

**GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD (GMOB)
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARTIES
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, 2:00 p.m. (MT)
Northern United Place, 5403 Franklin Ave., Yellowknife NT**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present	Chair Kathy Racher (GMOB), Ken Hall (GMOB), Ginger Stones (GMOB), Tony Brown (GMOB), David Livingstone (GMOB), Ben Nind (GMOB Executive Director), Letitia Pokiak (GMOB Office Administrator), Andrew Robinson (AN), Erika Nyssonen (GNWT), Shin Shiga (NSMA), William Lines (YKDFN), Johanne Black (YKDFN), Natalie Plato (INAC), Sharon Low (INAC), Mayor Mark Heyck (City of YK)
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GMOB Chair Kathy Racher called the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Quorum for the meeting was met.

1. WELCOME BY INTERIM CHAIR DR. KATHLEEN RACHER

The GMOB Chair welcomed the Parties to the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Parties.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda reviewed and approved.

Motion: Natalie Plato moved to approve the Agenda.

Seconded: Johanne Black

Moved.

3. MEETING ORGANIZATION

- a. **Appointment of Chair:** Dr. Kathy Racher appointed Chair of the Semi-Annual meeting.
- b. **Meeting Records/Secretariat Function:** GMOB to serve as Secretariat of the Semi –Annual meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MAY 18, 2016

The Action Items from the previous semi-meeting were reviewed and the ones listed below required further attention.

- *Action Item 2.* It was agreed that further discussion regarding access to sample arsenic trioxide would take place once the GMOB Research program was closer to being operational.
- *Action Item 4.* It was agreed that Natalie Plato will update the Giant Mine Working Group (GMWG) Terms of Reference and forward it to GMOB and all Parties.
- *Action item 7.* It was agreed that the GNWT will provide information about the GNWT’s Legacy Contaminants Committee and provide it to GMOB and the Parties.
- *Action Item 8.* GNWT is providing background material for curriculum development regarding Giant Mine and the YKDFN is seeking funds to review the curriculum. This curriculum development partnership will approach the Department of Education, Culture and Employment GNWT in early 2017. The information will be shared with GMOB as the process continues.
- *Action item 9.* GMOB will produce and disseminate its own materials and direct inquires to the appropriate contacts.

- *Action item 10.* Discussion took place regarding the public communication role of GMOB. The Project Team was encouraged to consider its own storefront and to provide public web access to all information regarding the Project. The GNWT offered to examine their ability to post project information. The NWT Archives was mentioned as a possible repository.

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YKDFN asked INAC and GNWT about access to the data collected by contractor for the Human Health Risk Assessment. They responded that all reports are public documents and would be provided upon request.

Action item: INAC and GNWT to prepare a list of all of the reports used for the HHRA and distribute them upon request.

Action item: GMOB to change all AANDC reference in the Minutes to INAC for future meeting minutes.

Motion: Mark moved to approve the meeting minutes.

Seconded: Erika Nyyssonen.

Moved.

Break from 3:16 to 3:32 p.m.

5. ROUND TABLE UPDATE FROM EACH OF THE PARTIES

YELLOWKNIVES DENE FIRST NATION (YKDFN) is actively involved and engaged with the Project. They appreciate the activity of GMOB. YKDFN requested that the Air Quality Monitoring be a priority of the GMRP activities.

NORTH SLAVE MÉTIS ALLIANCE (NSMA) are in the process of appointing a new Director, as Dr. Istvan Gabos had to resign because of health challenges. GMOB had informed NSMA that an individual possessing a background in health would be desirable.

CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE staff and council have been pleased with the establishment of GMOB. The City meets with the Project Team once a month. They participate as regular members on the Giant Mine Working Group as well as on the Health Effects Monitoring Program Advisory Committee.

Questions were raised about the proposed new water intake for the City. The City responded that a number of studies have been conducted over the years and that they were in the process of pulling the data together and that Council will consider the options in late 2017. Presently, the City only draws

water from the Yellowknife Bay as a backup. The City is up to six years away from establishing a new intake line.

