

**Verbatim Minutes**  
**GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT**  
**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARTIES**  
**November 30, 2021 via Zoom Conference Call**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Present</b>	<p><b><u>Giant Mine Oversight Board</u></b> David Livingstone - Chair Graeme Clinton - Director Ken Froese - Director Ken Hall - Director Marc Lange - Director Mark Palmer - Director Ben Nind – Executive Director Paul Green – GMOB Contractor</p> <p><b><u>North Slave Métis Alliance</u></b> Jessica Hurtubise</p> <p><b><u>Yellowknives Dene First Nation</u></b> Lena Black William Lines Phil Baldwin</p> <p><b><u>City of Yellowknife</u></b> Kerry Thistle</p> <p><b><u>Government of Canada (CIRNAC)</u></b> Natalie Plato Katherine Ross Andrei Torianski Candace De Coste Ron Pankratz - Director for Governance and Partnerships</p> <p><b><u>Government of the Northwest Territories</u></b> Alex Lynch Erica Nyssonen</p> <p><b><u>Alternatives North</u></b> Gordon Hamre Katharine Thomas Michael Nabert</p>
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**Welcome & Approval of Agenda**

*(Not provided on audio file Notes indicate agenda approval by Ken Hall and Mark Palmer)*

**Approval of the Verbatim Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting May 17, 2021**

David: Can I get somebody then to approve the minutes?

Marc: I'll motion.

David: Okay. A seconder?

Alex: Seconded.

David: All in favor?

**GMOB Annual Report**

David: Okay, now for the Annual Report. That was also included in the email. I don't know if we want to go through the highlights or just leave it for comment. Why don't I do the latter in the interest of time? Does anybody have any comments on the Annual Report that was released by the date here? It was back in June. I believe it was May or June, somewhere in there. That's interesting. We should have a date on these things, a date of release.

Ben: Okay.

David: Anyhow, it follows the format that we adopted the year before last and summarizes Project oversight, the work that has been done, and by theme, it goes into some details about expectations, actions, outcomes, and next steps.

Alright, everybody wants to get this meeting done quickly I see. Unless there are any comments about the Annual Report, I will leave that and go into the roundtable. If items do come up later, one about the Annual Report, don't hesitate to raise them.

**Roundtable Highlights from Each Party & Other Updates**

David: Okay, for the roundtable, we suggested that people focus their comments on the elements that are most relevant to them.

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So, with the current site status and Project Team, Natalie has asked that the Government of Canada, well maybe the GNWT, touch on it in their presentation, so I will move Canada to last.

Regulatory reviews: all Parties.

Socioeconomic update: all Parties.

QRA update: Project Team.

Perpetual Care Plan: all Parties.

Health Study: all Parties.

Impact: all Parties; and

Apology and Compensation: largely CIRNAC and YKDFN, though others can certainly touch on that from their perspective as well.

Alright, GNWT? Alex, I guess, will take the lead on that.

**GNWT Update**

Alex: Sure, I can kick us off here. Can you hear me, okay?

David: Yep.

Alex: Yeah, so there are a couple of things. Erika and I are going to tag-team this one. I can hand it over to her for a few things once I finish up. I guess the first thing is the Perpetual Care Plan. As Natalie mentioned earlier, we received the letter from the Giant Mine Oversight Board on the concerns around the delay related to the Perpetual Care Plan, specifically the framework for developing a Statement of Work to hire a consultant. We did provide a response back in October to that.

I just wanted to provide a bit of an explanation, I guess, and some comments on how we validated that approach. It was unfortunate that we did need to delay that. We were really responding to stakeholders who had expressed that there was stakeholder fatigue back in the spring and that there were folks on that task force that would not be available during the summer.

We originally postponed until the fall. As you know, we then moved it again to January. This was really us pivoting to prioritize, but also recognizing that I am taking off here on a year of deferred leave in a little over a week and a half. Erika and Geneva are taking over as leads on that file, so we really thought it was valuable to have some time in between when Erika got back and Geneva was on board for those workshops to get up to speed on the file and be well-prepared for those January workshops. That was some additional rationale for why we wanted to delay it further.

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Then also back in the spring, we brought this process forward to the task force members: Michael, Todd, William, and Jess H. with NSMA. We proposed this process to them during that time. The feedback that we received was not that the process was inadequate to get the results that we need for a Statement of Work. We certainly got feedback on it, but overall, the feedback was that the approach is suitable to get what we need out of this.

I guess just to reiterate, we are confident that this process is what we need to get the results to get a consultant on board to get us to the next stage of drafting that plan. The delay is unfortunate, but it is a priority, 100%, for the Project Team. A lot of work has gone into fleshing out that process. Yeah, we are looking forward to those January workshops and getting someone on board for the next phase. I just wanted to provide that and also to put it out there to folks on the task force that are here that if there are additional concerns, let us know. Yeah, that is where we are.

Also, obviously, if there is more from Canada in their update on this piece as well...yeah. I don't know if there is anything from GMOB that they wanted to discuss further on that or if there was anything on our response that you wanted to discuss during this time.

David: As we expressed in our letter back in October, we are not at all happy with the situation. This is not a nice-to-do. It is a need to do. It is a requirement of the Environmental Agreement. If the current process is followed, then it is going to be, I would say two years behind schedule by the time we get a result.

I understand the engagement side of things, and the Project Team has done a good job in engaging, but I think, in this case, efficiency should trump the series of workshops that you have proposed. I do not see any reason, and the Board does not see any reason, why you could not still engage a consultant to draft the RFP and then present it to the Parties for discussion instead of drafting this RFP by committee. It just seems inefficient to me.

It would still allow adequate engagement to discuss the RFP and make sure that it fits the needs of the various parties, but to be blunt, the Perpetual Care Plan should not take perpetuity to develop. That, frankly, is the way this thing is going. It is taking far too long. As I said, it is a requirement, not a nice-to-do. It is an explicit requirement in the Environmental Agreement. We agreed to a slight delay. We did not agree to a two-year delay. I appreciate the challenges, but I really do think that there is a more efficient way to get this thing done. That is GMOB's position and GMOB's concern. I would open it up to the other Parties that are involved in this discussion to comment.

Erika: If I can pipe in, recognizing that I am taking over the file and I am not sure how up-to-speed people are on what the process looks like or the workshops. Just on your point, David, I think it is hard for the Project to sort of balance comments where we have

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been challenged on not engaging on the process, presenting a process, and then being criticized on advancing it to a certain point.

In this case, because it is such a difficult thing to wrap around your head about what a Perpetual Care Plan is, the Project has really been working side by side with the rest of the task force and really going through it together. That disconnecting from our partners is the reason why the process is how we have sort of presented it.

Just to let you know and just to clarify what the process looks like in a bit more detail, there have been placeholder dates set for January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We would like the task force to come together with Roxanne where it would be facilitated by Roxanne and really group together the different categories that are in that monster framework to identify what we would like the consultant to identify as a scope here. What are the tasks and the deliverables with input from the task force to do that? We anticipate that to go through the - I don't know why I am quoting - but 11 tables to work through, at which point the RFP would be drafted by PSPC. It would not be done as a committee.

The committee approach is really in that workshop to say, hey, these are expectations. We, being the people, not me, but we the others, have been part of this process all along, and these are our expectations when we brought this forward to be included in the framework. We really want that input from folks on that piece. The Statement of Work would be drafted by the Project, and the RFP proper would be drafted by PSPC. At that point, that RFP would come back to the task force to say, okay here is the draft. Now, what do you guys think about it?

We don't anticipate many more delays in the process going forward at this point. That is a bit of the structure. I don't know if that helped at all. I would be interested in hearing from Michael, Jess, Kerry, and William, just your opinions on that process and your thoughts then on what David suggested. At this point, maybe the Project takes it away and there is not that workshop. I am just interested to get thoughts on that.

David: Before we open it up to the others, both Alex and Natalie have their hands up. I will go to Natalie first, then Alex, and then to the broader group.

Natalie: Alright, thank you. I just wanted to say thank you to Alex before he leaves, for the great job on the PCP. I guess I had two points, and one Erika hit on. That was that the Project has usually taken the stance that we bring our stakeholders or rights-holders along with the scope of development, and we chose to do that in this case as well and not write the RFP without them.

Second, I can understand your frustration, David, in that we are behind the date set out in the Environmental Agreement. I also believe when the drafters of the Environmental Agreement chose that date, they thought we would be much farther along in remediation. We don't have even have our Project Implementation Plan

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finalized yet. The timing...I don't think there is a rush. I think it would be putting the cart before the horse to come up with a Perpetual Care Plan before we actually even had an Implementation Plan.

So, I think taking our time to get this right and not rushing it is by far the better alternative than just getting it done and not having a plan that adequately reflects what our actual Project is. That is just my take on that. This is a really important piece, and I don't think we want to rush it. Thank you.

David: No. No risk of rushing it at this point. Alex?

Alex: I just wanted to further note on that as well. This workshop, the series of workshops, the input that we will receive from the task force, would be required even if we were to hire someone right now to draft a scope of work or to do it ourselves. We still need to go through this process that we have proposed to get the feedback from that group, and so this series of engagement sessions would still need to happen.

The difference would be that we either hire someone to draft the Statement of Work or we do it ourselves with PSPC support. We have allowed time in that workshop series to have a check-in point where once we have received all the feedback and we start putting pen to paper, it is a bit of a trigger to ask if we need additional drafting support here. If not, we would continue to proceed with that group. They would validate that, and it would go through RFP. So, there is an opportunity that we have built into that structure, David, to do exactly what you said, to check in to see if we need drafting support. Like I mentioned, these workshops would still need to happen regardless.

