectations are. I have a slightly different lens. It is how GMOB can support us using your experience and the knowledge that you guys have accrued over time, to do a good job and yet still perform that evaluation role of whether it meets the expectations. Not marking your own homework, right?

So I struggle with this because I understand that point, but I also don't want GMOB to be out of the process until the very end, because then it's remedial almost in terms of the involvement. Again, I don't have a solid solution for that.

Suggested priorities going forward: Site-wide plans as we get past the hearing and then there's going to be a lull there. I sense that as an opportunity to work on those site-wide environmental plans. Again, the experience that you guys bring to the table is very valuable. The role that you guys have played in terms of the Access Agreement and the DRPF finding additional funding that the City needs – not that we are looking to you for funding – but the past documents. It has been a useful research effort for us.

With the socio-economic side of things, as you mentioned, there's a struggle. I'm not sure that GMOB has answers for that, but again, experience, knowledge and having folks around the table is valuable to...At this point, there are not too many chefs in that kitchen, so more hands are welcome.

The last thing is coming into the City actions. I'm trying to go through these things quickly, so feel free to ask questions. One of the things that we collectively know that we haven't done a great job is participating in the health and impact. Shin Shiga is coming on. He's going to do Fridays occasionally for us. I don't work Friday and impact is always on Fridays. Given his interest in the health sciences, he will be helping out with that.

The City is going to work to promote its role in Giant-related things and provide...not an echo chamber, but links to the partners and recognize that this is a collective Project. The City is not the one doing it, but is participating and providing means for our citizens to be aware of what we do, where to go to get more information...to be able to provide that first point of contact. If somebody calls Sheila and says, "Hey, what's up with this?" Go here. It doesn't do any good to say, "That's not our job," so we accept that there's a first response. Then it becomes the Project or GNWT's role to provide a response depending what it is. I'm sure you understand.

Our other short-term priorities include the Municipal Services Agreement. I know that's not a GMOB thing, but I'm throwing it in here. Then sand and aggregate were a big concern at the technical sessions. I unfortunately missed the first one, and I know there is more engagement to come. GMOB's role is in ensuring that other parties or other citizens of Yellowknife can be involved to the degree that they want, and they are participating in the most effective way. It's all well and good to come out and say your peace, but how you say your peace can often be as important. How and when you say your peace is as important as what you're saying. There's a role for all of us to ensure that the folks who bring those concerns out that we're working for, that they're doing it in the best way. I think GMOB can really help with that.

Another item that you guys have helped is the Access Agreement in terms of the Cruising Club and those folks, ensuring that they are best directing their voice to the right people through your connections and just local experience. Make sure they are talking to the right folks.

And that's my two cents. Is there anything you want to add? Okay.

Kathy: Questions for Todd?

Chris: You mentioned sand and aggregate. It was kind of crackling a bit on the phone. Can you just clarify what is one of the priorities of the City?

Todd: Thanks, Chris. The idea there was that GMOB can be very helpful in terms of ensuring that folks who are trying to come to the table with opinions and ideas, their position is expressed in the best forum and in the best manner possible.

Like Joe Blow is concerned about the areas just to the west, and he doesn't want them blown up. Well, it's one thing for Joe Blow to come and complain to any of us here, but another to put it on paper and put it to the Board, or put it to the Project in a way that ensures that it's received and is well fleshed out with the right context. That's a role that GMOB can help with, ensuring that they know what the forum is that they're going to.

If I can use an example: You and I are talking at a technical session. You and I understand that's not in front of the Board. But Joe Blow, he may not know that. So in his mind, he has told the Board that already, but he hasn't really. So clarifying those things and helping people participate in the system as best possible – we can all help with that. I think that's a role, especially with the borrow coming up, because so many people commented on that. That's a role that GMOB can support. Is that a complete answer or is there anything else I can add to that?

Chris: No. Thank you, Todd. That clarifies the linkage there. Thank you very much.

Kathy: Are there questions for Todd? Go ahead, David.

David: It's not so much a question but an observation or two. We were critical last year of the City's engagement with the Project. Part of that criticism was a result of not knowing fully what the City was doing. I think that's an area - and GMOB is not alone – that most residents aren't aware of how much work, how much engagement has actually been involved in on the Project. You sort of go with what you see, and what we saw was not what we expected. In drafting the annual report, I can see significant improvement in that area with the City, but I don't know that the general public understands the degree of engagement.

So I think one of the recommendations I'm going to draft – it may not survive, who knows – is that the City hold regular public sessions to describe to its residents what it's doing, what its concerns are, what its role in land use planning is with respect to the site, so that communication isn't just internal. You guys know what you're doing, and you're doing a lot.

Todd: *(Inaudible)*

David: I wasn't going to add that, but okay. It's that kind of thing. With respect to land use planning, that is an issue, increasingly so because we're starting to see what this site might look like in more detail. Again, the City has a major role to play in what the site looks like post-remediation, recognizing too that there are other parties who have a significant interest in that site. So there will be a recommendation about how to proceed down that path.

I would see the City taking a bit of the lead role in that, not a decision-making role necessarily but a facilitating role to try to figure out what works for all the Parties. The Project Team has been pretty clear that it is not in the land use planning business. It's putting out a proposal to remediate the site, but the broader land use planning stuff is not the Project Team's sole responsibility. It's a proponent of a particular perspective.

I guess I just want to say that personally I've seen significant improvement, or growth if you like, in the City's engagement with the Project. The boat launch issue started off kind of rough, and it seems to have reached a stage where there is a degree of comfort there. The City was involved in that discussion, and that was helpful. I just strongly encourage more of that.

I'd strongly encourage more outreach to the residents. We're all really busy. It's often disappointing when you call a public meeting and nobody shows up except those who are paid to do so, but that's reality. I think the City is doing itself a bit of a disservice by not making it more public what it is doing. I think there would be some reassurance there.

Todd: Yeah, I think that we've heard the thought. We want to be a part of the building of knowledge and how to go about that is the question. The initial step that we've identified is building the web presence, providing links to the submissions, and providing links to the parties who have the responsibility of delivering that information. Again, someone to my right said you're not looking to occupy the role of the Project, and the City has been real specific in terms of this that on this one, the primary respondent is the Project. We've got resources now from the Project to help deliver on this. We want citizens to be better informed, but there's no... The goal of what you're saying, there's no conflict with that. So how we get there is the big question.

There's something in the middle that I'm forgetting. The end part in terms of the Project not being in the land use business, the City could zone...and Sheila I really look to you because zoning and community planning is a big topic. The City could make arbitrary decisions in terms of what could be done there, I believe. What good does that do?

The Yellowknives have a role here. They have their vision. The City has questions. It requires a conversation about what all of our values are regarding this future land. You know, whether it be the Project or someone else, I'm not prepared to say that the Project is not in the land use planning business, because they weren't in the health business either and they are delivering HEMPAC. They are doing things other than reclamation.

This reclamation is about what our land values – or should be about what our land values are. It isn't just stabilization and management. It's about why we're doing stabilization and management, and it's not to prevent harm. So if it's not that, then what is it? Let's talk about it. The only ones that can kick that off now, I think, is the Project. It's a part of your Environmental Agreement as well. If you want to talk about it, like we all have that collective role again. The scary part there is if everybody has got it, nobody does it. But maybe if you say it enough times, someone starts to do it.

Yeah. I don't have an answer for that, but the Project is part of the land use planning solution. Is that fair?

Sheila: It's fair.

Todd: As a community planning expert.

Sheila: Todd wears many hats for us. I just want to respond, David, that we take your point. We understand that, but also as we alluded to earlier at the separated meeting of the AGM, we see that there is a lot of information around this, and there are a lot of partners involved in creating and disseminating that. So, we do not discount the role we play, but we do think it's worth the broader discussion around the kinds of information that residents need that will be relevant to them. The City may not be the best conduit to be getting that information. Other partners are involved, so let's hash that out, because I think that's very important.

Next week, for example, is a very important week. I'm not sure how much it's on the radar of people in general.

Ken F: I'd like to bring in the concept of the social impacts of this Project in this context, because I think right now we were talking about, or you were focusing on communication from the City and the City's role in that. That segued into land use planning and things like that.

Our vision of the overall social benefits and impacts of this Project are integrally connected with those and the City's vision of development for that area and how that affects the rest of the city. When we talk about social economics, it invariably gets boiled down to economics, contracts and procurement. When I was at the meeting with the Sailing Club, the Project, and the other boating club that had representation there, to me it was a direct link to the social impacts of this Project and how the City can be, and is, intertwined with that.

So I guess I'm trying to highlight the interconnectedness here, and that it all goes hand-in-hand. We need to stop...we need to look beyond those boundaries of disciplines and see the interconnectedness and how we can create benefits by doing that.

Sheila: I'll just step in, and I think Todd has lots to say. Excellent point. Thank you for that. We would agree with that. Certainly in our involvement with the Socioeconomic Advisory Board and the Socioeconomic Working Group, we have grave concerns. We have concerns on clearly the contracting procurement. It's a very important part of it, but if we look at the point of maximizing northern benefit out of this Project, what does that look like on the ground? I'm really struggling to feel a level of comfort around that.

So if there are things like scholarships, the training that goes on, the employment and the employment preparation, I'm very nervous about that. I do think that is something on a larger level that I'd love to have the support as we go forward with GMOB behind us on this, recognizing that a benefit to get out of this is maximizing what the positive attributes and impacts of the Project can be, and we really want to see that happen. We are concerned about how that is progressing at that time.

Todd: And I'll just jump in and say you're obviously right. The direction out...because I attend it...I sit on the Socio-economic Working Group, which GMOB is not a part of. Step 1 is the economic side of things, which there is a great deal of work to do to begin with. Then there's that focus on the negative impacts. Social impacts will come second to that. So your point about it boils down to economics, in this case, economics going forward. So you're absolutely right. There's only so much to go around too.

David: Just one last comment on this: The socio-economic issue is a drum that the Board has been beating for the last three years, and we will continue to beat that drum. It has been disappointing not to have that champion on behalf of the residents, front and center, until recently. That's one of the things that we were concerned about that led to the recommendation last year that the City – not as a co-proponent, I think there was a misunderstanding there – but as a champion for the residents in a number of areas, it was not visible enough. It did not seem to be proactive enough.

I'm pleased to hear that view is changing and there is more engagement on that. But the bottom line is, for the residents of the City of Yellowknife, the City is their champion. The champion wasn't championing the issues to the degree that GMOB was looking to. So the recommendation will be different this year, but there will be a recommendation directed to the City, at least in the draft.

Todd: If I may, and I'm not going to delve any deeper into that, but is there the opportunity to ask questions about the recommendations before they go out? Again, I'm not trying to be critical, but the last one included some stuff about the boundary and something about gravel. That part of the recommendation just wasn't clear to us, so that way it can be written a little clearer. If we could say question mark as a suggestion... I know that timelines become an issue and blah, blah, blah, but it's a suggestion to you.