YKDFN stated their concern with individuals foraging and marketing medicinal plants from the local area and the necessity to ensure that residents buying these products are not adversely affected. A 2003 study by Dr. Laurie Chan looking at levels of arsenic in bark, sap, leaves, and berries determined that there are high levels of arsenic within the area, and this be considered.

Action item: YKDFN to distribute the 2003 Dr. Laurie Chan environmental arsenic level study to all of the Parties.

ALTERNATIVES NORTH (AN) as a volunteer organization with no operating budget, Alternatives North are pleased to see GMOB established and look forward to progress on a transparent basis.

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA recently released its 2015-2016 Annual Report of the Giant Mine Remediation Project and had received comments from GMOB, to which they would provide a response. The Project Team are working closely with the Treasury Board to put the financial rollover provisions in place. This was not going to be possible for the coming year. In the interim, the Project Team would increase the upcoming Contribution Agreement to cover any unspent research funds.

The Project Team was reminded that the Agreement provided that unspent general operations funds and research program funds are to be carried forward for the GMOB Research program.

Natalie Plato agreed to include the unspent 2016-2017 research and general operations funds in the 2017-2018 contribution agreement and requested that GMOB prepare its upcoming budget and work plan for early in the New Year in order to have time to prepare the Contribution Agreement.

Action Item: GMOB to prepare their 2017-2018 budget, work plan early in the New Year, and meet with INAC to sign the 2017-2018 Contribution Agreement.

Action Item: Natalie Plato, INAC to include the unspent 2016-2017 research and general operations funds into the 2017-2018 contribution agreement.

GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES (GNWT) continues to work with INAC as a co-proponent on the Giant Mine Remediation Project.

6. GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD - Activity Update

Chair, Kathy Racher presented the GMOB AGM Activity Report 2016-2017.

Action item: GMOB Board to consider the invitation by the Project Team to hold their annual public meetings together in early March.

Action item: Item 21, Baker Creek Working Group Advisory Committee and its listing in Appendix 2, to be changed to read as INAC Baker Creek Technical Meeting

YKDFN asked GMOB to make the HHRA study a priority in the near term.

Action item: Project Team to look into possible gaps in the sample cycle for the HHRA.

GMOB asked to share with the Parties what the role of each of the Board Members have assumed.

Action item: GMOB ED to share the roles of the Directors with the Parties.

GMOB encouraged the Parties to share their information. It was noted by GMOB that the Board did not retain expertise in traditional knowledge and that they would rely on YKDFN AND NSMA for input. Communication resources for all of the Parties was identified as being a challenge.

7. GMOB REVIEW OF THE 2015-2016 GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT

Chair, Kathy Racher presented the GMOB review of the 2015-2016 Giant Mine Remediation Project Annual Report. GMOB asked the Parties if they would be providing feedback on the Final Report. The Parties replied that they saw GMOB as the key reviewer but they would consider comments.

8. PROPOSE SCHEDULE AND STRUCTURE FOR THE REVIEW FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Discussion about the proposed schedule and structure for the review of the Project Teams Annual Report took place. GMOB will post the AGM and Semi Annual Meeting Minutes and relevant material on their website. GMOB encourages all of the Parties to begin to plan for how to post their information in a transparent manner.

9. NEXT MEETING/NEXT STEPS

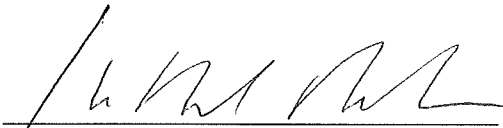
The next meeting scheduled for May 2017.

Motion: Mayor Mark Heyck moved to adjourned the meeting.

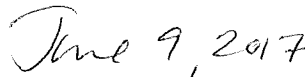
Seconded: Joanne Black

Moved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



Dr. Kathy Racher
Chair
Giant Mine Oversight Board



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