David: Yeah, and I get that. I guess my point is that it could be a lot more efficient at the front end than it has been. I mean, we raised this issue back in June of this year and suggested that over the summer when you were proposing basically no additional work on the PCP that in that period, a consultant could be hired to get things started and then engage on that product. That is water under the bridge now. I am still concerned about the length of time this is taking and the length of time it will take going forward. I won't belabor that point. I will just turn it over to anybody on the subcommittee that has a comment at this point.

*(Pause)*

I am not hearing anybody, so we will just leave it at that. I will turn it back to Alex to walk through the rest of the GNWT's presentation with Erika.

Alex: Sure. One thing we wanted to note to this group was there is some work happening. It is related to Giant but also related to this broader idea of a remediation economy with the NWT. Folks will certainly be interested in the outcomes. Essentially what we are doing is we were tasked by our deputies with ENR, ITI, and Department of Finance

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to look at the idea of a sub-economy related to remediation across the North and the potential economic opportunities, employment opportunities, and training opportunities that would be associated with that. We hired a consultant this summer to help us draft the discussion paper.

We are hoping to see a draft about...actually, it was today. Over the next month, we are reviewing it, and we are going to have some materials, our next steps, and recommendations ready to present sometime in the New Year. Stay tuned for that. I think it is an important piece that we are looking forward to. We will certainly share with this group once it is available.

Maybe I will pass it off to Erika to provide the rest of the update for us, unless there are questions on that piece.

David: When will we see, or when will the Parties see that report from your consultant? We did an interview with one of the representatives. Ben and I – I cannot remember who else was involved. She could not tell us when that report would become public, but maybe you can.

Alex: Yeah. It will be public. We are looking at probably the end of February or the beginning of March. There is some work that still needs to be done after the first draft. There is some modeling work that ITI is working on. Yeah, we are looking at probably the beginning of March when everything is finalized on that.

**Action Item:** GNWT to share the Remediation Economy Report with the Parties when it is released in the spring of 2022.

I see William has a comment here on who is drafting. William, it is a bit of a combined effort, I guess. Stratos is the consultant that won the RFP or the contract to draft. ITI and the Department of Finance are responsible for doing the modeling piece, so they are doing that back-end work to feed into the final report. Stratos is the one putting pen to paper.

David: Alright, are there any questions on that component?

Graeme: I wonder if I could ask a question about that.

David: Yeah, for sure.

Graeme: This probably is covered later on in our meeting, but maybe this will help. One of the challenges that I have had in my introduction to the group is to get access to relevant information that an economist would look at to determine what sounds like what these people are doing, the economic effects of, in this case, the remediation economy. Of course, my interest lies exclusively in this Project.

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One of the pieces of information we are desperate to have is essentially the economic data that would go into that modeling, and that is, generally speaking, the expenditure profile of the Project, which they would have had to have received in order to do this work. I am just wondering if that is the sort of information that could be shared.

Alex: I would look to Natalie or Andrei in terms of what has been collected and shared from the federal side. Stratos has been working to collect that data on their own with the various groups, so I would look to them for that answer.

Erika Andrei, are you able to give some information?

Andrei: Yeah, I'm happy to respond. As I mentioned in our Socioeconomic Working Group earlier today, the federal portion is split into two phases. The first is the Opportunity Profile, which is complete and has been presented to the Strategic Partnership Initiative Committee in October. The second part is the action plan, in which the work will need to happen and be complete by June. I am happy to share the Opportunity Profile that is complete. I can send that. It is a high-level look at it.

The numbers that Graeme mentioned, you are looking at particular numbers for this Project. The numbers that the Project provided are high-level. They are not the exact expenditures you might be looking for. As Natalie pointed out earlier today, only when the Projection Implementation Plan is complete, and we have a better picture of the remainder of the remediation will we have those numbers available.

Graeme: I just have a quick conversation about that. I mean obviously, the more detail that we can see in terms of the overall expenditure profile of the Project would be of benefit, but at this stage, I would be happy to see the high-level information to at least start to put a bit of a framework trying to understand the economics of this Project.

I can share with you, perhaps offline or whatever, some of the details I would look for. I do not want to take the meeting into economic discourse, but I want to make sure that you understand the information that I am seeking. Perhaps it is not nearly as detailed or complicated as you might think.

Andrei: I will be happy to share the Opportunity Profile with you afterward. In terms of the dollars, you might have heard me earlier today at the Working Group meeting, mention that the Project reached a \$600 million dollar milestone in expenditures to this date. So, I am going to touch on this in a little more detail in my socioeconomic presentation at the end of today's session. We are looking for a way to present all our stats, all our dollars spent, online for the public to see at any given time so they do not have to piecemeal all the annual reports that we have reported on in the past, so it is all in one place.

David: Thanks, Andrei. Graeme, do you have any follow-up on that?



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- Graeme: No. Maybe I will let it sit for a bit, and I will listen to the presentation. If I have some specific questions, I will bring them up then.
- David: Okay. Thanks. Is there anybody else on this component?
- Kerry: I just wanted to ask a question. Is the purpose of the report, Alex, to see what the effect of the remediation has on the economy, or is it to actually look at the future development of a remediation economy and work hand-in-hand with the development of the Polytechnic University?
- Alex: Thanks, Kerry. It is looking forward. So, it is looking forward at what the potential would be for all of these upcoming projects, both large and small, on the federal side and GNWT side, and then looking at recommendations for ways the GNWT can help support that remediation economy, whether this be through training, employment procurement, or whatever it might be. Education, I'm sure, would be part of that recommendation. It was certainly part of the discussions with the scope of work drafting. Yeah, looking forward.
- Kerry: I have just another question. Is it anticipated that when this report is done, there are actually going to be action items that come out of it, or is it going to be a report that we get in February that needs to take months to have action plans that take months to get implemented? I think we all know that the City is a little bit nervous that things are happening at a slower pace than the actual Project, and we are going to be behind the wheel when it comes to fulfilling a lot of the labour that is required.
- Alex: Thanks, Kerry. It is anticipated that it will likely have a bit of a – and I can let CIRNAC speak to the piece that they are working on – but the idea is that we would likely have a bit of a working group established to implement some of the actions that will be made right away. It is hard to say exactly what those recommendations will be at this stage without seeing that draft report, but it is a priority for our deputies and this government to address this.
- A good example, I believe was the Mine Training Society when there was some similar work done, I believe by CIRNAC, to look at supporting mining in the NWT. This was a group that was established to help support that. That was always a good example for me to envision some potential next steps, real next steps that could come out of this work. Yeah, we are anticipating a working group will be established. We certainly put an invite out to the City and other folks that are interested to participate in that to move forward.
- Kerry: Okay, so I just have one last question. Sorry, I don't want to belabor it, but this is another working group besides the SEAB and the SEWG? This is separate from what is happening in those groups, and we would be establishing a third working group to look at socioeconomics?

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Alex: Yeah. Sorry to take up time in this meeting and bring this up. It is going to be separate, Kerry because it is looking at the remediation economy as a whole. It is not Giant-specific. We are looking all over the North. We are looking at big projects in the Sahtu and in the Beaufort Delta, and there are going to be requirements for ensuring benefits to those regions as well, not just on Giant. Yeah, it is more of a broader reaching group. Certainly, it is another working group, yeah.

David: Thanks, Alex, and thanks, Kerry. I think I forgot to ask people to introduce themselves before they speak, just for the record. Here on in, I encourage people to do that. Alex, are you handing it over?

Erika: Hello. I will just quickly update. I'm not touching on all the points that you have here, as I am sure the other topics will come up, but I will just touch on our Human Health Risk Assessment work. We completed our Risk Assessment and engagement did happen this past year. The Risk Assessment looked at recreational and traditional use areas around the communities here: Yellowknife, Ndilo, and Dettah. We looked at the risks for people using those lands out to a 25-kilometer radius.

The engagement has happened. We are doing some additional work based on some concerns raised by YKDFN. We are collecting samples in Mason and Duck Lake to further strengthen – I don't know if that is a word –the data that we have, and the assumptions made there. We are collecting more fish this winter to address some of those concerns that William had raised.

We have a draft letter to GMOB ready to go. It will be coming out in the next day or two. We have responses to those concerns that we heard from GMOB on background and such.

What is exciting is we are planning a mail-out on the arsenic brochure that we developed in association with HSS, but also, we were working with YKDFN on that based on concerns that people don't really understand how they can be using the land. The Public Health Advisory information has been limited to reaching community members. We plan a mail-out that should come out in January. That is just more of a fancy map and some guidance on where and what people should be doing. That is validated by our Risk Assessment work.

We also have a video that will be up on our website, and we are working with our geomatics group to make more of an interactive website where people can zoom into maps. There are videos on there and the brochure, so we are working with our shop to just make it a little bit more interactive and more digestible and appealing for folks.

Right now, my focus on coming back is focusing on some of those communication tools to make sure that people understand the outcomes of our Risk Assessment. Then sorry, I have just one more point on that. We have had a request from the YKDFN to spend a bit more time on communicating just general information about arsenic.

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They want their staff to be informed, but also just more understanding on risk assessment and how background concentrations are used to understand those incremental risks. So, we plan to have Arsenic 101 sessions, maybe at the end of January, once staff from the Wellness Study or the Stress Study as we have called it, are on-boarded, and we are all on the same page so when that study hits the streets, people really understand general risks in arsenic information.

I will pause there. Are there any questions about that work?

David: I see a couple of hands up. William?

William: I just wanted to clarify. The main concern that I had, for everyone's benefit here, is that the Risk Assessment assumed that 89% of the fish you would consume would be from Great Slave Lake. I'm not sure of both the other Parties, but I can tell you, when people are out camping on the lands, say Hay Lake, for example, they are not going to travel 15 kilometers back to Great Slave Lake just to collect their fish. They are going to fish on the lake they are on, and they are going to eat that fish.

