

Minutes
Giant Mine Oversight Board
Date: Monday, March 21, 2022
Time: Start at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm MST
GMOB Office and Online Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present:	David Livingstone, Chair Ken Hall Dr. Ken Froese Marc Lange Graeme Clinton Mark Palmer Ben Nind, Executive Director
Regrets	Paul Green (consultant)

1. Welcome D. Livingstone

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:20 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Moved: K. Hall moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded: K. Froese

Motion carried.

3. Approval of the GMOB Minutes of November 29, 2022

Motion: Moved: G. Clinton moved to approve GMOB Minutes of Nov. 29, 2022

Seconded: M. Palmer

Motion carried.

4. Review of Past Action Items

Past actions items were discussed. Action Item 2 was referred to later in the agenda under Socio-Economic update.

5. Director Check-in

Marc Lange updated the Board on meetings with the Project regarding the Status of the Environment Report which will be reviewed by the Board once completed. He

also expressed interest in developing a tracking document for the GMOB Research program. The Board agreed.

Action Item: M. Lange to develop an outline for the development of a GMOB Research tracking document.

Marc also brought up an issue, raised by two of the Parties, regarding Department of Fisheries (DFO) engagement with the Parties. The Board discussed this matter and agreed Marc should proceed with organizing a meeting between DFO and the interested Parties.

Mark Palmer updated the Board on the recent meeting of the Socio-Economic Advisory Committee and the Perpetual Care Plan workshops.

Ken Hall reported that based on his discussions, there is limited understanding by the general public as to where the Project is right now and its future remediation plans. He is concerned that the Project Team is not communicating in an effective manner with the public.

Graeme Clinton provided a brief update of his meetings with members of the Project Team and deferred the details to later in the agenda.

Ken Froese updated the Board on his meeting with members of the Project Team regarding revised As background levels for the Yellowknife area. He expressed concern that the narrative on background levels had changed over time, particularly with respect to what constitutes “natural background”. The Board discussed this issue and agreed to continue to press the Project Team in this regard.

Ken will be attending the Arsenic 101 Workshop to be hosted next week by YKDFN. GMOB’s contractor, Sandy Berzins, will also attend. It was suggested that Mike Palmer from the Aurora Research Institute also be invited to attend.

Ken updated the Board on the GMOB review of the proposed scripts for the YKHEMP Arsenic 101 videos. He is in discussions with the administrator of the program and will update the Board on progress in this regard.

David Livingstone, Chair stated that he had been involved with regular GMOB administrative matters, meeting with the press, and attending required meetings. He shared his disappointment with attendance at recent the GMRP Annual Public Meeting (Zoom).

6. Executive Director Report – ED

The ED provided his report and the activity report for Paul Green.

7. Financial Report – Treasurer

The Treasurer and ED presented the current financial statement.

8. Socio-Economic Update

Graeme Clinton provided the Board with an update on his meeting with the Project Team leads on socio-economic reporting and subsequent discussions. The Board discussed the next steps and requested that Graeme put together an economic analysis of the GMRP for GMOB during the summer of 2022. The Board asked that Graeme lead a workshop on basic economics for the Board.

Action Item: G. Clinton to put together a socio-economic analysis of GMRP for GMOB during summer 2022 and work with the ED to arrange an economic workshop for the Board.

9. Health Studies Update

Ken Froese updated the Board on the status of YK HEMP and the Hoèla Weteèts'eèdeè Study.

10. GMOB Research Program

The Board discussed the upcoming annual meeting with TERRE-NET. The YAKUM Consulting unsolicited research proposal is to be forwarded to the Expert Panel for review once they have agreed to a meeting date.

Action Item: ED to submit the YAKUM Consulting research proposal to the Expert Panel for its review.

11. GMOB 2021 Annual Report

The ED updated the Board on the status of the draft GMOB 2021 Annual Report. Directors were encouraged to submit their comments by March 25.

12. GMOB Community Survey

The ED shared the initial results of the GMOB Community Survey. The Board agreed to have an outside contractor prepare an analysis of the results.

Action Item: ED to source a contractor to prepare an analysis of the Community Survey results.

13. GMOB IRM Operational Plan

The ED shared the final draft of the GMOB Information Resource Management Operational Plan. The plan was accepted by the Board. Development of the technical documentation for the plan is underway and will be shared with the Board once completed.

14. GMOB Communications

The ED updated the Board on the status of the GMOB communications initiative. The Board agreed that it would host in late May an in-person Annual Public meeting to follow the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Action Item: ED to survey the Board and the Parties for a convenient date in late May for the Semi-Annual meeting and the GMOB Annual Public Meeting.

15. Other Business

No other business was declared.

16. Next Meeting

ED to arrange the next Board meeting.

17 Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 3:03 pm.



David Livingstone
Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

August 25, 2022

Date

Motions

Motion: Moved: K. Hall moved to approve the agenda with three additional items added to Other Business

Seconded: K. Froese

Motion carried.

Motion: Moved: G. Clinton moved to approve GMOB Minutes of Nov. 29, 2022

Seconded: M. Palmer

Motion carried.

Action Items

Action Item: M. Lange to develop an outline for the development of a GMOB Research tracking document.

Action Item: G. Clinton to put together a formal socio-economic report of the GMRP for GMOB in the summer of 2022 and to work with the ED to arrange an economic workshop for the Board.

Action Item: ED to submit the YAKUM Consulting research proposal to the Expert Panel for its review.

Action Item: ED to source a contractor to prepare an analysis of the Community Survey results.

Action Item: ED to survey the Board and the Parties for a date in late May for the Semi-Annual meeting and the GMOB Annual Public Meeting.