Kathy: Just following up on the socioeconomics, you did say that you've been struggling with it. Do you have specific requests of GMOB? You said you were looking for support from GMOB, and I just wondered what form you were looking for.

Todd: Certainly GMOB has been banging the drum, in particular about social impacts, not the positive side but the negative side, the consequences of this development. How to go about that is not well understood. Certainly when I was with the Yellowknives, I also banged this drum related to the diamonds and community reports. The GNWT

response was often, well we can't tease out the impacts of any one mine. I can understand the difficulty, but I don't know what to do about it. It's not my forte.

Any help that can be brought to bear, whether it's on that social side or on this side of best practices in terms of delivering economic benefits, the positive or the negative side, it's all welcome. Right now, there is not a lot of expertise around the table. I think it's fair to say that I'm the loudest person around the table, and my socio-economic background is pretty thin, like household budget. It's not going to get us there for a billion-dollar project. There is room for improvement all around the table at the Socio-economic Working Group. I don't have a good answer, but anything you bring to the table represents a positive step forward.

Sheila: I would echo that. I would echo best practices and working examples. I think to myself when we have a remediation project and a mine closure happening that is literally walking distance from the capital city, there should be some opportunities here to really maximize what those benefits look like, through employment, scholarships, the different things that we can do on the ground – the social side of things – in addition to some of the contracting procurement and economic ones. I would love to see if there are best practices in the knowledge that GMOB brings to what can be done and what is possible.

Todd: Just before Ken goes, I'll add one good note too. GNWT is much more involved in the last three months than they were previously due to Menzie McEachern from ITI, except he just got promoted. Who his replacement will be and where this falls on their radar, is perhaps another area where GMOB could apply some influence.

If the City is one champion, GNWT ought to be the bigger and more experienced champion, as they have been doing this with the diamond mines, for better or for worse, for a number of years. They have fifty cumulative years of experience. I know that they have at least some economic modeling that might be of interest, and they have people who might be able to lend opinions here. If you're like do 'x,' I'm not sure what 'x' is right now.

Ken H: I have a question. It's relating to something in the details, and that's related to the remediation of the area around the boat launch. I know there has been a fair bit of work done and some progress made there, some commitments by the Project Team to work with people on that. It's very encouraging to hear that.

The Great Slave Sailing Club, which is the one at Old Frenchie's Dock at Giant, is organized. They are an active group of people. The Great Slave Cruising Club over in Old Town, or Yacht Club, I'm not sure which one they call themselves, are sort of organized. They have a voice that comes to the meetings, but I'm thinking of the majority of the boaters in Yellowknife, which is the general public, and there are lots of them, and the impacts that are going to happen out of the current boat launch.

I have a question to the City. Have you received any input of people coming in and asking you – the general boating public - have they inquired about what is going on out there? My sense is there is this large group of people who are going to be significantly impacted, and I don't hear anything. Even in talking with people on the street as I do often and over the occasional beer, there is sort of a gray zone out there. People are either not asking questions...I encourage them to come talk to the City. Get organized as a group if you can. Get a dozen together, sit down, and have coffee with someone at the City for lack of a better place to go to start.

But it seems to be there is a big void there. It's this huge – it's not an elephant, it's a herd – in the room that has no voice it seems. So my question is to the City. Have you heard anything?

Sheila: Great question, Ken. We are not hearing things, much like you. What I'm attributing this to is that the population of Yellowknife is utterly confident that they will not be deprived of access to the lake. So they are making great assumptions that a solution will be found, that not finding a solution is not an option.

So that puts great emphasis on all the players involved obviously. We need to find a solution. We're working toward that access. We've got to make sure that we are continuing to create a quality of life and maintain a quality of life for residents that involves being able to access the lake.

We've been doing a number of things on this front looking at that. If the area by Giant was not an option, we were going to Plan B to look at Con for at least a boat launch. That would be providing a different kind of a service than the marina services right now that the Sailing Club and the Cruising Club have. But getting access to the water is absolutely important.

So if this does not work out to the satisfaction of all parties, we will all have egg on our faces, and we will all be wearing this. We continue to urge all our partners that we need to find a solution for this that does work for everyone.

Erika: Ken, we had an initial meeting with the different parties, with the Yacht Club, the Cruising Club, and the City and CIRNAC and GNWT. There was a discussion about what that could look like, the alternate boat launch and such. At that meeting, we had that conversation of well, these guys are represented but what about the broader public?

There was an agreement that once the legal folks had time to meet on the Draft Agreement that happened on Tuesday this week, which is great, for the follow-up at the lawyer stages that's going to happen. But with this meeting with these

organizations, the plan was to meet again in January or February and then think about communicating it more broadly.

I know the Project Team, and I'm not sure where that went, but we were talking about being more proactive specifically on the town site area, the marina area. Could you speak to...Miranda was working on something, and I can't remember. Has that gone out or where has it gone? We recognize that as important. Even with the release of the letter from Natalie and our interventions, some of it is getting picked up by news or people checking out the registry. Clear messaging and accurate information are really critical. So the Project has recognized that and there are steps forward. Natalie will speak to the status.

Natalie: Sure, thank you. We did come up with a proactive strategy. It was over the Christmas break, so perhaps it wasn't the best timing, and we did an interview with Richard Gleason from CBC giving the current status. I believe once we have come to an agreement between the three parties, we'll have to look at how we communicate that more broadly, be it media releases or interviews. I'm not sure. We'll have to work on an agreement on how that looks.

Part of the agreement we're working on now does have a communications aspect to it as well, so it's certainly on a radar that yeah, we do have to communicate what the solution looks like. But I'm confident that we will have a solution that will maintain access to the lake at the Giant Mine site.

Ken H: Thank you for that. So if I get approached by a dozen boaters who say, "We'd like to get organized. We don't know what's going on," where can I direct them? How can I give them so guidance on getting involved in the whole issue? Any suggestions?

Natalie: From the Project perspective, they can certainly contact us, and we can tell them what our messaging is, which is we're committed to maintaining access to the lake through the entire Project. Stand by for an agreement with us and the City and GNWT. That's what we are working on now is a tripartite agreement. I think we're fairly close. We are in the legal stages, as Erika said, just finalizing what that will look like. I think it's safe to say that it's maintaining access at the Giant Mine site.

David: And I guess tied into that is the status of the lease – the City's lease – and then the sublease and so on. Will that be part of the announcement? As I understand it, the City no longer has a lease. Maybe some clarification on the status of the leases – lease and sublease - would be helpful.

Todd: Okay, I'll give it a shot. There are other people around the table who will correct me if I get it wrong. So the City still has a lease but has been directed by the Commissioner not to issue new subleases. That dates back to June or something like that. We, the

City, have tried a couple of different ways to convey this information to the members of the club.

Straight up, I can say the message did not get through at first. I think it has been received or heard now that 1.) The hold is at the GNWT level, so until something is worked out there will be no release of that hold, and that's not GNWT you guys, it's GNWT Lands; and then 2.) No one is kicking them off the land when the lease expires, and they are going to provide a payment of whatever their lease cost was. That conveys them some legal rights for the next year. In any event, nobody is looking to kick them off anytime soon. Hopefully the access agreement and the clarity around what will be done will be established in that intervening period.

Diep: I just wanted to clarify that in terms of GNWT Lands, the intent is that once this agreement between Canada, GNWT, and the City is finalized, some of those terms and conditions will be going into the subleases. We didn't want to have the subleases renewed and then all these other things within the broader lease not transfer over to the sublease. So that's why we've asked that the City not renew the lease at this time, but there is no intention to say, "No lease." That's the message that I got from Lands.

David: I used the same language when I was in government. Really what it boils down to is, "Trust us. We've got your interest at heart."

Todd: We're here to help.

David: Yeah, and the check's in the mail. The challenge I have – and I'm not a user of any of the boat launches or marinas – the challenge I have is the uncertainty that lingers within the affected public. So the sooner I guess this all gets clarified, the better. And if it is in the hands of the lawyers, then hopefully it'll surface relatively soon and be out there.

But it's not helpful to be, as we heard at one of the meetings I was at, the owner of a very expensive sailboat and looking at not being able to use that for a period of years. I guess that's been resolved more or less, but not even be able to sell it or otherwise make use of that asset. That was very troubling for folks, and I think that the City and the other partners owe a duty to those people to clarify this and resolve this sooner rather than later.

Todd: To bring this back around to Ken's original point here, it's not the six hundred members of the two cruising power clubs. Those boaters absolutely have a voice, but there are 10,000 other people. So when you say duty, this is not the duty just to the folks with the big boats, but rather to that Joe Blow who I was talking about earlier that wants to go out and catch some fish or not catch fish and do whatever else happens on the lake. Well aware.

Erika: To recap, I just want to highlight some key facts that I think maybe are important for everyone around the table to recognize. So from the Project's perspective, there is commitment from the Project to remediate the areas that have contamination in the town site area. So when we talk about the town site, it's the City's lease, which also is not just the buildings, the former town site, but it extends down to the marina area, so all of that public use site. So the Project is committed to cleaning up that area.

Because of the unknowns around scheduling, we had a draft agreement a while ago. The delay really has been trying to manage a way to write an agreement that addresses all the concerns in a way without committing to specific timelines. So the new thinking has been in a zoned approach with notices and stuff, and alternating. So we've come up with a plan we feels works.

The Project has also committed to returning those areas like to the water depth that the sailors need for their boats in that area, to return the wood dock that is there. In the current launch site, there is no plan to rip up that concrete dock. We have reassurance from the City and the previous work that remediation of arsenic soils have been addressed in that area, so we don't need to rip that dock up. That would remain. It's not to leave a mess, like you know take out the contamination but then just leave piles of stuff all over the place. That's a commitment from the Project in addition to what Natalie just mentioned about the comparable dock.

Those are good news stories. I think you know at that meeting with the sailors and the Yacht Club guys, that was reassuring to them to understand like okay, we don't now need to build a whole bunch of new infrastructure because it is being ripped up.

From GNWT's point of view, as Todd mentioned, the City has the lease for the town site. They have subleases under their lease. The City's lease is active until 2030. The subleases have expired, so the City said, "We'd like to renew these," to GNWT. GNWT, in their response of saying don't renew them right now is not because GNWT has some other hidden agenda about not wanting those guys to return or to cause a headache for the City, and I know that it has. Really ultimately it was because of the need to have an agreement, to understand how those lands would be used, to see that agreement discussion play out.

Let me assure you that Lands is not happy with how long it has taken, because it has put them in a really uncomfortable position. It has put the City in an uncomfortable position because of that weight. But it really is to fine tune that agreement and to see if there are applicable conditions that should be placed into the sublease - so timing, notifications, or communications publicly.

That is really, from the GNWT's standpoint to ensure that status quo remains or is returned. So I think those are important from where I sit, to remember that there aren't hidden agendas. Really the parties are working to meet the interests of

everybody, and the City is part of that. It has just taken time, and with that comes a lot of questions.

