

Minutes
Giant Mine Oversight Board
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020
Location: GMOB Office

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present:	Dr. Kathy Racher, Chair (via conference call) Ken Hall (via conference call) Dr. Ken Froese (via conference call) Mark Palmer(via conference call) Tony Brown (via conference call) David Livingstone, Chair-elect (via conference call) Ben Nind, Executive Director (ED) Paul Green (Consultant) (via conference call)
Guests	Meera Basnyat, CPA, CGA, EPR Yellowknife Accounting (via conference call)

1. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. Quorum was met.

2. Chairperson Changeover

The Board discussed the transition of the position of the Chairperson and expressed their deep appreciation to Kathy for the work she has done in that capacity for the past five years.

Motion: Moved: T. Brown nominated David Livingstone as the new Chair.

Seconded: K. Racher

Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda.

Motion: Moved: T. Brown moved to approve the agenda with approved amendments.

Seconded: K. Hall

Motion carried.

4. Auditor Report GMOB 2019 Financial Statement

The Auditor reviewed the draft GMOB 2019 Financial Statements and addressed questions from the Board. It was agreed that a revised draft would be circulated to the Board for comment and finalization.

Action Item: Auditor to revise the draft Financial Statements, ED to circulate for comment and finalization. ED to compile the actual 2019 expenditures of GMOB for the Water Licence process and share them with the Board.

5. Approval of GMOB Minutes, June 01, 2020

Motion: Moved: K. Froese moved to approve the Minutes as amended.

Seconded: K. Racher

Motion carried.

The Board then considered the action items from the past Minutes.

For Action Item 1 related to the delayed submission of the Perpetual Care Plan to GMOB, the Board agreed that a response directed to the Project Team was necessary.

Action Item: The Chair and ED will draft a formal response to the Project Team regarding the delay in the submission of the Perpetual Care Plan.

6. Chairperson's Report – David Livingstone

David reported that with Kathy R, he attended two separate meetings with members of the Legislative Assembly. The first meeting via video call was with the Minister of ENR and the Minister of ITI and the second (in-person) was with the Yellowknife MLAs. Kathy R presented an overview of the work of GMOB and the highlights of the 2019 GMOB annual report at both meetings. MLAs, the ministers and the premier were most interested in the socio-economic aspects of the GMOB's report, including the special envoy recommendation although environmental issues were also raised. The Premier attended the second meeting via conference call and asked for a briefing note summarizing GMOB's concerns and specific actions that GMOB feels the GNWT could take. MLAs also asked for suggestions regarding who might take on the role of the special envoy.

Action Item: Kathy Racher and ED will draft a formal briefing note for the Premier including a short list of possible names. The briefing note will include the suggestion that key GNWT ministers and the Premier meet with the CIRNAC Minister to discuss the envoy recommendation.

7. Director Reports

Kathy Racher reported that she had found a consulting company in Alberta which assists with the development of multi-media and plain language communication for research programs. Kathy will be receiving a proposal from them and will share it with the Board for more discussion.

Tony Brown reported that he'd been involved in little GMOB-related activities since the last meeting.

Ken Hall also reported that things on the GMOB front had been quiet since the last meeting. He briefly discussed the Project Team suggestion that debris had been disposed of in the arsenic chambers and that a past employee directly involved in arsenic dust management disputed that assertion.

Action Item: Tony Brown to share the past employee's information with the Project Team.

Mark Palmer stated that he would be reporting on the socio-economic meetings later in the agenda. He had found both the recent QRA and GMWG meeting to be interesting.

Ken Froese stated that his reports would also come later in the agenda.

8. Executive Director Report

The ED provided his report to the Board.

9. MVLWB Water Licence Process – Kathy Racher, Paul Green

Paul updated the Board on the progress of the main water licence, stating that it was still in the hands of the MVLWB but it was expected to be released by July 28, 2020. He noted that there had been no communication from the MVLWB related to the compensation claims. He then updated the Board on the GMRP licence renewal for the B (?) Water Licence, noting that GMOB has submitted comments which are now on the MVLWB website. Paul stated that he has also been looking at the QRA and that the deadline for comments has been extended.

Kathy stated that the Project is preparing for pre-engagement on its engineering plans. The first of the four plans to be prepared this fall will be the "Frozen Shell" management plan. The Parties will have a total of four weeks to review each plan. Comments are to be submitted to the Project Team within two weeks, shared with the other Parties and then discussed at a Working Group meeting. The Parties will then finalize their comments on the plans within a week following the meeting and provide them to the Project Team which will in turn consider the comments before submitting its management plans to the MVLWB which then in turn will distribute the plans for further review and comment. Kathy also spoke of the draft Triggers Engagement document which outlines the processes and timelines for the review of the plans. Kathy stated that this document may need to be formally reviewed by GMOB.