So, my suggestion was to run the Risk Assessment again using numbers only from the inland lakes, not substituting with Great Slave Lake fish. It does not make sense to me to have a Risk Assessment for inland lakes, yet we are substituting the fish with Great Slave Lake fish. It does not make sense to me.

Erika: Thanks, William, for that clarification. That was the root of the concerns we heard from YKDFN on our consumption values. Yeah, what William said was we used the assumption that the majority of fish that people eat within the year would come from Great Slave Lake, and that a smaller portion would come from inland lakes. However, hearing the YKDFN's concern, we have asked CanNorth to look at the fish in the traditional land use area being only eaten there, that no fish in a year would be eaten from Great Slave Lake.

We plan to submit that in writing back to you, but I will tell you, it is good news. Based on the concentrations that we do know of a number of fish in Mason and Duck, the risk level does not change. It does bump it up a little bit, but it does not move into a different risk category. It still does remain in the very low risk, so that is good news to us. However, that additional fish sampling will further inform that assessment, or that analytical piece. William, thanks for raising that. That was called a sensitivity analysis. So, looking at everyone eating from the inland lakes, that would be the risk level. Thanks for raising that, and we have addressed that. You will see something in writing soon.

David: Alright, Ken Froese? I think you are on mute, Ken.

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- Ken F: I was on mute. Before I ask my question, Ben, I don't know if you noted that there is a comment from YKDFN and CIRNAC pushing up the Apology and Compensation discussion on the agenda.
- Ben: We have that after your comment here, I think.
- Ken F: Okay. I will try and make it brief. I understand there is a response coming to GMOB on the background issues for arsenic and soil. Are you able to give us a quick synopsis of that?
- Erika: I can. Maybe recognizing time, we can push that to the end of the meeting?
- Ken F: Sure, that's fine.
- Erika: Okay.
- David: Alright, thanks. Thanks to both of you. Lena, do you want to weigh in at this point? I know you have to leave at 2:00.

**Apology & Compensation Update**

- Lena: If I can get Ron to go first, then that would be great.
- David: Okay, Ron?
- Ron: Sure. Thanks, everyone. I think this is the first time I have met most of you. I'm Ron Pankratz, the Director for Governance and Partnerships with CIRNAC here in place of Matt Spence. I have taken over recently part of the file associated with Apology and Compensation with the YKDFN. I will just give a quick, very brief update from our perspective of where that is standing. Lena, if you want to weigh in afterward on your perspective of how we are progressing as well, I would welcome that.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, we had the three agreements signed by the Minister of Northern Affairs: the Collaborative Process Protocol Agreement, the Memorandum of Cooperation, and the Community Benefits Agreement.

The way that the Process Protocol Agreement was originally structured, I think we contemplated a number of dates that were presuming an execution of that quite a bit previously in the past. In terms of that actual schedule, we are a little bit behind due to the execution, but we are presently in the process of seeking enough information between ourselves and collaborating with the YKDFN to put the scope of work in place to pursue a negotiation mandate. The timeline for that is not brief, but optimistically should we get information together, we could likely within a year

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submit that mandate. We are also working at the moment with our counsel as well to make sure that we can provide as much transparency into that without crossing cabinet confidence issues.

For the Memorandum of Cooperation, we met once already, as required by that agreement. The government, ourselves, are looking into a program review of all of the different areas that we can support together, the YKDFN infrastructure requirements and desires over the next few years. We are scheduled to meet again as a group in December with a date to be determined, where we are going to review, once again with a little bit more refinement, the amount of funding and connecting the YKDFN with the applicable government sectors that are responsible for delivering the infrastructure requirement as noted under that agreement.

As far as I know, and I think Natalie can probably confirm, but the last I understand, the Community Benefits Agreement funding that was obligated under that agreement has already flowed to the YKDFN. With firing that off rapidly so we can still meet our timelines, did you want to weigh in, Lena, on where we are sitting?

Lena: I am going to defer to Phil.

Phil: Hello, Phil here. I am providing support to YKDFN. Thank you very much for that, Ron. I'm not sure if Giant Mine Oversight Board received the news release and the backgrounder in August that goes into some detail on what the Collaborative Process Protocol Agreement is. If not, that can certainly be made available. It does speak to some different stages of the process, as well as consultation with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation members to get input on the Apology and Compensation.

From the perspective of YKDFN on both the Collaborative Process Protocol Agreement and the Memorandum of Cooperation, at this point we feel we have provided what has been requested of us, and we are ready to move forward on both of those agreements at this point. If there are any questions, we would be happy to answer them.

David: Thanks. Are there any questions or any comments?

*(Pause)*

I'm not hearing any, and I'm not seeing any hands raised. Thank you both for that update. As far as the question about whether GMOB officially received the notice back in August, I do not believe we did, but it was certainly available through the media.

Phil: Thank you, everyone, for accommodating our schedule and bumping us up on the agenda. Appreciate it.

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David: No worries. Where are we? GNWT, are you pretty much wrapped up with your update?

Erika: I think we will just all leave it there. We can always pipe in if anyone needs an update on any of our respective files, like the Health Study, QRA, or things like that. We will let others run the course. That is it for our specific driven projects.

David: Okay, well thank you, Erika and Alex. Alternatives North, you are next on the agenda.

**Alternatives North Update**

Gordon: Thank you, David. Very much in the spirit of what you said early on here, we will be very, very brief. Michael may want to add something at the end about the Perpetual Care Plan. I am not sure.

We are just very pleased at how things are working out, quite frankly, understanding the delays of COVID has brought to everything that is going on, not just Giant. I will have to say with the community well-being work, we are happy with the way that has evolved over the last couple of years. I think that has answered many of the questions that we raised.

The only other point that I would make but we are still operating this year without a contribution agreement in place. What we have is an amendment to the one from last year and a draft version amending that, which is not acceptable. It is not a big issue, but it has to do with reporting details and so on that Geneva was going to fix. I will just say that we would really like to get this wrapped up before the end of the fiscal year. I will just leave it at that. Michael, I don't know whether you want to say anything here?

**Action Item:** CIRNAC Contribution Agreement for Alternatives North to be completed before the end of the fiscal year.

Michael: I don't really have a whole lot to contribute that is not already being said. I am also pleased overall as I have been from the very beginning, with a lot of the work that we are doing. I would also like to see us moving faster on Perpetual Care and etcetera, but it just has seemed to me from where I am sitting that the goal is to get it done as well as possible and with all of the Parties as completely present as possible. If that means a little more delay at the front end and a better product result, then I am good with that.

While I have had somewhat less work to do on that front, this year I have taken the opportunity to do yet more research into being able to bring something personal to the table on those topics than I would previously by looking at more depositories for

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nuclear waste and other long-term care plans. If anything, all of the chaos of the last year and a half with COVID and the wave that is impacting the economy over here, the supply chain over here, and all of these other things, that is informing a lot of my sense of what I personally think about how Perpetual Care and the long-term strategies that we are using for the Project at large, have to look like.

The things that I am primarily concerned about include long-term funding, which I know has been a point of contention over and over again. I think the last year has shown us very conclusively that we cannot count on a certain kind of stability that is the presumption in some of the previous discussions about relying on annual federal funding for maintenance, and so on. When we look at what is happening with supply chains, I see that even if we have the financial resources to acquire parts that we need, if there is a problem with mine water or we need to upgrade thermosiphons or whatever, I am finding very much the consciousness that I have in my personal life about the instability of these things that is carrying over into the Project.

So, I am blown away as always, as I have been every year since I started, with the excellent work that is being done by all of the different people putting the parts of the Project together. I think that the delays that go along with COVID kicking our expectations out from under us, are timely in that as we are putting the last pieces of the picture together, we can hopefully use the disruptions of the last year to better inform making a more stable end product. Thank you, everybody, for the great work that you have been doing and the resource that you have been over and over, as I continue to try to bring as much to the table as I can.

David: Thanks, Michael. I have to say, I miss your Santa Claus hat. I hope you are breaking it out again this year.

Michael: I have not broken out the Santa Claus hat, but I cannot wear the wizard hat anywhere without some random stranger wanting to take my picture or a kid smiling at me. It is paying for itself a thousand times over.

David: That's great. Back to you, Gordon. Is there anything else that you folks want to raise?

Gordon: No, I think that is it. Thank you, David.

David: Thank you. Is Jessica online? Okay, Jess with North Slave Métis Alliance?

**NSMA Update**

Jess: Hello, everyone. Where do I start? I feel like everyone has been running like chickens with no heads the last month. I don't know about you guys, but everyone has been

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like, “We’ve got to get our meetings in before Christmas.” It has been back-to-back stuff for the last few months I feel like.

Looking back this past year, I can definitely echo what some of the other Parties have said that despite challenges, we continue to track forward on a lot of this work. I am just looking at the list of suggested topics that we have.

I think a big challenge for us is just continuing on with socioeconomic conversations, whether it be within the Working Group or the Advisory Board. The contract is coming out. Socioeconomic is a little bit unique for NSMA in the sense that it overlaps a bit with the environment team, but it is primarily a board file. Myself, I don’t have any socioeconomic background in my education and training but given that a lot of the work does touch on environmental topics, I try to work with our board so that I am on board with the topics. I will say that GMRP has been really good at letting us know about various opportunities for funding to potentially fund an additional part-time role within NSMA to address all of the growing socioeconomic meetings, planning, and just capacity training. We are probably going to be looking at that in the next year.

For the Perpetual Care Plan, we are just awaiting the upcoming workshops that are happening. I feel like that has been definitely a bit of a backburner, but there has been so many other moving parts that it has kind of slipped my vision or scope for the next little while. So, I am looking forward to that work taking ground.