Natalie: Thanks, Erika. I think that's helpful. I just wanted to add why it is taking time. Originally we didn't have the solution where we could maintain access at the Giant property, and that came up in our consultation with the Sailing Club and the Yacht Club and the Project. We brainstormed and came with this solution, so it was a later solution that we came up with that we are now implementing. So that's just what has taken a little bit longer time, because we've come up with a much better solution.

I think everyone is happy with the solution to maintain access at the Giant Mine Area. It has just taken us a bit of time to work through, for one from the Project perspective, technically how we can make that happen, how we can implement that. We had to make sure that we could technically do it before we could commit to doing it. That took a bit of time with a bunch of different engineers and logistics. Once we realized that we think we can do it, we're 99.9% sure we can do it – 100% if we round up – and then getting Lands and the City. Obviously, they have to agree to it too and think it's a good solution. So that's just taken some time.

Although it has taken longer than we thought, I think we have a better solution here that will meet everybody's needs, and the details will come out shortly hopefully, and finalize before the end of our fiscal year. For sure that's our target. I can't speak for the other parties, but certainly from CIRNAC's objective, we would like this finalized sooner rather than later.

Gordon: Thank you. Erika, I'm going to put a question to you, but I'm reflecting on your comments, Natalie, and particularly David's. It comes down to 'trust us,' and I've been there too. The question I want to ask is, do you want the subleases to accurately and adequately incorporate key elements of the lease between the GNWT and the City?

Erika: GNWT does not write those subleases. It is the City that issues them.

Gordon: I understand that that's not the question.

Erika: I mean, and I think what I said was you know, the possibility of including appropriate conditions or relevant... You know, is there something that is a key piece from the conversations to be reflected in the sublease, to allow that opportunity with the initial renewal to have that? That was the thinking from GNWT Lands. Like is there something key from that that should be put into the subleases? So that was the reason why they said hold off, let's wait.

Gordon: Okay, I'll take that as a yes. So are there any discussions with those third parties, those subleases to ensure that you don't in your lease between the GNWT and the

City, incorporate elements that are unamicable to the operation of the club, in this case the Yacht Club? You get where I'm going.

Erika: I'm kind of looking to Sheila to answer that potentially. In the access agreement right now, there are aspects for notifying and engagement requirements. Do you have any brain waves for this answer?

Gordon: I don't mean to cut you off, Sheila, but I guess I am. I take that as a no.

Todd: No is probably the correct answer. The clubs are certainly aware of what is happening, and that subsequent conversation will have to happen. Who is doing it is a key point of the negotiations between the parties. Is it the City's responsibility to then carry that water forward, or is the Project going to carry it? I don't know how they are going to. I just know that is a topic.

Then I'm going to jump into your next question. The club is going to have to share access through their site during the period where Giant is closed. That is also going to be an issue. They are aware of that. They said it's okay to start with, but if I was them, I would be looking to put some terms and conditions on that as well. So that conversation will be at least two-way and more likely three- or four-way. Yeah, so there's your short answer and long answer.

Erika: Just to note that in that access agreement, it keeps very general, sort of high-level language. It doesn't get into specifics how a certain request for a zone or land would impact another party. There is a requirement for notices. There's a requirement for engagement with the parties that it would impact. So there is that opportunity to have that conversation and to work around it and then come back and say, "Yeah, we've sorted out these issues." It allows for that.

Also I think there has been a number of conversations where we have heard a lot of the concerns already through interventions or just other meetings or media. So the drafters, all of us have been thinking about that. The lawyers have thought about that. There is some other work behind the scenes like where the sailing school is going to go. Where are we going to store boats? Those kinds of issues have already been considered. There has been a lot of thinking already without anything formally planned out.

Kathy: Thanks for that. That was a good clarification. You have something to add, Natalie?

Natalie: It's just administrative. I've heard both people on the phone that they are having trouble hearing. I don't think it is volume. It's just a crackly, technical issue. So if you do have any questions for them, we just maybe need to flag it first, or I'll have to text it perhaps.

Kathy: Okay. I suppose we could try calling back in again. Yeah, we're going to take a break right now, just 7 minutes...maybe 10. If I say 7, you'll take 10, right? There are refreshments. For people on the phone, we're going to hang up and try calling back in ourselves on the break.

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Kathy: Okay, I wanted to get started again, because Jason Snaggs has to leave at 3:00. So we're going to put him on next, and Alternatives North will go after him. Go ahead Jason.

Update from YKDFN

Jason: Thank you, Madame Chair, everyone. It's really good to be here. I think based on our last meeting, the last AGM, I think there have been some good things on the go. YKDFN has been working very closely with the Project Team as well as with Erika. We've seen all of your faces at a number of various meetings, whether it's health and stress effects, to the socio-economic working group, to meeting and supporting each other in terms of making sure this Project is successful with all of the partners around the room. Success can only be bred by true participation with a focus not just on the past but moving forward on the future.

We thank GMOB as well for advocating on the socio-economic front, as well as really searching for solutions not just with academia but also with industry to look at rendering the arsenic inert. I've committed to Ben that we will look to have him at our Chief and Council Meeting in February to give an update to Chief and Council by GMOB.

The other things that are on the go, and I think the City alluded to it, is on the socio-economic benefits that we hope to see out of the work that is done at Giant Mine. One of the key things that we have been pressing, and we just recently met with the Minister, is to emphasize a Northern Indigenous economic participation policy for Giant Mine, which allows development across the board in the Northwest Territories, the opportunity to participate in reducing risk to engaging on projects and bidding. We are stressing on an Indigenous procurement policy in addition to procurement from the North for this Project.

We hope also to participate actively in ensuring that there is an implementation plan put in place. Not just to look at tendering and procurement, but also in terms of training, in terms of capacity building within the First Nations as well as with respect to providing facility for the various Dev Corps to actually participate in a meaningful manner to reduce risk.

We are also focused on our Legacy Project as well, and that project is to look at specifically the compensation associated with the impacts of Giant Mine. As part and

parcel of that as well, similar to what Giant Mine Oversight Board has been advocating, is a community participation agreement that will ensure that all of the policies that we're working on in terms of procurement, training, capacity building, as well as to recognize the legacy, is in place for moving forward with Giant Mine beyond the water license.

We've been actively participating in the water license project. We're going to be well represented at the hearing next week. I think we've come a long way since our last meetings in terms of true engagement with the federal government, the GNWT, and of course working with all of you at the table to ensure that this process is successful.

Some of the challenges that we face are related to, again, funding in terms of the work associated with the water license. We have been in contact with the Project Team. Currently between now and the end of this fiscal, we are at a deficit. We're hoping that the Project Team is committed to looking at what funds are available. We're hoping that we can bridge that with some of the work that we're doing. We are preparing the budget for next year as well, in terms of finalizing and working towards the finalization of the water license.

In terms of socio-economic, I'd like to commend the Project Team as well as CIRNAC for working with us on a socio-economic survey that will be conducted next month in the community. I think it will be the very first time that from a statistical standpoint, we will baseline where we are in terms of employment, where we are in terms of training, where we are in terms of the negative effects of mental health and addiction, to ensure that we truly understand the issues within the communities so we can better prepare the population for active and valued participation in the Giant Mine Remediation Project.

We really enjoyed one of the biggest meetings that we held. I think it was back in November with the team. It was for planning in terms of the actual remediation and post-remediation in terms of ensuring that work started in earnest. I think all of you were here around the table. We are looking forward to the continued participation and contribution in that activity, not only in terms of the ongoing remediation process but beyond remediation in terms of maintenance and monitoring of the site, as well as the landscaping and making sure that messages are conveyed moving forward.

I think that is it. If anyone has any questions, I'm open to receive them.

David: I have a couple of questions. One, have the Yellowknives considered – and I guess maybe all these separate agreements are tantamount to the same thing – an umbrella impact benefit agreement with CIRNAC on this Project?

Jason: No, we're moving away from impact benefit agreements. We are going for an economic participation agreement, which will drive... when we look at what we've

learned from the Giant Mines, the impact benefit agreement did nothing but just bring small value. Even though we have a trust now, and we're getting \$1 million from each of the other mines, we recognize that there is more value in terms of providing employment, training, and capacity building.

As well, as we settle our legacy compensation claim for example, we believe that's where we need to give our focus. That impact benefit agreement will do nothing when we compare it to an economic participation in the settlement of our legacy compensation.

David: The second question will be related to this legacy. It's essentially an element of reconciliation. Where are you in that process?

Jason: So we have engaged with our legal firm as well as a researcher who is scouring GMOB for every article and every piece of literature that has been written about Giant Mine and its legacy, in addition to the interviews that have been done previously by people and films that have been done, to put back together for our legal team to review. Then to bring that to have some community consultations as well in terms of the evidence and what we're looking for from the government.

So right now we are at the stage of research. We hope by the end of this year, we will start our community consultations and begin preparing on the legal side to represent our ask to the federal government.

Erika: So you said community meetings at the end of the fiscal year?

Jason: Yes, related to legacy and compensation.

Ken F: You talked about a survey that's going to be done with the YKDFN. Is that available for us to take a look at?

Jason: The survey...We are prepared to share the results of the survey once we've completed it, with GMOB. It doesn't just look at economic. So it doesn't just look at if you're currently working, if you have a job, if you need training. We are also asking anonymously some very sensitive questions around mental health, addiction, current status, which is very sensitive to the First Nation. The reason we're looking at it from that perspective is not only to get people to work but to provide the support that will allow them to participate in the workforce and the Project once it starts.

We know there are less than 18 months in terms of the Project starting up, but we're working on this survey together with Queens University, and we will share those results with the Giant Mine Oversight Board.

Ken F: Thank you.

- Erika: Jason, I know that you've been involved on the stress study. I'm just curious with the socio-ec survey about those more personal type of questions. Like the stress study does have questions about employment and housing and mental wellness, and all of that. Is there overlap? Is there opportunity to use the survey that is administered by the YKDFN to ask some of those tougher questions, because we really struggle with that piece, right?
- Jason: That was the whole purpose of our survey, to go beyond what was done for health and stress effects, to actually go a lot deeper and look at some of the root causes. So in addition to what was previously captured, we hope that we'll have a very holistic picture with both pieces of data together so we can better implement and work with the federal government to ensure that we do address some of those root causes that were not captured in the previous survey. As you said, we require a deeper dive, and that meant getting personal.
- We're having our First Nation members actually hired on to do the survey. They have an oath. They are taking an oath of confidentiality. Again, it's anonymous so people can or cannot put their names on it, but the goal is that we'll have very detailed statistics in terms of where we are as a population. We've always heard the claim of employment. We want to understand how many people are unemployed. How many people out of that number, for example, are prepared to work? How many people are not prepared to work and why are they not prepared to work? Also, what support do they require for those people that need the support?
- Erika: Sorry, and we probably should talk offline. I'll talk more with Kynyn as well. Just to clarify this socio-ec survey: Are you saying now based on the feedback received from stakeholders around here that some of those personal questions that were originally in the stress study are being pulled out to be put in the socio-ec, or there will be similar type of questions but even going deeper with the socio-ec survey?
- I guess my questions or concern comes from asking hard questions twice to the same people, and different people asking those questions.
- Jason: So we are prepared to go deeper with the survey. It is because when the survey was done, we had some non-members involved in asking those questions. This time around, we have YKDFN members who are going to be more or less participating in that. What we want to look at it is getting to some of the underlying issues.
- Ken F: I think we need a clarification here. Jason, I think you're talking about a survey that has already occurred.
- Jason: No, this is coming.

