

Minutes
Giant Mine Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022
Time: Start at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm MST
GMOB Office and Online Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. Welcome D. Livingstone

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:10 am.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

Seconded: K. Froese

Motion carried.

3. Auditor Presentation of the 2021 Draft Financial Statement

Meera Basnya of EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation presented the draft GMOB 2021 Financial Statement.

Motion: Moved: G. Clinton moved to approve the 2021 Financial Statement

Seconded: K. Hall

Motion carried.

4. Approval of the GMOB Minutes of March 21, 2022

Motion: Moved: G. Clinton moved to approve the GMOB Minutes of March 21, 2022

Seconded: K. Froese

Motion carried.

5. Review of Past Action Items

The Board reviewed the Action Items of March 21, 2022 noting that the outline for the research strategy, economic overview of the Project and economic workshop for the Board were still in development.

Action item: ED to work with M. Lange on the GMOB Research Strategy and with G. Clinton on the economic modeling of the Project and the economic workshop for the Board.

6. Director Check-in

Ken Froese updated the Board on the cancellation of the Hoèla Weteèst'eèdeè study by the Chief and Council of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. The Board discussed the effects and ramifications for the GMRP, the Parties, and the public.

Action Item: Ken F. to meet with GMRP and the Hoèla Weteèst'eèdeè Technical Advisory Committee to gather further information and discuss the next steps.

Ken also shared his concern about how GMOB's independent oversight role is understood and communicated within CIRNAC. He cited the Faro Project's (Yukon) resistance to considering such an oversight structure claiming that they had both a technical review process and a community committee already in place.

Action Item: Ken F. to meet with the staff of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) to clarify the role and independence of GMOB within the context of the Giant Mine Remediation Project and to also meet with Bill Slater in this regard.

Ken Hall shared his impressions of the recent site tour as well as his concern about the remediation plan and schedule for the boat launch and Sailing Club areas.

Paul Green reported on his reviews of the GMRP's management and design plans, surface runoff criteria, and the Project Implementation Plan (PIP). He recommended that a consultant review the surface runoff criteria as comments are due at the end of September. Paul also updated the Board on the upcoming reviews planned for the fall.

Action Item: P. Green to work with the ED to contract a consultant to review the surface runoff criteria. (K. Froese had a recommendation in this regard.) Paul to meet with M. Lange to follow up on the Aquatics Advisory Committee meeting this past July.

Mark Palmer updated the Board on the recent Socio-Economic Working Group Meeting noting presentations of the recent Labour Resource Survey and the North Slave Training Hub. The GMRP site update included a scheduled shutdown of the water treatment plant. (Paul asked for information on this). Mark expressed concern that there was no information regarding a new GMRP Socio-Economic Strategy. It was noted in the subsequent Board discussion that Det'on Cho Corporation had lost the townsite demolition contract and that the GMRP was working with MetCor Inc. to pick up this work.

Action Item: M. Palmer to pass information to P. Green regarding the scheduled shutdown of the water plant.

Graeme Clinton shared his impressions on the site tour, noting that the Project struggled with communicating, in plain language, specific elements of the onsite work. He that GMOB could assist in developing material and tools to make presentations more effective. The Board discussed this and asked the ED to meet with the Project in this regard.

Action Item: ED to contact the GMRP and discuss the development of material/tools to assist in the public's understanding of the remediation work.

Graeme raised the question of how cost-benefit analysis for the details of the Project was currently being managed. The Board discussed this and suggested that it be raised at the next Working Group meeting.

Action Item: ED to request that the next Working Group Meeting include an update on how the cost-benefit analysis of the Project is currently monitored. G. Clinton to plan to attend this meeting.

Graeme updated the Board on his preparation work for the economic modeling of the GMRP noting that he had received last year's employment report and the work package breakdown in the PIP. He expects to complete his analysis in September 2022.

David Livingstone reported that his activity was primarily administrative over the summer while attending the required meetings.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – ED

The ED presented his report to the Board.

Action Item: ED to request an enhanced meeting schedule from the GMRP to be shared with the Board.

Action Item: ED to reschedule the GMOB presentation with the Rotary Club of Yellowknife.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Crew Housing: The issue of housing work crews was raised and discussed by the Board. This issue has been raised by contractors.

Action Item: ED to ask the City of Yellowknife what their current position is on crew camps for the Project period.

8. NEXT MEETING

ED to arrange the next meeting of the Board for mid-October.

9. ADJOURNMENT



David Livingstone
Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

October 18, 2022
Date

MOTIONS

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Seconded: K. Froese

Motion carried.

Motion: Moved: G. Clinton moved to approve the 2021 GMOB Financial Statement

Seconded: K. Hall

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