As for the Stress Study, we have been really impressed by the work from Ketan. He has been great at sitting with us as well as Sophie, for determining data sharing agreements and how that works with us not being a primary lead but still being a community of interest for results. Yeah, I have just been really, really impressed by their patience, understanding, and also willingness to take the steps to really make sure that this is done properly and respectfully. We have had a good experience for that project so far.

One of the challenges we have had has maybe been around aquatics, more specifically, the plans for community-based monitoring. I think that conversation continues to evolve on what the CBM is going to look like and what it is going to look like for YKDFN versus NSMA. I will admit that I put in my own misunderstanding and confusion to the whole discussion. I have had a number of chats with Jess Mace and trying to figure out the scope of this work.

I will say, William, I would love to have a conversation with you at some point too, just to see if there are any opportunities for overlap or collaboration between YKDFN and NSMA. Hopefully, we can do that in the New Year just to see.

The Aquatics Advisory Committee has been one great source to slowly put the pieces together on what we might want to look at. We are always looking for some advice or



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future conversations, just because I feel like the CBM information has come in small doses here and there, and I would like to see potentially some more concrete planning for it. I am looking forward to other conversations with Jess Mace and whoever else is supporting for that project.

Otherwise, in terms of our staff, I started a few months ago as Environmental Manager, and I have had Noah Johnson start as our Regulatory Officer. Some of you guys have met him. He will be taking my spot for the Working Group meeting in a week and a half, so the rest of you will be able to see him then. It has been kind of funny, because I feel like with Giant there is not enough people for NSMA to really grasp. I feel like a hamster going around, around, and around in the wheel that is going too, too fast, but in the face of a new staff member, I have been oddly very protective of this file and not wanting to share it very much. That has been kind of a funny situation where I am slowly trying to onboard Noah.

There is me still as the primary lead for Giant from NSMA, but he comes in similarly to how Adelaide was on certain Giant files, like health and that kind of stuff. I am still trying to figure out the best divvying of some Giant Mine files given my experience in the last three years but knowing that I need potentially one junior-level staff to be supporting me on some of these files. That will be determined in the next little while. I think that is mostly it from us. I don't think there is anything else, so thank you.

David: Thanks, Jess. Are there any questions of Jess or observations?

*(Pause)*

Seeing none, we will move on. Yellowknives, William?

**YKDFN Update**

William: Good afternoon, everyone. I will be giving the update from our Environment Department. This past year has been very challenging. We have gone from working from home to back in the office several times. It has been very disruptive to say the least. We want to engage our people on the progress made and the new topics coming up from this Project, but we are very limited in doing so. Most of our people do not have computers, let alone the internet at home. The connectivity at home is not what you would think it would be. COVID has compounded these challenges, making it that much harder for our people to participate.

A great example of this is the cell service in Ndiloq. You would think that nowadays it would be fine, but it isn't. If I have to make a phone call, I have to use a landline, because the cell reception down here is terrible. This is just one example of the barriers our people face.

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Now we appreciate it when the Project accommodates us in hosting our smaller meetings, but those small meetings with a handful of people are not sufficient for full community engagement. We are certainly looking forward to a day when things can return to normal, but until then, COVID has made things very difficult for community participation.

Nonetheless, we are still actively trying to participate in this Project. One of the tools we have been working on lately has been a TK brochure. We see this as a great step in the right direction when it comes to reconciliation and acknowledgment of our presence. Efforts such as this are appreciated by our community, and it will be released very soon.

**Action Item:** YKDFN sharing the release of their Traditional Knowledge brochure.

In terms of the regulatory reviews, I must acknowledge that the Project has been very accommodating, not just in terms of providing funding for our participation, but also in the pre-engagement reviews. They have been very helpful, and we are hopeful that this accommodation can continue in the future as necessary.

Regarding the Perpetual Care Plan, it has been delayed significantly. We would certainly like to see it back on the table as the main item to be progressed. This site will be here forever, and I have heard our Elders say, "Arsenic without end." We have to plan for the future, and the PCP is exactly that. In closing, we appreciate this table to discuss our ongoing efforts, and we look forward to continuing the progress made.

David: Thanks, William. Are there any comments or questions of William?

*(Pause)*

Alright. I hate to say it, but we might be finished ahead of schedule. Moving on then from William to the City. Kerry?

**City of Yellowknife Update**

Kerry: Thanks, everyone. As you are all aware, Todd Slack is our contractor, and he attends most things Giant for us. Due to being triple booked today, he was unable to make the meeting. I do have a few things that he suggested I mention.

Really with respect to the Giant Mine Oversight Body specifically, we are happy to see the work that was done on the socioeconomic reporting. We look forward to more assistance from GMOB in the future with respect to socioeconomics.

We are also looking forward to finalizing and wrapping up the five-year report. Generally, we are encouraged to see that Lands is potentially stepping in and moving

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forward with some of the land use planning with respect to Giant. I think everyone knows that it has been a concern the City has raised for quite some time now. We are also pleased to see that DFO is becoming more active and hope that this continues. Really, all of the science and design expertise lies with the Project.

I also wanted to say that the City is continuing to invest in infrastructure to mitigate the impacts at Giant. Soon, we will release the results of our RFP for the engineering for the replacement of our submarine water pipeline. We are still continuing to seek the additional 25% funding for that, but it is a multimillion-dollar project that will be done in the next, I guess 8 years now.

Really, we see the City's role in the upcoming year continuing with the regulatory review and participation. Todd is our expert in that, but we are going to prioritize the socioeconomic side of Giant. As we do see the Project gaining momentum and moving forward, we really see the socioeconomic file needs to be moving at the same momentum or we are going to be in a situation where the work and workers are at the Project site, and we are still at the document stage. So, we are really looking forward to working with the Project Team on making sure that we are moving those things at the same time.

We are encouraged to see, as I said, the GNWT Departments stepping in and taking a more active role. We are happy to see that the work between the Project and YKDFN has reached the place it has reached. The update from Lena and Ron this afternoon was good to hear. That is it from the City. I can try to answer questions. If it is anything specifically about meetings that have happened in the past year, we would have to wait for Todd.

David: Thanks, Kerry. Are there any questions of Kerry that she can defer to Todd?

Ken F: I have one question. This is not GMOB. This is Ken asking about the submarine pipeline to Yellowknife River. Ever since I moved to Yellowknife, I still fail to see the actual need for that. Maybe that is not something you can actually answer, Kerry, but if you have something that can help me understand that, then that would be great.

Kerry: I can kind of answer it quickly, and then I would be happy to send you some further information. The pipeline was initially put in as a joint project between the mines, and the federal government actually paid for quite a bit of it. With the pipeline reaching the end of its life, the City commissioned AECOM to first do a study and make recommendations about drawing directly from Great Slave and replacing the pipeline. They recommended replacing the pipeline. We had another review done of that by Dillon. Again, they said to replace the pipeline.

So, recommendations were brought forward to Council, and we are replacing the pipeline. We were able to receive funding through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, DMAF. It was a really comprehensive application process. It took

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hours, hours, and hours of time. It is quite a complicated reporting process as well. We have a working group established, and we meet every so often. We got 75% of the funding, so we still don't have the other 25%. It is estimated to be about \$35 million, I believe to replace the submarine water pipeline, and it is going to happen in the next 5 to 7 years. I would be happy to send you the information because the reports are on the website, the memos to the committee. That went forward to Council on the website. It was a multi-year process because there were questions and debate about our water source. We moved forward in this direction based on the recommendations of the consultants that were hired.

Ken F: I did read the Dillon report, and the primary assumption that I understand there is that there would be a catastrophic failure of the major tailings dam or something else there, which would lead to lots of tailings in Yellowknife Bay. So, it is the comparison between drawing water from Yellowknife Bay and the likely need for treatment versus the case they are using to compare against the submarine pipeline. They are taking a case where that possibility is ever diminishing as the remediation goes on. I don't know. It is probably too late to enter that debate. It seems obvious the decision has been made. It just does not make a whole lot of sense to me. Again, it's just me. It's not GMOB.

Kerry: I don't think it is really the time and place to debate this.

Ken F: It's not.

Kerry: The City had to proceed in some fashion.

Ken F: Well of course.

Kerry: It could not be left. Even the application process for DMAF was about 18 months, so all of seven years. You will see their initial report was done years ago. Then there was another one done reviewing that. I mean, the City has done a lot of due diligence, and we are relying on consultants and experts, and this is the path forward. There is no changing it now.

Ken F: I get it.

Kerry: The time for debate was a couple of years ago. I am happy to share all the information, but it is a done deal.

Ken F: Okay. Thank you.

David: Ken Hall? No? Alright, are there any other questions of Kerry?

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Thanks, Kerry. We will move on to the Giant Mine Oversight Board.

**GMOB Update**

David: As before, what I will do is turn it over to each of the Board members. They all have portfolios of sorts. I will get them to provide a quick update on where they are with their assignments. Maybe Ken Hall first?

Ken H: Good afternoon, everyone. There are a couple of things I do and look at in my role as Director, and I will be brief. With the ongoing operations of that site, generally, obviously, everything appears to be in hand in the public eye. I am encouraged to see that active remediation is finally underway, albeit early days.

I am also on the soils file. I was not able to attend the last Working Group, but I did review the presentations and provide feedback to the Project Team. While it does appear somewhat daunting due to the extent and the variable nature of the plans for soils, and while we may not always agree on what should or should not be done on the site, I am encouraged by the level of scrutiny by the Project in formulating a comprehensive plan for the site.

I am also a man-on-the-street guy for the Board. Although there has been some improvement in the last year in the ability to meet, converse, and interact with members of the public, it still continues to be a challenge in these tentative times. We will keep pressing on that.