Ken F: No, but the one that you're saying you want to go deeper.

Jason: Yes.

Ken F: So what Erika is asking about is the stress study that is still under development. So that one hasn't happened yet either.

Jason: Yeah, exactly. This one, the socio-ec, the data that we hope to get out of it can be used and dived in a number of different ways. It's not just for Giant Mine. It's also the First Nation as well.

Ken F: So then I'd like to clarify. You say you're going deeper into personal issues in this one. I've looked at the questions in the stress survey, and I don't know how you could go much deeper than those.

Jason: One of the things that we'll probably have to take offline is that some of the questions may not be required to be answered on the stress, because we would have captured it if the stress is coming. I think we'll have to have that meeting together with Kynyn and the team, but this one here is to address issues in terms of preparing people for Giant Mine. It's also to collect that data so that we can also look at funding as part of the economic participation agreement with the federal government, to look at ways in which we can provide some funding for health and mental health addiction.

Ken F: Is this being done as a Project through Queens and has it gone through their ethics and that kind of stuff?

Jason: Yes, it has.

Ken F: Okay, good.

Kathy: Erika, I think the way the stress study is designed, the questions do have to be asked twice. That will have some anonymous data that will give stats of the whole thing, but with the stress study, the same person has to answer all the questions on the same survey. Unfortunately, it will have to remain separate I believe.

Erika: I know in the initial thinking when Sue Moodie was brought on board to support the YKDFN there was a wellness committee that was established with the YKDFN on that. The wellness folks said, "We want to use this opportunity in this stress study to capture this other information about the community's social status of things, the social side, to inform our programming."

So now I guess knowing that...What's the driver there for it being in the stress study? We'll talk about this more in our meetings in a couple of weeks, but what is the driver?

Is it what Ketan needs to do that stress study, or is it really more of telling the big picture story for the YKDFN side?

Jason: The focus is socio-ec, and that is getting people to work. So it is about getting people to work. For those people who are unemployed, we want to make sure that we have the supports in place to get them to work. So the emphasis is on work and they can become economically productive. There may be some duplication. However, your emphasis is on root cause, health, and stress effects associated with Giant Mine. We are getting people ready for work and participation in the Project.

So it's finding what they need to ensure that they are successful. What training do they need in order to ensure that they are successful? In the survey, there is a list provided by Natalie and the team in terms of the various types of careers, trades, and various jobs that will be required for Giant Mine. People may have identified those and identified the potential to select a particular career for example, but they have these other additional issues to deal with, so how do we ensure that we get them ready for that? It's much more customized towards getting people to participate in the Project. At the same time, it gives us some additional information that allows us to better ensure those programs are geared towards that.

Erika: Jason, you said the survey is going to be carried out next month. Can you tell us a little bit about the timelines? I just think about the work that everybody is doing on the socio-ec action plan that we are going to start working on. Knowing that could help inform what Sheila was getting at – training, apprenticeships, scholarships, and all of that. So could you speak a little bit more about the timeline?

Jason: The goal is for this to be completed by mid-February and then the data to be analyzed and published within the community by, I would say mid-March. Then we would have that available. Then that would contribute, because Lena is working together with Andre, who is part of the Project Team to start looking at based on the data, what we need to put in place to take this forward.

Kathy: Are there any other questions for Jason?

(Pause)

Okay, thank you Jason.

Jason: Thank you very much.

Kathy: I'm really excited about that survey actually.

Jason: Thank you, everyone. I do apologize, but I have a housing meeting to attend.

Kathy: Thanks very much for attending, Jason. Take care. Okay, great. Well let's go to Alternatives North then.

Update from Alternatives North

Gordon: Thank you, Kathy. I promise to be very brief. Alternatives North remains very much engaged on the Giant Project, and it is a matter of great interest for a host of reasons for the organization. Looking back at the last few months and towards the coming month, we've been working like everybody else, on the Water Board hearings and so on. You'll hear more from us when Katharine and Michael present on that.

I guess one of the things I want to say is we're very grateful for the support of CIRNAC to be able to continue to participate in this process. I hope it is working as well for you as it is for us.

Looking into the future, we remain concerned about Measure 6. It centers on the security of the site and the security of the operation of the site, the assurance that the capacity will be there to run the place irrespective of the vagaries of political support for this kind of thing. We're thinking well, well into the future. I'm sure we'll be having more to say about that in the coming year.

We're very interested in the stress study, as I think you all know. We look forward to meeting on this in a few weeks' time. We think it is a very important study, and perhaps even more so given Jason's remarks over the last few minutes. There are a lot of people being surveyed in that small community. I think it's very important that these things be coordinated so there isn't fatigue or that things aren't working at cross purposes.

This is an element of the Measure 6 thing, but we're concerned about perpetual care of the site. We're also concerned about site appearance. That's part of the perpetual care issue. I mean it's interesting to me that yesterday we spent about an hour with a bunch from Alternatives North, and this is one of the issues that came up. Isn't it decided yet what it's supposed to look like? Yes and no.

We're also very interested in long-term research to resolve the challenges that are faced with the management of that site and the safety of it. We'll again be speaking in the context of the Water Board hearings on this point of reaching to a solution. The solution is not just stabilizing the site. It's cleaning the site up.

I think that's really all I want to say about where we're coming from and where we're going. I just want to reiterate the important point: We remain very much engaged in this bit of work.

Erika: So sorry, I always have my two cents.

(Laughter)

Again, I just wanted to explore in a room where it's a little less formal, what your thinking is about the site appearance when members ask why it's not already decided. I guess I share a bit of that...Well, I share that opinion where closure activities have been decided in the Closure Plan, not even to a certain extent, those activities. There is a lot of alignment on what stakeholders...there's agreement that people are supportive of those big activities. I kind of put you on the spot at perpetual care to ask if you can talk a little bit more about this, but I just want to understand what you're envisioning with this site appearance or site design.

Gordon: I don't have a clear answer. I don't have an answer for that, but our concern is that someday, someone will come along and say, "Gee, there's nobody here." Let's imagine there's nobody here. "This is interesting. I wonder what's here." "What did people mean by all these big ugly rocks?" or whatever we determine to use to signify that this is a dangerous site. I don't think that's completely resolved yet.

We also hear what other parties are saying about wanting to be able to use the site again, or maybe not, or use parts of it. Part of the Giant site is fenced, and part of it is not. Indeed, we all know that the contamination spreads well beyond the site. I'm moved by your remarks, Ken, about Con Mine. This is not just a discrete problem, but to use my own remark a moment ago, putting a fence around it doesn't lend itself that way. Sorry I'm wandering from your question.

Erika: I feel like that's helpful. The Project knows the constraints that the remediation activities will take us to. So you're thinking from that point on, is what opportunities there might be to tell the story of whatever we define the story to be, whether it's communicating risk. So I do see the potential of the Perpetual Care Plan or those discussions to...it's part of that communicating to future generations whether it's a monument or the formation of the rocks on the tailings to prevent people from going on them or something like that, rather than changing any big closure activities.

That's something that the Project has a plan, but it's just that next little bit. I always talk about the junk drawer when you're moving. Your junk drawer is like your headache - well not a headache - I mean it is a headache. But you know, there's still a lot to sort through, and it's just one drawer. It's just that piece that there's a lot that can provide...

Gordon: We'll talk next week about how you remember, how a culture remembers...the best ways to help a culture to remember what this site is, its history, and how it got there. Maybe we'll be able to say - and I've said this before - maybe we'll find some way to turn arsenic into popcorn and everything will be great. Until that happens, it's a dangerous site.

Even in the recent history of Yellowknife, we've got that visitor's center that is sinking into the swamp. Some people tell me that's happened because it changed hands several time. Some of the basic knowledge of how to maintain that building so that it wouldn't sink into the swamp was lost. I mean that's only a couple of decades old. You know, we're on our fifth Stanton Hospital. We're not very good at building stuff like this and remembering how to deal with it. That's, to be very blunt about this, a bland assurance. Don't worry is not good enough.

Alex: If I can add something, as part of the Perpetual Care Plan draft framework that is being developed: There is an assumption in that draft framework that there will be future discussions on landscape aesthetics relating to communicating future generations. So that assumption is stated in that framework. That's something to build upon as that plan gets further developed.

Kathy: I really feel like over the last couple of years I've noticed the vision of the site and what it will look like in end seems to just be shifting gently over time as we all get used to each other, build our relationships, and there is more trust. Even at the borrow meetings last December, there was more flexibility than I've seen before on what to do with the gravel pads that are left. I don't know. It feels like things are shifting. The Perpetual Care Plan to me seems also like a good place where everyone is in the room. It's not us versus the Project Team. Everyone is working toward a common goal. It seems to me like a good place to discuss those things.

Based on your comment, it doesn't feel like this is about major aspects of the Remediation Plan changing on the basis of what the final landscape will look like. It feels more subtle to me, but that's an assumption that I'm making of whatever changes we might make to what it finally looks like would be more subtle and not necessarily affect the Remediation Project in a major way right now.

Michael: If I can embellish with a personal observation or two, none of this has thus far to me felt like it is us versus the Project. That has been an enormous load off my mind compared to some of my concerns as I took on the position. We're coming up on a year now that Katharine and I have been involved on this file. When we met back in May, and I had just read everything in water license, it was the first time that I got a sense of the real scope of how steep the learning curve is here. Every question that I successfully managed to answer led to five other things that I wanted to look up, etcetera.

This has been a phenomenal learning opportunity for me to come to a place where now I feel like I've got something more significant to bring to the table, from understanding how the interconnected pieces are moving together. I have been impressed with everybody at the table, and that I'm grateful for. Particularly, I don't think I can stress enough how fabulously useful to me GMOB has been through this

process. I can second Todd's comment that it's one of the first places that I go to look for things, on the GMOB site.

But also in my limited previous experience of bringing things to the Ontario Municipal Board and so on, there's no oversight body of any kind. So there is an awful lot of groping blindly in the dark asking what is the process of this thing supposed to be? There are several times in the last year that I've been able to come to you specifically and say, "Okay, let's look at what a couple of other interventions look like, and walk me through some more of that process," so that I have some of the tools. Going into the enormous amount of work that the last couple of months have been leading up to next week with a sense that I know what I'm doing has been fabulous.

