

**GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD (GMOB)
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE PARTIES TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT
May 18, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (MT) Janvier Boardroom, Explorer Hotel**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present	Kathy Racher GMOB, Ken Hall GMOB, David Livingstone GMOB, Ginger Stones GMOB, Tony Brown GMOB, Ben Nind (ED GMOB), Letitia Pokiak (Administrator GMOB), Erika Janes (AN), Gordon Hamre (AN), Lisa Dyer (GNWT), Erika Nyssonen (GNWT), Shin Shiga (NSMA), William Lines (YKDFN), Johanne Black (YKDFN), Natalie Plato (INAC), Mayor Mark Heyck (City of YK), Dennis Kefalas (City of YK), Ken Landa (Legal Counsel INAC), Caitlynn Beckett (Masters Student, Memorial University)
Regrets:	Stephan Gabos GMOB

GMOB Chair Kathy Racher called the meeting at 9:12 a.m. Quorum for the meeting was met.

1. WELCOME BY INTERIM CHAIR, DR. KATHLEEN RACHER

The Parties were welcomed to the first Semi-Annual of the Giant Mine Oversight Body Society (GMOBS). Round Table introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

No agenda changes.

3. MEETING ORGANIZATION

- Appointment of Kathy Racher as Chair for the Semi-Annual meeting.
- Secretariat Function to be carried out by the GMOB Administrator.

4. GIANT MINE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT (EA) OVERVIEW:

Ken Landa, Counsel, Justice Canada presented an overview of the formation of GMOBS, it's and the role of the Parties and Board to the Society.

5. ROUND TABLE UPDATE FROM EACH OF THE PARTIES:

- **Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN)** – YKDFN is actively engaged with the Giant Mine Remediation Project. Recent activities have included an invitation to sit on the Evaluation Committee for the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) contract. They are also involved in the Surface Design Engagement (SDE) and are currently reviewing options for the tailings and onsite dust mitigation. An invitation was extended for GMOB to observe the Giant Mine Advisory Committee (GMAC) meetings.
- **North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA)** –NSMA participated in the SDE process and is also an active party to the Giant Mine Working Group (GMWG).
- **City of Yellowknife** – The City schedules meetings with the Project Team on a monthly basis. They participated at the SDE process. The City water issues are at the forefront and involve questions about arsenic contamination. Communication is a key tool at this time for the City.
- **Alternatives North (AN)** – AN continues to give voice to public concerns. Involved with GMWG and the recent SDE process. They are an active member of the GMWG.

- **Government of Canada** –As a Co-Proponent on the Project Team provided an update regarding engagement and planned onsite work to be completed this year.
- **Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)** – as a Co-Proponent they shared in the Project Team update.

6. GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD (GMOB):

- Establishment of the GMOB:** The Executive Director position was filled in February 2016. The Administrator transferred from the Environment Division of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), GNWT to GMOB in April 2015. The office became functional as of May 2016 and will establish the informational displays in the office throughout the summer. The official opening of the office is scheduled for September 2016.
- Work Plan and Budget 2016-2017:** GMOB is developing a list of key deliverables. These include the review of documents as well as participation in workshops, community meetings and events related to the Project.
- Research Program:** the GMOB Research program will focus on the underground arsenic trioxide. The program will begin by conducting a State of Knowledge Report. A request for proposals (RFP) is currently being developed with the expectation that the Report will be completed by March 2017 after which a research strategy will be established.
 - Two research proposals have been received by GMOB and will be referred to the State of Knowledge Report.
 - The Project Team raised the issue of having received requests for arsenic samples. It was suggested that there is merit for an informal working group to look at this issue but that the Project Team, with its expertise, can act on requests. The decision to release any arsenic trioxide samples remains the responsibility of the Project Team whose accessible arsenic inventory is limited.

Action item: Tony Brown (GMOB) to send the Project Team’s “Final Report: Arsenic Trioxide Management Alternatives (December 2002)” to the City of Yellowknife.

Action item: Explore the establishment of a working group with GMOB and the Project Team to handle interim research proposals and requests for arsenic trioxide samples.