I understand there are agreements in place between the Project and the user groups out at the site, the Sailing Club, and the Historic Society. I have attended meetings with these interest groups onsite, including one with the Project folks. It was pretty clear to me the importance of ongoing communications. Although all of the answers to people's questions may not be readily at hand, the uncertainty that could cause by people not communicating, the angst is something that I think can be avoided. I encourage the Project to continue to take the time for ongoing communication with these onsite groups.

In spite of the water being a little bit stiff right now for boating, I have spoken to many members of the general boating public this past year. Although there are still some outstanding questions related to the boat launch, the boaters I have spoken with were relieved to learn that this is being addressed. We are generally cautiously optimistic that lake access at the site will continue during active remediation. I know as a boater, boaters are certainly aware of this issue. I said it earlier this year at a previous semi-annual meeting that I think the non-boating public really has no idea of the level of boating activity in the Yellowknife area, and in particular on the big lake. Generally, boaters are encouraged that they will continue to be able to use the site in the coming years as remediation takes place.

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I also continue to contact former employees, some of whom are in town. Most are in the south. I contact them for information and answers to questions on historic activity at Giant. They are often able to provide some pretty good insight into why certain activities took place out there and help shed light on some of the questions from Project staff and contractors. Most of these people I know personally, and I will continue to touch base with them from time to time as things arise and try to glean any intel I can on historic activities. I think it is important to do that, because it does put some faces to the site over the decades of activity out there. It also provides, I think, a good context to round out the whole picture of what Giant was all about and what happened out there. I will continue to strive to bring that information to Board and to the Parties and to the public.

Finally, I am often asked about the former townsite, or campsite, as it is called in mining community lingo. They call it a camp where I grew up. People are still keen to know what is going on out there, and it is on the minds of many people these days. That is all I have for today. Thank you.

David: Thank you, Ken. Are there any comments or questions of Ken?

*(Pause)*

I'm not seeing anything. Ken Froese?

Ken F: Hi, everyone. I have just a couple of comments about the study commonly known as the Stress Study. I have not yet learned how to pronounce the proper terminology for it yet. That study has had a number of delays, mostly brought on by COVID. It was submitted to the Research Ethics Board at Wilfred Laurier University earlier this year at the end of the summer, early September. I believe the Project Team is sending any comments or any updates and corrections stuff back to that committee where they have done that already last week or this week.

In terms of where that project is going...If I am I am jumping the gun on CIRNAC's or the Project Team's update here, then sorry about that. February, I think, is the time when they want to get the survey underway. Overall, I think the past year has been really good in terms of gaining a lot more understanding on what that study is and what the survey can do. I think many of us on the committee have gained a lot of confidence in that study team. It is far beyond most of our expertise in looking at mental health surveys and understanding how they are set together and the kind of protocols there are.

My understanding is that the study team has been very, very diligent in minimizing risks to creating more stress on people, on creating any triggering events that might occur while people are doing the survey. I am really encouraged by that. The protocols that they have put in place are very detailed, and we hope that those are not

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needed. At the same time, there has been an awful lot of thought and planning going into how to deal with issues that may possibly come up.

So, I am just looking forward to that study getting underway, the Project Team getting it someday, and beginning to work on it. I think over the next couple of years, we should see some really encouraging and interesting things coming out of that.

With the other activities that have been happening this year, Erika mentioned the Offsite Risk Assessment. We did submit some comments on that. The background question is something that is somewhat concerning, mostly because of interpretation and risk communication. That may require further discussion over the next while, so I am also interested in how they are addressing that and similarly, how that may influence the development of new regulations for arsenic and soil in the Northwest Territories and how that potential new guideline would be viewed in terms of the Giant Mine Project. Again, it possibly could lead to a risk communication challenge. Again, I am sure we will be discussing those over the next little while. That's all I have right now. I am happy to take any questions.

*(Pause)*

David, you are muted.

David: Ben, you muted me. There you go. I was just asking if there are any questions of Ken, and I do not see any hands. I don't see any chat, so we will move on. Thanks very much, Ken.

Ben: Mark, you are on mute.

Mark P: Hi. Well, I'll start off. Six months ago, I think I said I was excited to see the Project starting, and now I am really excited to see it start. I think it is really exciting. My involvement mostly has been around socioeconomic and procurement. That is my background, procurement, and the Project management side of things. Lots of stuff has been happening. I'm looking forward to looking at the Strategy this year, coming up and updating that. It's on the books.

Yeah, I think this is going to be a larger focus for sure, the next phase of the Project, especially the economic side and the social side. I was glad to see again today at the meeting prior to this that social is not being left behind. It is still at the forefront and being dealt with, which is important because we are just about to get into the big implementation, so that is good.

I don't have a lot to say. I know Graeme is going to come up next, and we already know he is an economist. That is where I fall down on this. I need more expertise, in my opinion, on what it really means, what the Project means to Yellowknife and the North. I think he has already alluded to that. I'm sure he is next, but I just wanted to

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say that is a great addition to GMOB, in my opinion. It is something that I don't have my head around how it impacts all the different parts of the economy in the North and Yellowknife. Anyway, I will just leave it at that. I'm sure Graeme is next.

David: I guess he better be. Are there any comments or questions for Mark Palmer?

*(Pause)*

Thanks, Mark. Graeme, you are up next.

Graeme: With that introduction, I feel like I am going to disappoint, but I have to remind Mark and everybody else that economics is a dismal science. So, know that going into my comments.

Yeah, I am new to the Board obviously. The first couple of months have been certainly enlightening. I am quite happy to be on the Board, and it is a very interesting Project. In my profession, I get into the details of the flow of money, and I trace how that flow of money affects people. It is something that fascinates me, even after 25 years of looking at it, and this Project has a lot of that. I have enjoyed that.

Maybe I will just throw out a thank-you to Ben, and then by extension to Natalie. I have made a number of requests for documents, some of them going back several years in order for me to get an understanding of the economics of the Project and perhaps how the economics was viewed five or six years ago and the direction it was given in terms of analysis or the study of its effects on the economy of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, and the Indigenous population. Thank you for providing all that information.

I don't have lots to say. I want my comments to be as constructive as possible. We have that report that was done, "Strengthening Socioeconomic Effects Reporting." I think that was the title. I am going to base some of my comments on that document, which I think is quite a valuable piece of work that has a lot of interesting insights. I think if I could summarize them, it would be helpful.

The report addresses, in my opinion, three issues: assessing the potential economic effects of the Project; reporting accuracy and consistency of economic results, both employment and procurement reporting and overall expenditure reporting; and the third point is the analysis of the results. There is a hierarchy associated with those three comments in that assessing the potential effects is really Step 1. The anchoring piece is what this Project is, how big or small it is, how much money will be spent, how many people are likely to find employment, and how money will enter the economy and from what angles or avenues, and how it will circulate. Without that anchoring piece, the report of results is somewhat hollow, because it is difficult to understand how we are doing when we have not established what the overall size of the Project is or what is actually possible, the actual potential. It makes it difficult to



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understand the results and answer the question of are we actually maximizing benefits, or the economic benefits of the Project. We don't know, because we don't know what the potential is.

Without that piece, nor can you do the analysis of the results. There is no context under which to assess the performance of the Project without knowing what the potential is. It is the idea of performance and potential.

I have been trying to understand the overall economic effects of the Project, and as I heard today and has already been discussed, there is a bigger project going on in terms of understanding the potential economic effects of the remediation economy, I think it is being called, over the next 30 years in the Northwest Territories. We have a more immediate concern of the potential economic effects of Giant Mine.

Perhaps I can give an example of how this would play out. When I look at the 2020 performance in terms of employment and procurement, I am actually quite impressed. I think the Project is doing an excellent job of both employing NWT and Indigenous labour. On the procurement side, I was surprised to see how much of the overall expenditure is going into NWT and NTW Indigenous businesses.

I know that performance is good, because I make a life of studying the NWT economy, so I understand the context. That context is not really provided in the way we are assessing the Project. We don't know the employment record against what else is going on in the economy. We still have three active diamond mines. We have a territorial government that has proposed a \$500 million dollar capital plan. I think the latest data shows that the unemployment rate in the City is below 4%.

So, there is a really important context that needs to be established so that when we get to the really important question of if we are maximizing benefits, we can know what it is we are talking about. We can say well, under the circumstances, this is what is possible. How are we doing against what is actually possible?

I will kind of wrap it up there, except it gets back to my initial question to Andrei - is it possible to see some of this bigger or higher-level data that would allow us to at least set the context of this Project within the economy of the Northwest Territories? I think it is data that exists. I think it is just a question of understanding exactly the sorts of data that is useful and then presenting it in a way that allows people to understand it in the right - I have used the word too many times - but in the right context.

I will leave it there. That is sort of where I am going and the focus of my efforts over the first two months. I hope in the next few months, as already has been mentioned, there is lots going on in the economics file with the new strategy. I will save my comments about that for later. This is the opportunity in the next three to six months

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to get some of these things right. I am happy to provide or transfer any of the knowledge that I have to the benefit of the Project, so thank you.

David: Thanks, Graeme. Are there any comments or questions of Graeme? Andrei?

Andrei: Thank you for that, Graeme. In terms of the assessment of the capacity, the existing capacity, and to understand the impact of the Project, we did do a Labour Capacity Study in 2016 before the Project kicked up. A follow-up was done by Parsons as part of the Early Works. What they did was they basically took things, the understanding that was presented in the Labour Capacity Study, and they recommended an approach for the upcoming work packages that were to be procured from 2020 until 2022 or 2023 possibly.

Then, a third update will be done for the assessment of upcoming work packages as part of the Project Implementation Plan as the remainder of those upcoming activities. Again, those are recommendations on how to procure based on the understanding of business community interests, their capacity that evolves regularly, as well as labour and training capacity estimates.

