

GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD (GMOB) MEETING
May 14, 2018, 9:00 a.m. (MT)
Northern United Place, Yellowknife NT

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present:	Dr. Kathy Racher, Chair Ken Froese Ken Hall Ginger Stones David Livingstone Ben Nind, Executive Director (ED) Letitia Pokiak, Office Administrator (OA)
Regrets:	Tony Brown

1. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. Quorum was met.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ginger Stones added an item to the GMRPT Meeting agenda item.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was added to the GMOB SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING agenda item.

Motion: Moved: David Livingstone moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded: Ken Froese.

Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF GMOB MEETING MINUTES: April 16, 2018

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Moved: Ginger Stones moved to approve the April 16, 2018 meeting minutes.

Seconded: David Livingstone.

Motion carried.

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Action items from the April 16, 2018 GMOB meeting minutes were reviewed.

Action item 1: in progress.

Action item 2: done.

Action item 3: done.

Action item 4: done.

Action item 5: done.

Action item 6: done.

Action item 7: done.

Action item 8: An update was provided by Ginger. The Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP) renewal is on the agenda for the afternoon meeting with the Project Team. Once FCSAP ends, the responsibility, liability and remediation costs for the respective contaminated sites returns to the

responsible line departments, e.g., CIRNA for Giant and Faro. Ginger Stones will action and draft the Measure 6 letter for review prior to distribution.

Action item 9: done.

Action item 10: in progress.

Action item 11: in progress.

Action item 12: done.

Action item 13: in progress.

Action item 14: in progress.

Action item 15: in progress. Following discussion as to whether an official letter was needed the decision was made to present the map to the PT for now. Official correspondence would be prepared if needed.

An action item list will be distributed by GMOB staff.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Kathy Racher provided an update. She did interviews with Cabin Radio and CKLB. A Yellowknifer article and a Cabin Radio article regarding GMOB was released. A CBC article will also be released on May 15.

6. ROUND TABLE REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS

David Livingstone and Tony Brown attended a TERRE-NET meeting in Waterloo. Ken Froese attended via teleconference. TERRE-NET is committed to building a world class research and engineering team to support GMOB's research program. A follow-up conference call with TERRE-NET will be held in early June and a face-to-face meeting with the research team is being planned for Yellowknife in September. Tony will provide the keynote address at the TERRE-NET AGM in late June in Ottawa.

Action item: ED will get a copy of Tony Brown's TERRE-NET notes and distribute them to the Board.

Ken Froese attended the technical meeting for the Health Effects Monitoring Program Advisory Committee (HEMPAC). Preliminary results of the urine samples will be sent out in June. These urine samples cover only a 3-day period. The toe nail samples will show something different.

Ken Froese and David Livingstone also attended a Legacy Arsenic public meeting held by GNWT and INAC, focused on a human health risk assessment regarding offsite contamination "legacy" exposure. Many people weren't clear on the distinction between onsite and offsite arsenic contamination studies. The meeting was held to interview people on their uses of the land around Yellowknife and to solicit samples of fish from lakes within the "legacy contamination" study area. There was no clarity as to how this study is related to the work of the Interdepartmental Offsite Committee.

Break at 10:55 a.m. Meeting resumed at 11:09 a.m.

7. GMRPT Meeting

Meeting minutes and action items from Nov. 16, 2017 were reviewed and discussed.

The Board noted that several of the action items from the last GMOB-GMRP meeting are being disputed by INAC. The upcoming semi-annual GMRPT meeting will include discussion to resolve the differences of opinion.

The GMRPT Meeting Agenda was reviewed. In its 2015-16 Annual Report, the PT made commitments that remain unfulfilled e.g., documents to be provided to GMOB, and this and other points will be raised at the meeting.

Discussion followed regarding TERRE-NET's request for arsenic samples and the implications of the freeze for sample acquisition for and arsenic trioxide characterization analyses. Ken Hall noted that there were assay sheets in the lab regarding daily arsenic trioxide analyses and the stopes and chambers where the dust was deposited. These assays could be helpful in supporting the TERRE-NET analyses.

Action item: Ken Hall will ask the PT to provide the assay sheets to TERRE-NET.

Action item: Tony Brown and the ED will follow up on the arsenic trioxide data that is being provided by the PT.

8. GMOB SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The agenda for the semi-annual parties meeting was reviewed. The relevant recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission will become a standing agenda item for the semi-annual meetings of the parties.

The TRC draft document by GMOB staff was reviewed and discussed by the Board. More careful thought and consideration by GMOB is required on how to address the TRC recommendations within the GMOB mandate, particularly since an holistic approach to reconciliation is needed, including the local socioeconomics aspect.

Discussion occurred around contracts and penalties for not following through with what is in the Main Construction Manager (MCM) contract, e.g. incentives for hiring Aboriginal employees, and using local businesses.

Board members expressed the concern about a lack of a coherent holistic approach to the socioeconomic aspects of the Project.