- Schedule of Required Meetings:** GMOB outlined the meeting requirements laid out in the Environmental Agreement (EA) as follows;
 - May 2016, September, Semi-Annual; section 9.1
 - September 2016, public AGM, NWT Societies Act
 - September 2016, Co-Proponents and public; section 3.4(d)
 - October 2016, GMOB and Parties; section 9.1
 - November 2016, GMOB and public; section 5.5

Action item: To merge as much as possible the scheduled meetings in late October and early November 2016 and communicate proposed dates to the Parties.

Break from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

- e. Public participation and engagement:** GMOB provided information for possible activities and Committees that the organization can potentially be involved with.
- i. The Giant Mine Advisory Committee (GMAC) is run by YKDFN consisting of seven members from YKDFN, ranging from local business owners, hunters/trappers, to youth and elders. The Project Team attends and input is provided by the YKDFN Community Liaison on YKDFN's behalf. GMAC meets usually the third Thursday of every month. GMOB is invited to observe.
 - ii. The Giant Mine Working Group (GMWG) is convened by the Project Team. It is attended by all the Parties. The Committee retains the services of an independent technical advisor, Bill Slater. Also attending is Fisheries and Oceans, Health Canada and Environment Canada and Public Works Canada. GMWG minutes are shared with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board. GMOB is invited to observe.
 - iii. Communicating with Future Generations (CFG) meet once a month. The Committee is established to generate ideas on how to communicate the Giant Mine legacy with future generations. An associated Toxic Legacies Project is being coordinated by Lakehead University and Memorial University. The GNWT has allocated funds for interpretive signs to be placed at a pullout on the bypass road. GMOB has been observing these meetings.
 - iv. The Giant Mine Community Alliance (GMCA) was formed to include community organizations but has not been well attended recently.

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Action item: CFG terms of reference and interpretive signage workshop details to be forwarded to GMOB and the Parties.

Action item: GMCA information to be forwarded to GMOB and the Parties.

- v. The GNWT stated that a Legacy Contaminates Committee has been formed to coordinate information sharing between GNWT Departments. There is currently no resident expert or formal program within the GNWT to address arsenic health effects.
- vi. The City of Yellowknife spoke about the importance of clear messaging needed by the GNWT in regard to the off-lease contamination issues. The City is presently fielding these questions.
- vii. YKDFN shared that they are in partnership with a research team taking core sediment samples from Yellowknife Bay and expressed that the results will be important to the City and the GNWT.
- viii. GMOB stated that clear messaging from the Project Team and the GNWT is needed as the public is asking questions about health and safety concerns associated with offsite contamination issues.

Action item: GNWT to share Legacy Contaminants Committee information and initiatives with GMOB.

- f. **Communications:** GMOB is currently drafting a formal communication plan. The GMOB office is planning public displays for interactive use and school outreach programs. The

GMOB website will be developed this summer and the formal Open House is scheduled for September 2016.

YKDFN stated that through the Communicating with Future Generations Committee (CFG) they are involved with curriculum development for Grade 10 as part of the Toxic Legacies Project and invited GMOB to look at this program.

INAC asked if the GMOB office could host job information and enquiries for their General Contractor in the future.

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- g. Administrative and Governance Policies:** GMOB Administrative Policies are finalized, and the Governance policies are in draft form. Giant Mine Oversight Body Society (GMOBS) will be used for corporate matters and Giant Mine Oversight Board (GMOB) will be the public face. There is no need to amend the Environmental Agreement or to change the name of the Society in this regard. The Chair asked the Parties if there were any objections to this and there were none.

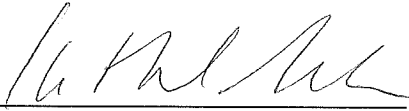
7. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

- a.** The Project Team stated that the freeze optimization study is being finalized. A presentation on the design has been provided to GMWG and will be shared with GMOB and all Parties.
- b.** Ginger Stones (GMOB) raised a number of issues about information presented by presenters/contractors at the recent Real Property Institute of Canada Conference in Montreal.
- Flooding of the mine
 - Leach testing for tailings concrete
 - Temperature optimization options for the freeze program.
 - Need to ensure that there were consistent messages coming from the project Team and the contractors/consultants alike.

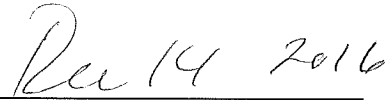
8. NEXT MEETING/NEXT STEPS:

The next meeting needs to be scheduled. All Parties will be contacted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Dr. Kathy Racher
Chair
Giant Mine Oversight Body Society



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