I'm not sure if you have had a chance to see the Labour Capacity Study, but I would be happy to forward that.

Graeme: Okay.

Andrei: You have seen it? Good. In terms of the numbers, like I said, I will punch them out later on. I know Erika mentioned in her comments there that the Project has shared some numbers with ITI for their independent review of our work packages that Parsons has procured since they took over, which is like December of 2017, so pretty much in 2018. I don't see an issue why we can't share that with you as well, to take a look at those numbers. Again, in context, that is the work packages that were issued by Parsons on behalf of the Project and only for onsite activities. This does not touch on the offsite activities as well.

**Action Item:** GMRP to share socioeconomic data with GMOB as per the request by Graeme Clinton.

David: Alright. I will leave that to you and Graeme to follow-up, but I am muted I think.

Ben: No.

David: No? Good. For you and Graeme to follow up as you need to. Are there any other questions of Graeme or any other comments?

*(Pause)*

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Alright, we will move on now to Marc Lange and Paul Green, if he has anything to add to Marc's comments.

Marc: Thanks, David. So, I am new to the Board, as is Graeme, the last couple of months. I will be focusing on regulatory reviews, maybe even more focused on aquatics, fish, and the bugs that live in water. I guess the file on regulatory is new to me. It is not new to Paul. It's not new to the other Board members. I can give you a bit of an update of what I have seen the last couple of months and my discussions with Paul.

The good news, maybe the Board news as it is said, the Project is following the regulatory process rather well, from developing plans, engaging with the working groups, putting the plans through review by the Board, the Mackenzie Valley Water Board, monitoring the work they do onsite, and reporting what they see onsite. It's happening, which is what is meant to happen in this regulatory system we designed up here.

There are lots of engagements with the Parties, so the engagements are proceeding well, in my opinion, in the sense that I am seeing all the Parties represented at the meetings. People are not shy about speaking their concerns to the Project. The Project has thoughtful responses and dialogues with the Parties, which is nice to see. That feedback is being considered, and suggestions are taken into consideration.

As is typical in a regulatory environment, not everybody agrees. Not all the issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the Parties, but again, there is a process in place for the Project to hear about those concerns, and ultimately a regulatory of the Board process that can hear those concerns and make a decision as the final decision-maker. In terms of watching the Project, there are inspections going on by the government. Those inspection reports continue to be available to Parties on the Board registry.

Having said all that, I guess we are still pretty early in the regulatory process, in that the Project has not been fully implemented. We are looking forward as the Board to see the Project advance and navigate the regulatory system when they are fully in operation and start getting more monitoring results and more inspections. As all that happens, it is also normal for course corrections to happen. We have to adapt, and God forbid, incidents occur sometimes, so we will be paying attention to how the Project navigates with that process. I think that is it for my update. I might invite Paul to see if you have anything else to add.

Paul: Thanks, Mark. No, I have nothing to add. I just echo your comments that the level of engagement has been very good. I think that really helps the overall Project just to run more smoothly, like the informal sessions of the working group and the pre-engagement. I think those are really good, because the Parties do not always get an opportunity to interact with the consultants and the experts to get the straight answers basically and have some dialogue around it. I am hoping that can continue as

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things do get hard, as the Project gets underway, and the system gets tested a little more. Thank you.

David: Thanks, Paul. Thanks, Marc. Are there any comments from folks with regard to the regulatory side of things?

*(Pause)*

I am not seeing any. I will turn it to Ben to just overview quickly from his side of what we are up to. Then I will let people know. We will take a break afterwards, maybe a 15-minute break. Then we will get to the Government of Canada. Ben?

Ben: Thank you. Just a quick update for you on the initiatives that have come out of the five-year review: The Communications Plan for GMOB was completed by Award Communications. There were a number of things within that Communications Plan that GMOB has activated. One is starting updates with the website, taking a look at signage, and also putting together the community survey. At the same time, GMOB also committed in the recommendations from that five-year review to putting together an Archive Strategy. That contract has been let now, and that work is in the preliminary stages, just starting now.

You will have received today the draft of the questionnaire for the Community Survey that was developed in conjunction with the Board. It was circulated amongst the Board and has now been given out to the Parties and the proponents to take a look at that. We have promised the opportunity for you to look at that survey. We are looking at running that survey for a month in January and doing a lot of background advertising to allow people to be able to know about that survey and encourage people to fill that out. We have taken a look and committed to doing that in the three languages that we are using in the area. Also, I sent a note to William and Jess saying that I would like to meet with them to talk about how to get that survey to their relevant communities and have the most effective feedback from them. That is where we are with that.

David: Research?

Ben: The Research Program: At this time, you will have seen the Research Report. All three of those, or all four of the research programs are continuing, although COVID has for the most part for the last year and a half, shut down those labs intermittently. More time has been with closed doors than with open doors. They are slowly, slowly looking at opening that Research Program up to get back to full scale.

You will see in that report the progress that has been made. GMOB is going to be meeting with TERRE-NET next week to get the update. Every six months, they give us a more detailed update of where they are, both in terms of expenditures and their program going forward.

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The second part is that we have an unsolicited proposal that is on the table with GMOB. GMOB will be meeting with the YaKum consultants, and specifically with Damien from here on a proposal that was put on GMOB's desk. After that discussion with GMOB, there is the possibility that it will then be submitted to the expert panel that we have in place for a recommendation that will come back to GMOB.

David: Thanks, Ben. Are there any comments or questions on that side of GMOB's operations?

*(Pause)*

Okay, I see none. I know it has been a long day already. Let's take a 15-minute break and be back at 3:00. Then we will turn it over to Natalie and company. Thanks.

Erika: Sorry, if you are still there, I missed it. When you sent out the draft Community Survey, was there a date for comments back? Sorry, I might have missed that date for comments back. It is open for comments? Can we add any other questions?

Ben: Yes. Oh yes, definitely. We are wide open, because Jessica Mace asked questions about the Survey and if there was any way we could put something in about dust. I had committed at the last meeting just to provide the draft survey to everybody to take a look at. If there are any questions, edits, comments, or whatever, feed it back to us. Ultimately, in the end, yes this is a survey from GMOB asking certain questions about GMOB, but it is also an opportunity to bring in information that may be relevant to the proponents and the Parties themselves.

David: And the due date? Two weeks?

Ben: Yeah.

Katherine? Can you also flip that to me? I don't think I was on that list.

Ben: Yeah, I can.

Katherine? And include me on any stuff going forward, please?

Ben: Yes, definitely.

Erika: Thanks, Ben. I'm just thinking if there is an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone with this survey, because the federal government has much more challenges doing surveys. Yeah, that's great. One thing that comes to mind here is, there is nothing specifically about risk communications and stuff. I know that has come up a lot, and that is just one thing that kind of sticks out is addressing that a little bit. I will say that in our work planning meetings that we had all last week with the Project

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Team, it was flagged that we look at starting work on our Risk Communications Plan proper, not just risk comms with Lands and Perpetual Care, but more so just current risks.

Also, I did not actually in my update talk about land use planning, and things along those lines, but I can still kind of just describe a bit of a process and what we are doing there, and with the constraints and things like that, if you guys want. I don't know how quick you want to end the meeting, but I am happy to talk to that.

David: Yeah, why don't you do that right after the break, and then we will go to Natalie? Does that work for you?

Ben: Does that work for you, Erika?

Erika: Oh sorry, yeah. I said okay. Sure. Sorry, just to clarify, that was on the Lands piece? On the land use planning?

David: Yep.

Erika: Okay.

David: Yeah, I think people would be interested in that. Okay, thanks.

Ben: Good to have you back.

**Break**

David: Okay, I think we are ready to go. During the break, Erika mentioned that she might like to give a short update on the land use planning side of things, so I will ask her to do that before I turn it over to Natalie

**Land Use Planning Update**

Erika: Thanks for the opportunity. It is at a very high-level process at this point. We did present the Project Constraints Map at the Working Group a couple of weeks ago, and we did have some feedback from folks. We heard that we need to outline the Archeological Impact Assessment outcomes on the map and also look at soils overlay on the Constraints Map so that in areas outside of the fence, there is a better understanding of the distribution of contaminated soils outside of the fence, below 3000. Anyway, I won't go into the concentration.

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We have agreed to make those changes on the Constraints Map. Also, we would like to zoom in on a few areas to provide more detailed future type of information. The Project is providing a package that will go to GNWT Lands, which will include those points that I mentioned, but also it will highlight what the HHERA assumptions were, just quick high-level recreational use of the areas outside of the fence two days a week during the summer. It is that kind of information so that Lands really has a good understanding of what was used to identify those risk levels.

ENR will take that information to GNWT Lands. We will walk them through that. Also, we will have a bit of back-and-forth in terms of if this is the kind of information that is comprehensive enough for them to make some sort of institution of controls or language within their management tools that they currently have to designate land and things like that. Kerry is probably an expert on what Lands actually does, but we do not have a really good understanding. We want to know that, because it could inform additional information that can help inform them to make those kinds of decisions.

After we have the ENR Lands chat, we plan to meet again with the Project Team, so with Canada, just to identify any gaps or any kind of additional information needed. At that point, GNWT Lands would engage with the City. Likely I am thinking with the Project Team, but that will be sorted out. There is a plan to come back to the City and say, "Here's all the information we have. These are the steps that Lands is going to take on land designation," and really report back on the outcomes on those kinds of meetings.

That is a bit of a step-by-step. I am taking this as a champion to lead this through and make sure all the right people are talking. We know this has been a conversation that people have been waiting for, so it is a priority for myself anyway. It is a priority for GNWT as well to really be part of that process in some capacity. Really, for me, it is to understand how exactly Lands is involved. I will leave it there with that unless Alex, you had anything to add to that.