The Board discussed the upcoming workload and possible budget ramifications.

10. GMRP Socio-Economic Update – Mark Palmer, David Livingstone

Mark reported on the recent meeting of the Socio-Economic Working Group and their consideration of how to approach social impacts. He commented that the Working Group is now planning a workshop to receive input from social groups and that the planning for the workshop would be considered at the next meeting. He stated that the Working Group wanted the plan to be approved by the end of August but it would not include the social impact side rather it would only be about jobs, contracts and training.

David commented that the biggest challenge was that the group did not have the appropriate experts at the table to be able to move the initiative forward in the manner intended. The fact that the social impacts were not going to be included in the planned final report, means that a socio-economic plan will only be an economic plan.

The Board discussed its role and agreed to continue to observe and comment going forward but that the envoy recommendation needed to be actioned by upper level decision makers.

11. YK HEMP/Stress Study – K. Froese

YKhemp: Ken stated that he had no current report.

Stress Study: Ken reported that the GMOB consultant, Sandy Berzins, had completed her review of the draft stress study and that the Technical Committee was considering her comments.

Arsenic Toxicity Assessment – Ken presented an arsenic assessment document prepared for a Yukon community to the Board, suggesting that this was something that the Project Team should be made aware of given the possible implications for the Giant project.

Action Item: Ken Froese to write to the Project Team and suggest that the Yukon study might be something of interest to them.

12. Any Other Business

The GMRP Summary of Engagement Triggers

This was dealt with under a previous agenda item.

Board Member Portfolios

David asked all of the Board Members to send him an email outlining what they are currently the leads on and what they would be interest in covering for the future.

The Socio-Economic meeting request

The Board discussed the invitation from Natalie Plato to meet the Project Team regarding the socio-economic initiative. It was agreed that this matter was broader than the Project Team and that it needed to be approached strategically.

Action Item: Kathy to contact Natalie Plato directly to discuss the Project Team request that it meet with GMOB to discuss socio-economic matters, including the envoy.

Action Item: Tony Brown to connect with his contacts at CIRNAC to seek advice as to who GMOB, the GNWT and City of Yellowknife should be meeting with regarding the envoy.

Action Item: ED to contact the City of Yellowknife to see if the Mayor would be interested in discussing the envoy recommendation.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2020.

Adjournment

Motion: Moved: K. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded: M. Palmer

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.



David Livingstone
Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

24/08/20

Date

Motions

- 1. Motion: Moved:** Tony Brown nominated David Livingstone as the new Chair.
Seconded: Kathy Racher
Motion carried.
- 2. Motion: Moved:** Tony Brown moved to approve the agenda with approved amendments.
Seconded: Ken Hall
Motion carried
- 3. Motion: Moved:** Ken Froese moved to approve the Minutes as amended.
Seconded: Kathy Racher
Motion carried.
- 4. Motion: Moved:** Ken Hall moved to adjourn the meeting
Seconded: Mark Palmer
Motion carried.

Action Items:

- 1. Action Item** – ED to compile the actual 2019 expenditures of GMOB for the Water Licence process and share them with the Board.
- 2. Action Item** – The Chair and ED will draft a formal response to the Project Team regarding the delay in the submission of the Perpetual Care Plan.
- 3. Action Item** - Kathy Racher and ED will draft a formal briefing note for the Premier and include a small list of recommended names for consideration. The briefing note should also include an invitation for the Minister and the Premier to participate in a meeting with the Minister of INAC to discuss the envoy recommendation.
- 4. Action Item** – Tony Brown to share the information about the condition of the chambers, from the past employee, with the Project Team.
- 5. Action Item** – Ken Froese to meet with the Project Team with the involved consultant and assessment to discuss the approach and the possible implications it may have.
- 6. Action Item** - Kathy to contact Natalie Plato directly to talk about the socio-economic meeting invitation.
- 7. Action Item** - Tony Brown to connect with his contacts at CIRNAC to see who GMOB, the GNWT and City of Yellowknife should be meeting with to discuss the envoy position.
- 8. Action Item** - ED to contact the City of Yellowknife to see if the Mayor would be interested in joining the meeting to discuss the envoy position.