So when we ask what are our successes? For me personally, the big success is that now I genuinely feel like I know all of the things that I'm talking about, and I have something useful to contribute.

When we ask what our priorities are for the next six months, it's a little hard with my head space where it is right now to see much past next week. I think we're very conscious that the socio-economic element is vital to the larger picture of how the whole community is impacted. That is not an area of a whole lot of personal experience for me, or expertise. So I see that as another opportunity to learn a ton.

Again on the personal level, what I'm most excited about in the next six months is working on the Perpetual Care Plan Task Force, not only because it's the first time I've been on something called a task force, and I feel like we should have funky badges or something. That's the most interesting part of it to me. So I hope moving forward, I will be able to continue to learn in the areas that are not my dominant area of expertise. When we come to communication elements and so on that are more in my vita, I can bring something more to the table to magnify the benefit.

But what has been fabulous is seeing a mutual sense that although we may disagree on some of the details, it feels as if everybody at the table has a consistent shared desire to render the best possible plan, so thank you.

Kathy: Thank you. Thank you for that. That was a nice jolt of enthusiasm. I really appreciated that, very much.

Michael: I should have said that this morning in the GMOB Annual Meeting.

Kathy: That's okay. Any time is good. Todd, you going to follow that? Good luck.

Todd: Yeah. Let's take that enthusiasm and bring it down a little here.

(Laughter)

I realize this is Alternatives North time, but I've thought about the question that you asked, Gordon, and I think I will answer on his behalf perhaps. The question of what you mean by the vision, I think that for me, obviously not for Gordon, the idea surrounding talking about the vision and what comes next are additive to...

You know most of the closure activities are well-defined. There is not a lot of conceptual disagreement, but if I can use the example, you're going to create these big, flat TCAs with 12-inch minus on the top of it. That's not great for a lot of uses, notwithstanding some of the concerns around the table, positions of keep it gray and dirty - there aren't a lot of big, flat areas in these parts at least in the summertime. So the idea of the value that it could provide for citizens, that's the question about the vision and long-term - sorry, not long-term in the sense - the short-term use. I don't know whether it's a soccer field, recreational, but it'll be driven by the constraints set forth. Then that can dictate the potential range of values these provide, whether it's just gray and dirty, and safe is the only interest that it is providing or gray, dirty, and has giant blocks on it as a warning if education is the interest it's trying to get at. That range of interest is a matter of conversation.

So yes, the closure activities are more or less set. Pits, sure, there are questions about that. We have a disagreement about Baker Creek closure activities and principles there. But the future is added onto whatever is built and what constraints come out of that, if that helps.

Erika: Ken, do you want to...

Ken F: Yeah, I'll just throw in. Ken Froese here with GMOB.

So to what Todd was saying, the purpose of the site later on and setting that vision and the effects those have later on for whatever the shape of the society is here after 2032, I'm going to bring that very deliberately back to the social impact of this Project. Without those kinds of vision discussions, we don't have an idea of what those longer impacts, whether they are negative or positive, could have. If we want to maximize the positive impacts of the Project in whatever form, then if it is a soccer field or some other beneficial use of the land, then is that something that is possible?

If gray and ugly is through a risk-based evaluation of certain parameters, whether those are values-based parameters or quantitative, if that's the decision, then let's flesh that out and decide if that is the best mitigation of negatives. We'll pay the price whatever it is, of not having the possible positives. I should stop before I get myself into a corner here.

Erika: I know Natalie has some things to say, but I have just a question, maybe advice. Todd, the example you used is on the tailings pond. Two things with that: With the Project,

I feel like there is not a lot of wiggle room, because there is a measure to prevent access to the tailings covers by ATVs. So it's a measure. So how does a proponent, when they are required by a measure, not meet the measure? How does that happen?

Then number two is the gray and ugly. We know that now that like Katharine...not Katharine. Kathy – well, I guess your name is Katharine.

Kathy: Kathleen.

(Laughter)

Erika: Kathy noted that there is some shifting on that, because we've heard YKDFN now say, "Well maybe in some areas there is vegetation." So that's challenging, but at the time, that was a very strong opinion. The Project said, "We hear you, and we're going to do that." Then to change that...how does the Project not meet a measure? How does a Project go back on commitments? Sure there are opportunities to look at the fact there is a lot of space, but we're kind of past that point. It's kind of a question to the group of how you even have those conversations.

Natalie: I'm just following on with what Erika said. You've heard me say this before. Like Erika said, the concept decisions and the Project activities have been set. We know, for instance, that the tailings are going to be covered with 12-inch minus rock. We certainly as a Project have committed when we are done to identify the constraints, but if that area from the City's perspective or the landowner, which the Project is not, want to be used for a soccer field, we can tell you the constraints from a health and safety perspective if that's possible. Are you asking if the Project build a soccer field? Certainly that is not our intent to do future uses after that.

We will cover the tailings to meet our objectives and let the landowners know what the constraints are. Are we of different understandings, because that has certainly been the Project's message, and that is what we plan to do. If we are fundamentally in disagreement, it would be good to know that sooner rather than later.

David: I'm not going to try and answer Natalie's question. I'm going to get back to Erika's concern about this was a decision made by the Review Board, and now we have to follow it. I've never been a particular fan of sticking to a course of action when it no longer makes sense. We don't progress that way. We just don't make progress that way. If we stuck to the notion that there is no solution for this arsenic trioxide, as seemed to be indicated almost 20 years ago, we wouldn't be in this research mode.

So dealing with past direction has got to be done in a current context. If it no longer makes sense, then why would you do it? It's a personal observation. I guess in terms of the long-term care, and I use that phrase deliberately, Gordon's analogy of the Stanton Hospital and the fifth iteration of it shows we lack vision collectively and

individually sometimes. We are in the fifth iteration of the Stanton Hospital, and we still don't have an MRI unit, a tool that is commonplace everywhere else in the country and internationally. But at least they set a room aside so eventually if it makes sense, and the decision-makers have a pretty short-term perspective, there could be an MRI in that hospital.

The same principle applies to this Remediation Project. Don't lock into...Don't us lock ourselves into a path that doesn't allow flexibility down the road. I think the Project Team has done its best within that context, but now we have a Land and Water Board hearing coming up, and the Land and Water Board will make some decisions that could very directly impact the plan going forward.

I guess I would just urge people to not get caught in a bind that isn't necessary any longer. It's hard to get out of that bind sometimes but following a direction that was made 10 years ago in a different context without challenging it makes no sense to me.

A recent example are the greenhouse gas emissions associated with this Project. Ten years ago, it was not such a big issue for many people. Today, it's a very big issue for every one of us. To ignore the greenhouse gas costs of this Project just because it did not come up 10 years ago is flawed, I think. I think we need to talk about it.

So my advice is to not lock yourselves into a path that prevents changes down the road that are reasonable, and in fact logical just because the direction was given 10 or 20 years ago to follow that particular path. It's a challenge. Bureaucracies are not good at changing directions, but I think as individuals we have a responsibility to challenge decisions that were made or lines of logic that were valid in the past but no longer make sense. We can't just ignore that. We have to deal with that. It doesn't help the problem particularly, but I think it's practical and it's visionary, and we need to get there. We can't just get stuck in the past and stay stuck there.

Erika: Oh sorry, Todd. Go.

Todd: It speaks to your question. It's not just reasonable and practical, but when it is beneficial as well. I think the plan has changed - I want to use the word significantly, but substantially. We can have head nods around the table on that one I think. If we use the issue about the measure that you were talking about, that was with a different tailing cap, completely different tailings with different materials that could be more easily eroded. The context with that was not damaging what's underneath.

In the same way that you don't see a lot of opposition to some of the substantial changes, or you don't see significant opposition to the substantial changes that may have occurred between that plan and this plan, if it makes sense and is reasonable, practical, and provides benefit and value to people, you're not going to see significant opposition in the future either.

So ensuring that there is a range of possibilities to provide value is what I'm hoping for. Nobody is asking you to build a soccer field using this example. Not that I want a soccer field, it's not the City vision. Just make sure the soccer field can be built in the future. Whatever the collective decision is about land value, if it's just recreational that folks want to pursue, make sure it's part of the range of possibilities. That should help drive the decision-making as the Project is implemented. That would be the ideal world. As to whether it does or not, it might be a little late for that.

You guys have changed the plan to make it more feasible. There is still a lot of time to continue that and make it more valuable for the investment that is being made here. That's what I'm talking about when I say the future land use and those kinds of things. Thanks.

Michael: One of the problems that we have with the concept of perpetual communication is the way that different cultures view the artifacts of who came before them is subject to change. You have examples like Love Canal where you bury a toxic site, and someone comes along later and says, "Oh look, this area is already cleared. There's no overburden here. It's a convenient place to put our city center," and then you have a problem.

As I've said more than once in conversations about perpetual communications, if we put tens of thousands of big stone skulls around the site with signs that say, "If you cross this line, you will die," if we encountered that ourselves in some other place, we would assume that it was the primitive superstitions of the people there and go digging in the middle immediately to see what sort of fancy coffin their pharaoh had.

So it's difficult to answer those questions really substantively, but the best design that ideally encourages or discourages activity that we would consider encouraged or discouraged, should be in our stretch goals.

So I don't know whether a soccer field is feasible, but I think it's more important that we have as much knowledge of the site and the associated risks, that our first decisions are about remediating direct risks and then beyond that, we can look at residual risk. Do we want kids to be running around and exerting themselves and face-planting in an area that may have contaminated soil? Maybe that's something we want to actively discourage.

You want to look towards those ideas of what site activity we want to encourage or discourage, and to the best of our ability, have the design elements reinforce that to communicate that consistently to future visitors to the site.

When we had discussion about borrow, I saw that the site team clearly spent a lot of money and effort getting artist's renderings of what it might look like if we take it

from this part of the site or that part of the site, and how the view changes from here and there. The overall tone of those seem to be we want to reduce the visual impact so that it's not this great big eyesore that people don't like the look of. That sort of flies in the face of another part of we want to discourage people from ATVing on the site because it's a hazard.

So even if the goal is that we want it to look picturesque and beautiful from across the lake, but you come up to the site boundary and go, "Ohhh," if that's our consistent vision of how we communicate that risk and minimize the visual unpleasantness for people in the neighborhood, that's fine. But if we define that early, it will inform a lot of the other decisions. If we don't want to make that kind of definition early, then you lose the opportunity to consistently make that a part of your design element as you put the different pieces together. Does that make sense?

Kathy: Yeah, it does. It's an interesting conversation that I don't think is going to end for some time. But I think that's the point, as David said - the flexibility to whatever to the extent we can and to keep having this conversation and not think everything is 100% nailed down right now. It seems like the Perpetual Care Plan discussions are also a good place for that.

Anyway, I'm going to close down this part of the conversation, because we have only another hour left, although it's quite enjoyable actually to have this conversation. Are there any more questions for Alternatives North? Go ahead.