Alex: No, nothing to add, Erika. Thanks for catching that. I had intended on providing an update during our update, so thank you.

David: Thanks, Erika. Are there any comments from anyone? Are there any concerns or questions for Erika?

Erika: I am committed to providing updates where possible with the Project Team and with rights and stakeholders to say where we are in the process. I do not want it to just happen in silos and people try to guess what is going on. We would like to be as open and as transparent as possible as we move through that.

David: Alright, appreciate it. Natalie, over to you.

CIRNAC Update

Natalie: Great, thank you. The first item you requested us to speak on is the current site status. I'm sorry. This may be a repeat, especially for people that were in the socioeconomic group this morning. For those of you that were not, we are just finishing up. We are getting to the tail-end of Year One of implementation, which is great. The non-hazardous landfill will be wrapping up this week. The blasting for the AR1 to build the first freeze pad will be wrapping up. I don't actually have an exact timeline, but we are nearing the end. As well, the underground paste backfill holes will continue throughout the winter, and then paste delivery will start early in the spring.

Those were the three big items for implementation this year. As you know, that is just the site status update. We are working on our Project Implementation Plan, which I alluded to previously or mentioned before. That is working with the Project Team and Parsons to actually come up with sequencing and scheduling for the full implementation. We knew what we were going to do in the first two years, what we called Early Works.

Those were the items we knew we had the designs ready to go and could do them. We have a draft of that right now that we are reviewing internally. We hope to finalize it in Q4 of next year, so sometime by March 31<sup>st</sup>. We have committed to engaging on that as well, specifically with the townsite leaseholders who would have concerns with timing and things like that. We would bring it to everyone.

**Action Item:** GMRP to share the Project and Implementation Plan: Early Works with the Parties in the spring of 2022.

Of course, when I say engagement, there were only so many things we could change. We are just more looking for any fatal flaws or any giant concerns that people have with that, that we could change. As you know, this part is very complicated, and the sequencing is taking numbers of months and numbers of smart brains from all over the world to put in place, so we would not want to change it too much.

Anyway, those are the big items we are working on right now. What goes hand in hand with that, as Paul alluded to in the regulatory regime, is we are finalizing our design plans. Those design plans actually feed into how we are going to implement. All that is kind of coming together and gelling by March of next year, so it is a very busy year as well behind the scenes as well as onsite.

I guess I just wanted to add to the pipeline work. One of the items we are looking at, Kerry and Ken, is the north ponds. We want to implement our new water treatment plant. That was one of the, not constraints, but it was a constraint that we gave to the scheduling to come online sooner rather than later. We originally targeted 2026. We are still targeting that. Because of that timing, we will be shutting down the northwest



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pond around that same time. So, there could be, depending on when the water pipeline for that link is done, I would hope that the City, if our north pond is closed, would relook at that decision, Ken. We can take that offline, but I did just want to flag that you had a good point there.

Moving on to socioeconomic...We will just circle back to that one. We will do that one closer to the end.

With the QRA update, we are working on that. That was the request from you, Ken, and GMOB to look at the acute toxicity. That work has begun. We did have some contracting delays from our side to get Wood back on contract. We have overcome those. They are back on track, and they are working through the scenarios there. We plan to bring that to the Working Group right now. We have scheduled it for May of next year to engage on that. That is a tentative date, so I will keep you up to date if that does change.

We have already discussed the Perpetual Care Plan and the Hoèla weteèts'eèdè Study. I think I have it right. Just to be clear to this team, that is slated for next year. That was our biggest impact from COVID was the Stress Study. We managed to continue on and carry on despite COVID, but that study though, however, could not. It was an in-person study, so that has been delayed significantly. I think you heard from the other Parties that it is on track, we hope, for early next year. I think we have a better study, because we had more time to actually address some of the concerns. There were a number of concerns. I know had some. GMOB had some as well. So, I think we have those worked out, and we have a good study. We will be ready to go as soon as we can get the people in town.

With the HEMPAC study, we are in a slow year obviously. Sampling happened in 2017 and 2018, so we are gearing up for Round 5, Year 5, which is the children's year. Originally, it was scheduled for late 2022. Because of COVID, we might push that into early 2023, which still matches with the timing, because the first round of sampling took place over two seasons, so it would still hit the five-year mark. We are just wrapping up to start planning the next round of sampling.

With the Apology and Compensation piece, I just wanted to clarify what Lena, Ron, and Phil had mentioned this morning, which is the Giant Mine Remediation Project did sign...and when I say we, it is our Minister of Crown and Indigenous Relations and the Yellowknives Dene Chief signed an agreement related to the Giant Mine Remediation Project, and that is the Community Benefits Agreement. That was signed, and it is for the life of the Project, implantation or 2031, whichever is the latter.

They alluded to a couple of other agreements, which are not related to the Giant Mine Remediation Project but to Giant Mine as a whole. One is the Apology and Compensation. The second one is more of a social benefits task. CIRNAC has agreed to compile all the requests, needs, and wants of the Yellowknives as a federal

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coordinated approach, for instance, social housing and schools, to work with them to help (*inaudible words*) consolidated task. That was the other agreement they were referring to. I just wanted to clarify that. So, only one of those related to the Remediation Project specifically. The second one is an Apology and Compensation.

Just to note in the Community Benefits Agreement, Lena did commit to sharing that, so I will put her again to share it. It is not private, but there is a Procurement Framework Term Sheet, and we did commit to negotiating a procurement agreement as well related specifically to Giant Mine. That is ongoing, I guess. We have not advanced that very far other than the term sheet that is in the back of the Agreement. We had hoped we would all have a draft agreement to share with the Yellowknives this week, but it might be next week. Anyway, within this fiscal year for us, we hope to conclude that Agreement as well. I will just pause there just so I can take a break too.

With that, that leads into the socioeconomic discussion. I guess one thing the Project has struggled with is we feel like we have advanced the socioeconomic, or maybe more so the economic but also the socioeconomic, quite a bit. We received quite a bit of negative attention, press. That is one thing we really want to try to get to the bottom of, because when we started on the socioeconomic file, we developed a strategy, and then we heard from people that you need an implementation plan, your KPIs, and targets. We heard from our stakes and rights holders and the public as well, and we have done all that. Then we have a Socioeconomic Working Group and an Advisory Body. Then when we look at our performance against our targets, they look not too bad to us. They look pretty good. I think Graeme sort of alluded to that as well, which was nice to hear, because we have been struggling to understand the concerns. We do want to work with all of these Parties to understand them, because we really are struggling with that.

So, Graeme, we will welcome your insight as well, because we take it seriously, and we want to improve. We put that out to all the Parties that tangible actions are helpful for us, and we are willing to work with you on those. I will pass it to Andrei if he wants to add anything more on the socioeconomic front before I pass it to Katherine for her update on the State of the Environment.

Andrei: Sure. Awesome. Thank you so much for that, Natalie. Maybe I will copy-paste some of those numbers in chat for anyone to see, but I want to actually go through them in detail. I will touch on some of the socioeconomic activities we have done so far.

I confirm that, yes, the Project did receive the report, the independent report that GMOB commissioned to get done, which was the Strengthening Socio-Economic Impact Reporting and Analysis for the Giant Mine Engagement Project. That was in June, and the Project responded to that on November the 4<sup>th</sup> directly to GMOB formally. Well, I will touch on a couple of things, and recommendations in this report

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that we actually have already been looking at and trying to address prior to resending this report. They are very much in alignment with what the report mentions.

One of them is, and I brought this up to Graeme several times today, was having our stats on the CIRNAC website, so on the website so we have a Giant federal website for Giant Mine. On that website, what we are looking to do is essentially host our website's database right now, basically in a spreadsheet in an internal information management system. We would like to post those numbers for the public, because we reported on those numbers in the past by annual report, so it is not like they have not been made public to date. It is just a matter of having them all in one location for anyone to see.

At the current moment, for somebody to look at our performance and do an analysis of any sort, as Graeme pointed out, they would have to essentially pull all those past annual reports, combine them together, make sure that the data is not overlapping because the fiscal year overlaps versus the annual report, and kind of piecemeal that together, which makes it very complicated. We have no issues of putting that on the website. As a follow-up, once it does go live, we are happy to meet with the Advisory Body, the Working Group, and GMOB, and really anybody else, to answer any questions and any concerns that might come from that.

So, we have been working on this for, I would say the better half of this year already. We have a template of what it will look like, and I am currently working with the communications team as well as our web team to come up with a final design and post all that information on there. I understand that there are going to be some questions, and it will be difficult for us to provide an explanation for every single window. That is where I think follow-up discussions are useful.

Also in our annual report, whenever there is anything that is off, we provide an explanation, so those are the explanations I am referring to. I initially wanted to have some sort of a pop-up window show up when somebody is mousing over a specific number to provide an explanation, but unfortunately we cannot do that. So, yeah, that is something that we are working on right now and would like to get that in by the end of this fiscal year.

The other thing is, that we code-named it Matilda. I don't want to take credit for it. It was developed...The idea though of was done by our Giant Mine team on the PCP side. They have been working on this internally for quite a while, at least since I want to say late 2018 or early 2019. They have been working on it internally trying to piecemeal or come up with a plan on how we would be able to track our performance. This incorporates everything contract-wise, like all the contracts, all the CCEs that go with difficult contracts, keeping track of who bid on what, who was successful, who was not successful, and the reasoning. This would be a good way for them to keep track of all the contracts that they are responsible for, but also we are looking to add a key performance indicator tracking process to this Matilda tool as well.

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Essentially, it is being worked internally with PCP, so it is being done in-house by that team. It currently looks very similar to what you would see when you login to, let's say you are my CRA profile basically. In there, we are looking to have it released in two phases. Phase 1 we are anticipating to have done by January or February of 2022, and the first phase is going to be so explicitly focused on contracts, so everything that PCP manages and are responsible for, that is going to be highlighted in the first phase. They already have a demo website of what it looks like. I have gone through it several times. It is just a matter of feeding all the data, so updating it with all the data, all the metadata.