Action item: Ginger Stones will draft a letter to the Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and the GNWT Minister for Industry Tourism and Investment (ITI), regarding the socioeconomic baseline and strategy related to the spending on the GMRP, and to recommend that the two Ministers work together to address this pressing issue. The Premier of the NWT, the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) of Frame Lake and the Parties to the Environmental Agreement are to be copied.

Meeting postponed at 12:30 p.m., to resume on the morning of May 16, 2018 at 10 a.m.

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The meeting continued at 10:27 a.m. on May 16, 2018. Chair Kathy Racher and Tony Brown were unable to attend. Ken Froese chaired the meeting, quorum was met.

9. GMOB ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting was recorded will be transcribed and be made available to the public upon request. Questions and concerns raised by the public were wide ranging, including the need for plain language educational materials, the importance of an apology and compensation to YKDFN members, the inadequate use of Traditional Knowledge (TK) in Project remediation planning, and the issue of contaminated soils in Ndilo.

Action item: Each director is to identify key messages raised at the public meeting.

Action item: Ginger Stones will draft a letter to the CIRNA Yellowknife RDG regarding the contaminated soils in Ndilo, and the need for warning signage. The NWT Premier and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) Chiefs are to be copied.

The water licence review by GMOB is also to be considered. Pre-engagement by the PT for the water licence starts this May, through to January 2019.

Action item: Chair Kathy Racher is to finalize the letter to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB), regarding an interim water licence for the Project.

With regard to Measure 6, long term funding, the PT will hold a meeting on June 11 to discuss the work of the contractor (Deloitte).

Action item: Ginger Stones will draft a letter to the Project Team regarding Deloitte's workplan for Measure 6.

The ED is requesting that a schedule is made regarding when documents are to be received from the PT. Also, the Gantt chart provided by the PT will be revised to make it more understandable. It may have to go back to the PT for validation.

Action item: The ED and Ginger Stones are to simplify and merge the Gantt chart and the Measures tracking documents provided by the PT, to determine a manageable list of timelines and deliverables.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The ED provided a handout and an update regarding recent activities.

A meeting with the auditor and bookkeeper is scheduled for May 17.

Grade 9 science students from Sir John Franklin visited the office for a tour.

The PT has asked to use GMOB's new model for the Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA) engagement. A one-time offer was suggested. It was also suggested to get an electronic panorama done for additional educational applications.

CKLB, Cabin Radio, and the Yellowknifer each reported on GMOB's public meeting.

Bill Braden is writing a paper on local socioeconomics including the implications of the Giant remediation project. The ED will share it once it is available.

11. GMOB OFFICE SPACE LEASE

GMOB's office lease is due, and it is ready for signing by the Chair.

Motion: Moved: David Livingstone moved to approve the new lease agreement.

Seconded: Ken Hall.

Motion carried.

12. GMOB RESEARCH PROGRAM

a. Update

There will be a conference call on the 4th of June to discuss next steps for the September workshop. A budget and an agenda are to be drafted, with collaboration from TERRE-NET administration. It was noted that there are workshops on September 18th-20th for the water licence, which is a week before the planned TERRE-NET workshop in Yellowknife.

Action item: GMOB staff are to book hotel rooms and a boardroom for the TERRE-NET meetings in September.

Action item: ED will call and send out invitations from TERRE-NET to the YKDFN and North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) for the TERRE-NET AGM in June.

Action item: Office Administrator will search for the Indigenous Economic Development Symposium 2018 documentary that aired on CPAC, regarding socioeconomic workforce gaps identified in the Canadian North.

b. Research Proposal – Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT) at Giant Mine

Solomon Amuno of the University of Saskatchewan is proposing to do ERT research at the Giant Mine site. While the project appears to have merit, it is outside GMOB's mandate.

Action item: Ken Froese will draft a response letter to Solomon Amuno, and send it to staff for review prior to distribution.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Ginger drafted a 'Getting Started' document on the socio-economic impacts that will be generated by the remediation of Giant Mine. This document was meant to put some thoughts down, and can be used moving forward. It recommends that PT look at social impact studies done in other situations, to draw on comparisons which may be helpful and used as leverage, and to point out concerns and possibilities. Community well being can be moved positively or negatively by projects of this magnitude and nature.

The performance indicator documents provided by the PT are to be reviewed to determine whether they meet GMOB's needs.

Action item: Ginger Stones will review the performance measures and provide comments to the ED. She will also ask Tony Brown to weigh in on this review.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next semi-annual meetings and GMOB's AGM are tentatively scheduled for the week of Nov. 14-16, 2018. Board responsibilities will be discussed/delegated or changed at that time.

Discussion occurred around GMOB's next report writing. It was suggested that DPRA be engaged, to have a monthly GMOB report meeting, and a stand alone writing workshop.

Action item: ED will approach DPRA regarding next year's report writing and determine a schedule.

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The next GMOB teleconference is to be scheduled for June.

Motion: Moved: David Livingstone moved to adjourn the meeting.


Seconded: Ken Hall.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.



Dr. Kathy Racher
Chair
Giant Mine Oversight Board


Date

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July 06/18

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Seconded: Ken Froese.

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