Kathy: Okay, let's move on to North Slave Métis Alliance. Jess, please.

NSMA Update

Jessica: Hello. This is Jess from NSMA. I've been mulling over the last hour where to start with things, but I always like to start with credit where credit is due. Similar to Katharine and Michael, it has been officially a year that I've been here. It's so exciting, and it has been a series of ups and downs. There's a very steep learning curve on learning everything about Giant, and I don't profess to know anywhere close to everything that's going on.

But it's a very, very supportive team, both on the Giant Project Team as well as GMOB, so thank you everybody who have always been immediately available at any question. I think that was something that made taking on this project much easier personally for myself. But even at the broader NSMA level, we have had an almost complete staff turnover in the last year. I say almost, because I'm the only one who isn't part of that. So in a short, short period of time, I became the most senior person at NSMA, which was pretty intimidating. But if I needed to get any of my colleagues up to speed on

Giant, it was very easy to contact any of you with questions and a coffee date. So thank you, everyone, for doing that.

Similarly, I like the little anecdote – I told this Ben this – where I actually dropped into the GMOB office with my grandparents a few months ago when they came to visit. It was probably the best experience of the week on just pure history of Yellowknife and getting a sense of what it means to the people here, and also teaching it in a simple way for someone who is from the outside coming here. It's nice to have those services available, both at a very technical aspect, but then like that for my grandparents who know very little about Yellowknife and the mining industry. It was super easy and engaging, so thank you, Ben, for being available for that as well.

Otherwise, some main concerns: I mean this a topic that is overly discussed, and I try to not use it as an excuse, but capacity is always really tough, specifically for our little environmental team. We are only three people, and I am the one and only person working on the Giant Project. I do get support now from the new manager that started back in November, but it was definitely a big blow when Shin left in August, because he was our last remaining person on our team with some lengthy experience on the Giant Project. So we continue to be happy to get capacity from the Giant Project in terms of having me working on Giant and always having ongoing conversations of what we need in the next year or years to come.

Some things that did work really, really well for us this year: I got a lot of positive feedback on members on the QRA process. It started off really abstract. I remember going to the first workshop and not really understanding what kind of probabilities we were supposed to calculate. But then as we got through all the different scenarios, it was kind of a nice way to think of all of the different aspects of the Giant Mine site, both past what exists there that could be dangerous, versus future what we can anticipate as concerns, and then building on that.

The Traditional Knowledge and the traditional land use component of the QRA was also a really, really interesting exercise for us. There were three of our members along with myself that attended those meetings. That was a really kind of casual way to meet with the Giant Team and discuss again on a broader scope the concerns from our membership. So there was some good feedback for that.

Similarly, we finally got around to just finishing up a traditional land use study, which was supposed to be done last year, but we carried it over to this year. Hopefully that information can help you guys out with the QRAs. I'll be in touch with that report.

Yeah, the Perpetual Care Plan: I have some optimistic views, and I'm a little bit concerned about how we will get a report of something tangible anywhere near, but I think it's just because nothing like this has ever been done before. So I keep being

impressed by the perseverance and determination of everybody on this team. We don't exactly know what we're doing, but we'll all figure it out together.

Otherwise, I think that's pretty much it. We look forward to the water license process next week. We don't have any issues in terms of how engagement has been going. We look forward to the March Annual Update. I think that's about it. I'll leave it at that if there are any questions for specifying anything.

Kathy: Are there any questions for Jess? She says she knows almost everything, so we should be questioning her just to check.

Todd: *(off mic)* I heard she's an expert...

Kathy: That's what I heard, that she's an expert also. Senior.

Jess: You guys stop.

Kathy: Sorry, sorry Jess. No, we're really glad that you're there and that you're still there. Keep up the good work. Seriously, any questions for Jess?

Jess: I guess I'll add on because Todd brought it up. So yes, Shin will be starting with the City for the health stuff and was very much aware of this going on. So he continues to kind of work for us a little bit here and there on very specific contracts, but when it comes time to Giant Mine stuff, we're very much coordinating with the City so that there is no conflict of interest between NSMA and what the City needs Shin to work on for HEMPAC. Just FYI.

David: Just a question about the relationship between the NSMA, the Project, and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation: When we talk about Indigenous peoples, it includes Métis, but there seems to be a different relationship. I wonder if you can explain that a little bit. It doesn't seem to me that North Slave Métis want to be treated in an equivalent way to the Yellowknives, but it is not entirely clear all the time. Can you elaborate?

Jess: Yes, I can elaborate. It's a pretty complex question, but the sense that I've gotten so far from both directors at NSMA as well as members, is that a lot of our members either worked at Giant or have worked in other mining industries. The Métis tend to be just a more modern people when it comes to Indigenous groups, so the dependence and the relationship with industry is just different than some of the First Nations.

I think when it comes time for development, there is typically a little bit more of an openness for pro-development versus, okay let's just make sure that this is done respectfully. I think that's the main difference that I've noticed myself or that I've heard from our president, Bill.

What was the second point I wanted to add onto that? In terms of what NSMA expects from this Project itself, no we don't expect all of the same studies or projects or even committees that Yellowknives Dene have, but we just expect to be engaged, or at least informed of those opportunities at the same amount. Because our team is so much smaller. I already said I'm the only person for the Giant file at NSMA, and we're only three on our environmental team compared to quite a larger team at YKDFN.

We can't always say yes to take on various projects. Sometimes it's just knowing what is going on. So as long as we are asked if we can be part of a conversation, that's kind of the baseline, that it be equal opportunity of information. I think that's our biggest expectation.

David: If I can ask just a quick follow-up: So there is no movement by the North Slave Métis to enter into reconciliation discussions with the Government of Canada on the Giant Mine Project - that it's more of a business type relationship that you're looking for?

Jessica: No, I wouldn't go to say that there aren't any expectations for discussions on reconciliation. I think we had discussions with the Contaminants and Remediation Division last year on that subject specifically, and I think there are expectations to maybe have a similar conversation with Giant. But we haven't really hashed out what are expectations would be in terms of that just yet.

So no, I see this item on the agenda, and I've been waiting patiently to see what the Project has been thinking of doing. We would be looking into just discussing that. That's something that on a personal level I can't speak to, but it would be something that I would be collaborating with my directors to see what they expect for NSMA.

Kathy: Are there any other questions for Jess? *(Pause)*. Okay, thank you very much. Okay, GNWT.

GNWT Update

Erika: Okay, so let's start on the concerns. There are not really any concerns, but we just want to understand more about this landscape piece from the Parties. We know it has come up in everyone's intervention. So thank you for engaging with me and with this group on that conversation. I think it helps the Project understand a little bit more of where you're coming from as we head into the public hearings next week. That's helpful.

Just as an FYI: A few of us are meeting with YKDFN's landscape architect, Devin Tepleski on some of these conceptual drawings that YKDFN has talked about. It's along the same lines of what Gordon and Michael spoke about - potential for those to

occur in the perpetual care chat where it's just going that next step further. We just want to understand from them a little bit more on that.

So this landscape design piece, we really just want to understand that more. The Project doesn't want to worry that there is an agreement on the big picture closure activities. There's some assurance here that's not the conversation.

Also, I just wanted to bring up another area of...it's not concern...but Bill Slater's role as a technical advisor on the working group. I know I haven't talked to you about it. I'm just sort of bringing it up because everyone has submitted their own interventions. Bill's role has been a little bit here and there. It hasn't been clearly defined, but just moving forward as we go into that different phase of the Project, how are people using Bill?

Sometimes I think Bill is just grinding away on stuff and maybe respectfully is not getting that support or that guidance from the other parties in terms of direction of "Bill, we want to especially do this," or "Thanks, Bill for doing that." "Yes, Project, we endorse his comments." Maybe that's happening behind the scenes, but we should think about how Bill is most valuable, or is he, or is there a different role for him. So this is something for us all to think about.

Male? Can you talk more about that concern, just a little more?

Erika: Well, it's not necessarily a concern, but more so of...

Male? A validation.

Erika: Yeah, like does Bill feel like he's doing work in Maine? He's reviewing a lot of reports. Is that a value for the parties? Are the parties giving him direction to say, "You know what? We're not comfortable in this area. Bill, can you do it?" You know, he's great. He's very knowledgeable, but are we using him to the best potential that we can? By we, I mean collectively all of us, like you guys.

Todd: Just to be clear, you're looking for some feedback or some assurances? I'm looking at Natalie. You've raised some concerns on this, I think more related to the water license hearing so it's subtly different. No, it's not even subtly, it's entirely different than the concern you're raising here.

Erika: I guess I like to do things subtle and take people on a flowery path really to get to the same point. I mean that's one...yeah where there has been some confusion of what Bill's role has been. It'd be nice as we move into this next phase when plans are coming out. You said priority is the site-wide plans. Yeah, let's use Bill then if there is value, if people really use him in the way he could be used. Or if he's not valuable and

people just want to focus on their organization....You know moving forward, what's the plan?

Todd: You're looking for some feedback from the parties towards this validation, or explaining how we use him, or something that says, "This is worth the investment."

Erika: Yeah, I'm curious. But also I think it's for you all to reconsider if we're using Bill to the best effort that we can. Bill's time is valuable. Is the work he is doing of use?

Todd: Sure.

Erika: Yeah.

Natalie: I was just going to suggest that since Bill is the Technical Advisor to the working group, we can put that on an agenda item so everyone has a head's up to think about that. Then we can probably...it's almost 4:00. Anyway, I think it's great. I think we do need to have that discussion, but let's defer to a working group, if that's okay with you.

Kathy: I was going to suggest the same thing. We're thinking a lot. Let's make that an action item to put that on an agenda for a working group meeting.

Erika: Then also, Natalie is going to speak to a number of areas where we feel we are moving towards reconciliation, but I think hitting it direct-on we haven't really done. We haven't said, "YKDFN, North Slave Métis, let's have a meeting and talk about this specifically." So that's something that we haven't done, but it is very much something that we haven't forgotten about, and we do talk about it often. It's just how to do that. We've talked about in the past that GMOB could help facilitate that. Ben has talked about art programs, looking at that. So that's one area.

Moving on to successes, I think the work you guys have done on the research program in defining the structure and the process – good job. We know the public is interested in that, so seeing progress is great.

Successes: You know, really with our water license, our Closure Plan, we talked about it before. There is a lot of alignment and agreement on the Closure Plan as it is now. It's these fine process details. It is the fine details that we're going to grind out next week. I think that's awesome, and part of that, being part of the Closure Objectives and Criteria Team, I feel there is success in that, the work that we did at the workshop, the work on that and reaching an agreement on 90% of those criteria with a few under development. That's great.

Finally to see a movement on the access agreement with the City, all those are big wins. We had a great borrow engagement session. It felt like we were all in it together

as a team, and that's how I feel with the Perpetual Care Plan too. Like Michael said, it's not us and them. It was very much, what are we doing? Then we're all in this together, in the words of Jessica. That's great. I'm happy to be part of all of this with all of you.

The priorities: The stress study is really a priority, and that's something I'm trying to help lead and push along. There is still a lot of work on that, so that's a priority. Communicating risks is something that that GNWT has taken a lead role because the mandate of our departments in GNWT play on that, so thank you everyone for being part of that, and we'll continue those discussions monthly.

The priority is socio-ec. We've done a lot of work on that, and there is more to come. But just the track record last year of having around 80% of the contracts going to Northern Indigenous businesses, and about 15% going to Northern business out of 15 contracts. That's great, and it shows that things are working. To continue to be on that track record is something we need to work on and to really work this action plan that we're going to have meetings on next week. Everyone's voice is welcome there, and everyone has their own skills to offer. Again, I really see that as a team effort. We heard a lot from the City on that. So I just look forward to doing that next week.

Perpetual Care, we've heard that's a priority. Alex, especially is doing a fantastic job pushing that along. Part of that is emergency plans and records management. That's something that for this year is a priority to get a handle on wow, there's a lot of records out there. Also, there are a lot of emergency communications plans, but we need to get a handle on that so people know where they sit with those plans.

So that's a few things. I'll just go this good news story that I alluded to in the beginning. I'll just quickly hand it off to Alex to tell you about some work that Mike Palmer is doing. It isn't specifically related to Giant, but there are always linkages. I'll hand it off to you, Alex.

Alex: Mike Palmer is working on some risk assessment work around garden produce. With the HHERA, the garden produce was not looked at as part of that risk assessment, because CanNor heard at that time that people use imported soil or compost from the Yellowknife facility. They looked at soil samples of imported soils, as well as samples from the composting facility. They found the chemical composition was similar to background, so they didn't look at garden produce.

So Mike Palmer's shop as well as Iris Koch from the Royal Military College are looking at doing a more comprehensive assessment of soils in the area and looking at if there is any risk to people consuming vegetables grown in those gardens. This is upcoming.

I don't know if we ever spoke to this, but as part of the offsite risk assessment, we heard from the NWT Federation of Labour that there were concerns with highway

worker exposure along the stretch of highway around Giant. We've asked CanNorth to do a separate memo risk assessment looking at whether or not there are any concerns in those areas. That will also be coming sometime this summer or spring.

Kathy: Questions for the GNWT? Go ahead, Ken.

Ken H: Just a couple of questions so I get the numbers right: You said the 2019 contracts were 80% Northern Indigenous, 15% Northern?

Erika: It was around there. We can provide those numbers exactly and the contract amounts. We've shared that in the ledger as well. We had some questions on that. It is in the Annual Report, which I have here actually. But yeah, it's around that.

Ken H: Okay, it's close enough.

Erika: It around in the 80s and the teens, and then I know 3% is southern.

Ken H: The other question was about the garden produce study. Obviously, it's probably a non-question, but there was a lot of work done in the past on that in the 1990s, RMC, and all that work, and even garden studies in the 1970s of CPHA.

Erika: It's actually the same woman, isn't it?

Alex: The work that Mike is doing is with Iris who was involved in that work in 2001 looking at garden produce.

Erika: Just to add to that, we've made sure that folks sitting on the GNWT Agricultural Strategy are aware of that and to make sure they are linked in that. They're moving forward on implementing that strategy, and we just want to make sure that the right people know what's going on. That work will obviously inform that, and I know that YKDFN has been looking at having community gardens using native soil, and that's also one of the drivers for that.

Ken H: And if you're around House #200 at the lakeshore at Giant, most of the soil in that garden came from the V-lake road.

David: Just briefly, so Erika you talked about the stress study. I've heard that you're planning to leave in May, and I just want to say that's adding to our stress a great deal.

(Laughter)

Erika: Yeah, my departure date is May 15th. I'll be in Sri Lanka in June if anyone is around in the area, but Diep has been playing a more active role in Giant. She will be sitting with us at the table at the public hearings. We're happy to have Diep officially on board as

a director. That happened a few months ago. Then Alex will be taking over my position for the year, and we'll be looking to backfill Alex. Yeah, there's a lot of confidence in these guys carrying my torch. They're probably quieter than I am.

(Laughter)

Anyway, I'll be returning May 14th, 2021.

Kathy: Thanks very much, Erika. Are there any more questions for the GNWT?

(Pause)

Then we'll go to Natalie. You're on.

Government of Canada Update

Natalie: Great, thank you. I'll follow along similarly with the issues, concerns, successes. So starting with issues as they relate to the Environmental Agreement, I think I have two – or the Project Team has two – that we just will mention here. Both of them have to do with deadlines.

One is the Annual Report, getting that in a timely manner to meet the deadline as specified in the Agreement. We have a lot of struggles to meet that deadline. It might seem that October 1st is a lot of time to get in our previous fiscal year, but as you've known, we have asked for an extension the past two years. We struggle to make that deadline. Our fiscal year ends March 31st. Then we have to get all our data in from our contractors, so getting data in from contractors is not always a timely process. Then compiling all that data and analyzing it, and then writing a report – that's one of our biggest issues is making that deadline.

To add to it, we now have a Francophone ADM who approves it, and it must be translated for him to review. So that adds to our timelines. Translation was about six weeks this year, so that was why we add it to the extension. So it's not us not trying to get it in on time. We just struggle with making that deadline. We will continue to meet it, but it's a struggle for us.

The second issue that I have identified to talk to you today is relating to timelines again. It's the Perpetual Care Plan. We are due to have a draft report to GMOB in June of this year, so I know we have talked about it and what it looks like with what leeway we have. We will have a draft report. What that is, we're struggling – I don't want to say we're struggling, because we're not – but it won't be a final report. Absolutely it will be draft probably, and I think all the parties have agreed that's okay. So again, I'll

just bring that up that people are working hard on it. We've struck the Task Force. We might get you a badge, Michael. I don't know.

(Laughter)

It is on our radar, and we are working. But having a substantial draft...it might not be a substantial draft for the June deadline, but there will be something. I'll just leave it to that, if anyone else has any comments on those two concerns for us.

Kathy: Yeah, I think we talked about that at the Perpetual Care Planning Workshop, and it seemed not to be a big deal for everybody. It was understood.

Todd: A question to GMOB then: Sitting on the Perpetual Care Task Force, would you like some sort of... The deadline is written in, and I know why it is written in. It's to ensure action. But in the short term, do you need correspondence to help your deliberations on whether to trigger anything at that? I agree with Natalie that there is traction there. It's moving, and it's just not going to meet that timeline, but for Perpetual Care, I don't think that's a critical issue. But ultimately recognizing that it's your decision, is there something that the Task Force could provide that helps you with whatever deliberations you have -?

Kathy: I think we'll have to take that away and think about that as a Board.

Todd: Send it back to us?

Kathy: Yeah. I'm not sure what the formal process piece of that is. I'm not concerned about it, yeah. We'll have to figure that out.

Todd: And Natalie, I'm hearing the issue with the report deadline. This Agreement has to work for you as well. So there's trouble. If we were to say - and you have a pretty good sense of what other peoples' interests are - if October 1st or 31st, that doesn't work, recognizing other people's interests, if you had your druthers, what would you suggest there?

Natalie: Not conferring with the people who write it who are on the phone right now, we've asked for a four-week extension, and a six-week... in that timeframe. But I have heard also it affects GMOB's ability to write their report so we have to be conscious of that as well. So an extra month or two would certainly help us.

Todd: This is one of those things that a third-party audit would be an ideal opportunity to consider.

Kathy: Yeah, and even the content and what that report is really about, especially given that now there will be a water license and annual report, so we may want to dissect a bit

more about what's in that report, what it should focus on, and what is duplicative. David?

David: You mentioned that it took six weeks for translation. I wonder if the solution might be to give us the English version. Well, I don't think it's going to change during translation. I doubt it anyhow. Informally, we'll keep it to ourselves, but that way you can keep to the schedule and allow for translation. You can release it formally in December.

Natalie: I think we tried that two years ago. The problem is it is a draft and not approved at that point. Now when we gave you the draft two years ago, it was approved, just not translated. This is going to our ADM who is the Project sponsor, so he wants it in French. So he has not approved it. I think we'd have trouble releasing that. It would be an unapproved draft.

Chris: Natalie is correct in that the ADM wants to read the French version.

Kathy: Okay, Natalie, continue.

Natalie: Sorry. So that was it in terms of issues or concerns to bring forward to GMOB. The rest of it, I think most of it you've heard. You hear us speak all the time. I don't know. I'm just looking at my list.

In terms of successes, obviously the water license process hopefully will be a success, but to date it has been a success as well. We've managed to keep to the timelines of the Board. We think that has been a success. We had over 900 comments come in and managed to turn those around in – I look at Erika – 30 days.

The criteria workshop we held with them, we thought was very successful. The borrow workshop we had recently, the QRA process actually is probably the highlight of that success as well. It has been an extremely successful process going into something that was unknown and never been done before. That report will be coming out next month in February, and we'll have a report out. So far, it's successful, and we expect it to continue.

We struck the PCP Task Force. You already heard about that, as well as the Socio-Ec Advisory Board and Working Groups have been a success. They are up and running.

In terms of priorities, a lot of these continue to be our priorities as well. Obviously getting a water license is our number one priority. Also the stress study has gotten some really good traction to date, and it's obviously a priority for the coming year along with Aquatics Engagement. We've committed to doing quite a bit of work. We're calling it Aquatics now. You might have also heard it called Baker Creek Engagement, but it's a little bit broader than that and includes Yellowknife Bay. So we're going to

call it Aquatics Engagements going forward. And the Perpetual Care Plan and Task Force are some of our priorities going forward. I'll ask on the phone if I missed anything that you guys would like to highlight.

Chris: Natalie hit on most of the items. I do want to point out that we are still care and maintaining this site. There is some general work that we will have to do next year with upgrades to the mine – ventilation and some few little other upgrades that keep the site in somewhat of a good shape until we can actually get to remediation.

Also finalizing our design and cost estimates for several of the major remedial pillars and concepts, we will continue to work on as we approach mediation.

Kathy: Okay, thanks. Any questions for the CIRNAC team?

(Pause)

No. Saving them all up for next week. Don't worry. Then we'll move on. We're next up.

GMOB Update

Kathy: We're next up. Of course this morning we gave you our list of activities, so we won't tell you that. I'll just spend two minutes.

Most of the successes that other people have talked about today I would echo. I think the water license process to date has been successful. It has evolved over time. It feels like conversations got more and more constructive as we went on. I feel like I have a lot of experience in a lot of processes, and it feels like the processes are working exactly as intended and are on time. So, yeah, I think that's great. That goes to everybody's hard work here.

Successes for us is all the work we got done getting the Research Program running and all those agreements signed. That was a lot of work for folks in our organization, so I'm very excited about that.

The progress on the Perpetual Care Plan: I mean we just had the one meeting, but the process associated with that with Andy and the interviews and all of that, I thought it was a great start. The feeling in the room there with everyone working together seemed really positive, so I have high hopes for that.

The risk communication work that the GNWT has been doing with the offsite legacy has been good. I haven't been able to attend all the meetings, but I appreciated the sustained effort. Poor Alex has big shoes to fill on that front.

Almost getting the resolution about the boat launch seems to be going well. I can see that as a success. And for ourselves, too, I'm going to give a shout-out to Ben for getting on that legacy documentation, a lot of legacy stuff, a lot of documents, etcetera. Getting that on the website is a big achievement.

In terms of concerns, we kind of have the same ones. The socio-ec is still on our list of things to be concerned about. Communicating about our own Research Program, as we have said, is something that is not a concern...well, it's a work in progress. It's part of our priorities going forward.

Working on the stress study is another priority going forward and the independent evaluation I guess this year. The water license process is both a success and a challenge always to keep up. It has been a lot of work. We feel very fortunate that we had Paul Green working for us, because otherwise yeah, I'd probably be under this table and not sitting up at it. Anything else to add from my Board members? I just put that list together myself, because we didn't have time to do it together.

(Pause)

Okay, any further questions for us? Michael.

Michael: Again, GMOB has been very useful to me in the work that I have been attempting to do here. Is there anything that we are not doing that might assist you in furthering your work?

Kathy: Wow. The note from Ken Froese is 'ask for whisky'.

(Laughter)

That was for the delayed Annual Report to make us not feel so bad about it. I'll have to think about that. We often think about going out. I think what has been helpful are the various conversations that we have like the coffee meetings and those kinds of regular discussions. Even some of you sometimes just call me to talk about things, and I find that really helpful. Then I know what's going on, and I think that helps all of us. Even those informal communications are helpful, because it's really hard to read everything, to get a pulse feeling from those communications. Anything else from Board members or Ben?

Ben: Just a constant reminder. I think it was Jess who talked about the traditional land use study that is being done. That totally fell off my radar that you were doing that. So keeping us informed of these types of studies and meetings, etcetera, and any correspondence that you feel is appropriate for us to be cc' on. We keep a running file of all of those issues. Our Board members, because they are part-time, managing them to see who can come to certain meetings but also knowing that each one of them has

an area of expertise or an area of interest that they cover, making sure that they get that information and everybody is informed, is really important for us. So the more sharing that is done at that level, the better. Thank you.

Jess: If I can add, I guess I can definitely agree with what Ben is saying. That is something that I've really loved noticing with the working group is whenever we have submissions, I like that everybody goes, "Here's my presentation," even though we all know it's going to be on the website the next day. It's a nice collaboration and FYI practice that I've noticed and appreciate.

I guess it comes back to David's question to me and restating NSMA's priorities in this process. It is something that I assume has already been established and discussed in the past, because this Project has been going on so long, so it's good to be reminded that sometimes there is a lot of change, a lot of evolution, and this is a massive undertaking. These questions and these answers change sometimes, so thank you for bringing that back up. It gives me things to think about and questions to rehash with leadership to make sure that everything is clear and you guys have the answers that you need.

Agenda Item 7: Reconciliation Issues & Actions

Kathy: Okay, if there is nothing else on that, we'll move on to the next agenda item. I think you had something to speak to there, Natalie? I'll let you start.

Natalie: Great. Thank you. I'll look to Erika to support me on this one as well. So I think this agenda item was put on so we don't lose sight of it, and we can all report on what we've done. I think one of the key activities is keeping the apology and compensation for the YKDFN on our regional offices' radar. We've always said it's outside the scope of this Project. I still 100% stand behind that. With that being said, we can certainly push from behind. So making awareness is what we were able to do, and I think we've been successful in that right. There is funding on both sides working on it, so as you heard from Jason earlier, it is going. So I'm quite happy to not have to keep pushing from behind anymore, and it is going. I think that is one of our key ones.

Another one that is really, really....it's the stress study. We heard from the Yellowknives that they wanted to run the study and to have a more active role in it than I think we originally thought. So the evolution of it I think has been quite evident to this table that it is a key item in terms of working towards reconciliation with the Yellowknives. So we're willing to support that along to meet both of our objectives, ours obviously from the EA measures, but theirs from that perspective as well.

I'm going to leave a couple of these items to you to speak to, Erika, because they are more on yours.

Of course, we've always said that reconciliation be achieved through socio-ec. Erika – you gave all our stats from last year, so I think there is success in that. We're doing well on the economic front. I think we've demonstrated some good success, so obviously we're going to keep that in the forefront going forward when we get to remediation, obviously a key objective of the Project.

The Perpetual Care Plan development and incorporating Traditional Knowledge...and then the last one that I'm working on personally in my unit is creating a position within the Giant Mine Project for an Indigenous person, and I specifically have a Yellowknives member that I would like to hire into that and use it to encourage development coming onto the Project full-time. So hopefully that will come by the end of this fiscal. Then I'll pass it over to Erika, because a number of these items are yours as well.

Erika: We've talked about it already, but the education piece is great news just that you have finished your TK study. Now there's information that we can include from NSMA in a number of our documents, but also specifically on the education piece for the Métis to tell their story as well. Thanks to Alex for moving that along, and we continue to with Ben and others.

We've talked about a future terminology workshop. We've seen in the stress study how the Weledeh language is being incorporated into the survey. So we sort of talked about that at the working group of a future terminology workshop not only for Project terms or from the Project perspective, but to allow other organizations to benefit from to apply to other work that we all do. So that's something that YKDFN are looking to move along. They have a structure for it and funding. That's really how they see them engaging in helping us with reconciliation through that.

I don't know what triggered it, but I ended up getting a poster for our office on the 150 Acts of Reconciliation. Actually one of the women who was part of writing that was in town, and she hand-delivered it. I was looking at it this morning, and there are small ways that we can all do that. It's just a reminder of what we can do again.

Todd and I briefly talked about the fact that there is a reconciliation person at the City...

Todd: Not anymore.

Erika: So, not. There was exploring of that. Now we'll have to explore somewhere else.

Just the communications that we talked about. Kynyn – she had brought it up. Kynyn works with YKDFN if anyone doesn't know. She had talked about using art and an art grant, applying through the NWT Arts Council to look at ways to communicate. So

there is opportunity to explore reconciliation through that and what Giant is. Anyone can tell their story through that. That's something that we're happy to explore more with these guys and the folks that we started having those conversations with.

Then just risk communications in general and that GNWT is leading and connecting the right people with each other. So having our health folks go meet with YKDFN staff and understand what they need to improve. We've changed our Frequently Asked Questions. The website is different now. The questions are structured differently. So yeah, Jess, you haven't really been involved in those conversations yet, but we look forward to working with you and your crew over that on that.

These are a few things, but like I said before, having that direct conversation about what more we can do is something that is very much a priority.

Kathy: Great. Thank you. Anybody else have anything to add? I did see the City had their tents out there on Franklin Avenue for a while in the summer, didn't they? Of course, I always forgot to go. No? It's got nothing to do with reconciliation?

Use the mic. No, right in front of the post office there was a big tent, a reconciliation tent. No? It was like a tent or table – I thought it was the City of Yellowknife talking to residents as they walked by about reconciliation and what it meant. Maybe I dreamt the whole thing and then just giving you credit for something...Oh, Jess is saying I'm not crazy. Anyway, you don't know anything about it. That's fine. Sorry.

Okay, on our front, we made a commitment to look more carefully at some of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission statements and try to figure out how to do better. Unfortunately, we have not done that. I think our biggest contribution though, is the library of historical information to try to have that information available for the historical record and what that can bring to reconciling with the legacy of Giant Mine.

Anything else to add? Jess, please.

Jess: Natalie, can you just explain a little bit more of the role of this new team member that you're hoping to bring on?

Natalie: Sure. I was approached by the Yellowknife Dene who wanted to come work on Giant, which in itself is great. We don't get a lot of that. So we're going to bring him on and explore where he would fit. He can link both the traditional with the technical, so I'm calling it a developmental position though it's more of a capacity to move him within our engagement team, regulatory team, and technical team to explore where he would like to develop or where he thinks he would fit best.

Originally he expressed interest in the engagement side, but then he found out about the technical side and likes that too. So it's more to link us with the Indigenous

community, and he can link the Traditional Knowledge with the technical, as well as obviously help our team. But we're just going to explore where his interests lie and perhaps develop him into....I don't know....engagement manager, engineer on the Project. We're going to see where that goes and develop a developmental plan. If it all plays out, that's my plan. Hope that answers your question. Thank you.

Kathy: Okay, folks. Nobody identified any additional agenda items at the beginning of the meeting. Did you think of something that you really need to talk about? No?

Okay, I think we already said our next meeting of the Semi-Annual Meeting will be in May. Again, we'll try to get back on that schedule. So I just want to say good luck to everyone in the next couple of weeks. Good luck in the sense of having the stamina to sit through five days of hearings, but we'll all be in it together. I hear the weather is supposed to be better next week, and we'll all be wanting to escape. It could be the weatherman is lying. He does that a lot.

Are there any last comments from anybody? David?

David: It's not directly related to this, but we're meeting with the Vice President of Research for Wilfred Laurier University and the President of the University at about 5:00 to 5:15 if anybody is interested in talking research and what Wilfred Laurier is up to. It's an open invitation.

Kathy: Okay, sold. If there are no further comments, I just want to thank everyone for coming and sharing. These are always really great, interesting conversations. It was kind of fun actually. So thank you. With that, I'll ask for someone to make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Todd: I'll make that motion.

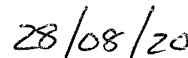
Kathy: Okay, and the seconder? Seconded by Gordon.

Alright, thanks everyone. Good night. Thanks for your patience on the phone too.

MEETING ADJOURNED



David Livingstone
Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board



Date

Motions

1. **Motion: Moved:** Natalie Plato moved to approve the agenda.
Seconded: Erika Nyyssonen
Motion carried.
2. **Motion: Moved:** Michael Nabert moved to approve the Semi – Annual Minutes of May 1, 2019
Seconded: Erika Nyyssonen
Motion carried.
3. **Motion: Moved:** Todd Slack moved to adjourn the meeting
Seconded: Gordon Hamre
Motion carried.

Action Items

1. GNWT to update the Parties on progress of the Giant Mine educational module. (pg.4)
2. GNWT to report on the progress of discussions with Newmont regarding information needs for the Offsite Contamination Initiative. (pg.7)
3. GMOB and YKDFN to arrange meeting with YKDFN Leadership to update them on status of the GMOB Research Program (pg. 9)
4. YKDFN to share the update on their Socio-Economic Survey and its results to help inform the proposed Stress Survey. (pg. 31)
5. Project Team to meet with GMOB to discuss the delivery date for the GMRP Annual Report. (Pg. 47)
6. Project Team to meet with GMOB to discuss the delivery date for the Perpetual Care Plan. (pg.48)