The other piece is to incorporate KPIs, and that is what we refer to as the second phase of this process. Basically, we have our key performance indicators that we report on every year in our annual report, so we will add those into Matilda. We will also add a method to validate the information, to track it, and then pull out any reports. For example, because we are part of a larger program we have to report out on this information; hence, why we have been following certain templates and protocols to date. What we are essentially looking to do is have Matilda generate a report, and we would need for it to report to the program up, and further up higher.

There is a lot of those things and different pieces that have to fit into this. The ultimate goal here, and this was something that was recommended in the independent report from GMOB, was there was a performance tracking tool that was highlighted to the Project. It is very similar to what we have been using for quite a while now, but we would like to shift away from using Excel spreadsheets and have something that anyone can pull up at any time within the Project Team internally. So, whether it is PCP or somebody from CIRNAC, they can access the data and see for themselves without having to rely on somebody managing a spreadsheet somewhere. It is not very efficient, and we would like to improve on that process.

The ultimate goal and I am not making a formal commitment here or commitments, but we would like to have contractors stop reporting to the Project via spreadsheets and have them report through this Matilda tool. Then what would happen is Parsons would verify this information within the tool, and then they would pass it over to CIRNAC and PCP to report on it as needed and do any final validation. That is the gist of it overall.

The other thing I wanted to mention is the Project is very active when it comes to...we hold a lot of engagement sessions ourselves, but we are also very active on attending meetings that are held by other Parties that are related to the Project. Specifically, I would like to point out that the Project Team did attend the City of Yellowknife's meeting that was held by the governance for this committee meeting. We have heard several things that were brought up in that meeting that I would like to highlight at this and respond to, because we don't always get an opportunity to respond on some of the things that are suggested to us or brought to us, unfortunately.

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One of them is the lack of transparency. There are transparency issues that were brought up. We have our Socioeconomic Advisory Body meeting. We have our Socioeconomic Working Group. The members are very broad in both of those groups, including everybody who signed the Environmental Agreement for the Project. Those meetings happen regularly, and quarterly for the Advisory Body. Sometimes they do not happen every three months. We have to push them back.

This Working Group meets every two months now. In those meetings, we address and bring out everything that we do socioeconomic related. We are not hiding anything. We are not piecemealing things. We are not really sure where this concern is coming from. If there is an opportunity at this meeting, maybe at another venue, we can discuss the issue. We are happy to do our best to address that.

Also, there was another comment specifically raised in terms of not having specific targets. We just wanted to let people know that the Project did develop targets for our key performance indicators, not all of them, but those that we think that are more strategic and those that the Project has control over. For those targets, we are going to be reporting on them for the first time in this Annual Report for 2020-21 fiscal year. We committed to that, and we are sticking to that.

I just wanted to also note that since this was brought up at a City of Yellowknife meeting, the City has been part of the process of developing those targets from the start, both at the Working Group and the Advisory Body. Hopefully that work does not go unappreciated. Thank you.

Natalie: Further to that, Andrei, I did just want to ask GMOB, we did respond to your report I think earlier this month, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are hoping you will publish - sorry that is not the right word – post it to your website very soon. I think some people were looking for our responses, or if not, permission to share it would be great. With that, I will pass it to Katherine. Hopefully she can speak now. I know she was having some audio issues earlier. She just wants to give a quick update on the Status of the Environment Report.

**Action Item:** GMOB to post to its website the GMRP response to the GMOB Socio-Economic Impact Reporting and Analysis for the GMRP Report.

Katherine: Can folks here me? Has it reverted back? It hasn't reverted back to Darth Vader? That's good. Yeah, it is obviously the disconnect with Ottawa.

We just wanted to briefly talk about the Status of Environment Report. I had anticipated that there was going to be a co-proponent meeting, but we don't have one it turns out. That is where I was going to bring this up more fulsomely.

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As most people know and I brought up at the last meeting, Article 6 of the Environmental Agreement requires the Status of the Environment Report to give to GMOB. I think we clarified then that given our ongoing issues with having to do a translation of this report before it goes to be approved by our ADM and the timing associated with that, that GMOB would accept the final draft in June of next year as our mostly-there product, but it will not look very pretty at that point yet.

What we wanted to bring up was we have been working with our consultants on coming up with a scope. I guess our challenge with this is, I think when the Environmental Agreement was put together, it was anticipated that we would be a few years into remediation by now so that we would have a little more ongoing information to do some of the trends and things like that to go into covering some of the items under this report. We are looking at our scope for this and saying, well I guess we are going to do it over the last seven years, almost like a baseline of here is where we are as we go into remediation.

We did want to sit down with some of GMOB to sort of share the high-level Table of Contents or get feedback on it and make sure we are not going to miss something that come June, you ask why that was not in there. So, we can address it now and make sure that either we have a plan going forward if we cannot put it into this report specifically, but that we have something in there to show that we are going to do it. We wanted to see if we could set up a time to chat with some people. I am guessing maybe not everyone from GMOB wants to be in on it. We can send around the Status of Environment Report again and the high-level Table of Contents to get feedback, but that is sort of where we are at. We are going to be getting into this full tilt, so we don't want it to be too long.

**Action Item:** GMRP to share with GMOB a draft Table of Contents for the Status of the Environment Report and GMOB to review and respond.

David: That sounds reasonable to me. I guess I would add that the other Parties to the Agreement would probably want to have part of that discussion too. Also, we are slipping on the PCP. We are slipping on this. I understand the rationale. It has taken longer to get to here than was expected, but those dates and those timeframes are set in the Environmental Agreement, so we need to somehow acknowledge formally that all the Parties agree that those dates have been pushed off and establish new firm dates.

When we did the five-year review, there was no appetite to go in and amend the Environmental Agreement, but I think there was agreement that we could create some documents that clarify the Environmental Agreement in some areas where things are not as clear as they might be. I think we need to do that with these two products, and perhaps others down the road and make it formal. I understand that the timeframes that were predicted or anticipated in the Environmental Agreement just have not worked out. So we need to adjust but make it a formal part of the record

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rather than just the ad-hoc approach that we have been taking lately. We will talk about that some more in the future I'm sure. Are there any other comments or questions?

Katherine: So, should we just reach out to Ben to try and set up something with the larger group?

David: Yeah. I think that would be the best approach.

Katherine: Okay

Ben: I have noted a number of action items in the last 20 minutes of discussion here.

Katherine: Great. Thanks.

David: Thank you.

Ben: Thank you.

David: Back to you, Natalie. Is there anything more?

Natalie: No, I think that was everything we have unless there are any questions.

David: And are there any questions for Natalie or for anybody else?

Kerry: I had my hand up in the chat.

David: Sorry.

Kerry: I just wanted to correct. Andrei said that they attended the Governance and Priorities Committee. We did give them notice that it was going to be discussed at the Governance and Priorities Committee, and any member of the public is able to contact the City Clerk and get added to the agenda, which the Project has done many times over the past couple of years. Nobody requested to attend the meeting. So, while they may have watched it, I just wanted to correct that they did not actually attend the meeting. We would be happy to discuss it, but until today, I have not been contacted to discuss anything. I just wanted to correct it for the minutes, because it is not quite accurate to say that they attended. They just watched it, the same as any member of the public could watch the live webcast.

Katherine: Yeah, that's true.

Natalie: Absolutely. We attended it. We found out about it on very short notice. Anyway, Kerry, we are hoping just to talk about this at our City meeting tomorrow. Thank you.

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David: I take your point too, Natalie, about that, the whole economic/socioeconomic conversations we have been having for the last several years. I have said before that part of our problem is we were not really clear about what we were asking for either, and that was part of the impetus for the David Stewart et al. report. We will be, through Graeme's lead, following up on that and try to populate that template ourselves. Then that will enable us, in turn, to ask more specific questions so that we are all getting to the same point. Then maybe ultimately Matilda will step in and take over, but that sounds like a work in progress.

I think the clearer the questions, the clearer the answers will be and the less fuzziness there will be at the end of this thing. I guess the final comment I would make on the whole socioeconomic part of this Project and the remediation economy and so on is you know, we've got to get cracking on that stuff. It is not pointing fingers at anyone. It is collective. The remediation economy is already well underway. In some cases, in some of these projects like the Giant Project, Norman Wells, Great Bear Lake Remediation, and the sumps in the Delta, are going to be proceeding in silos. That is probably not the best territory-wide approach.

So, the sooner we can collectively wrap our heads around what this remediation economy means and how the GNWT in particular is going to leverage those opportunities for the residents, the better.

Are there any other comments from other folks? Are there any additional agenda items that have popped up?

Graeme: David, I just raised my hand. I am too new to know what the boundaries are for my participation in this. I understand there are probably some. In terms of sorting out this ultimate question as to why this socioeconomic question has been a source of such frustration for people, and it comes out in all sorts of different ways, if there is a way I can participate in that conversation, it is something that I have been actively managing for the last twenty years. I am more than happy to share my knowledge and to participate and help in some way if I can.

From my view, it is not a great mystery as to where the frustrations lie or where the questions and concerns come from, but I also do not think that fixing them would be all that challenging. To the extent to which I am able, I am happy to participate in that.

David: I think you would be most welcome by all Parties in doing so. We can talk more about the mechanics of that, but I was seeing some nodding of heads. Natalie?

Natalie: That was an applause.

David: You need two hands. One hand clapping just does not have the effect. Alright, are there any last-minute comments? I think we are about ready to move on to next meeting and next steps.



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David: Alright, roughly six months from now. Ben will start looking at calendars and looking at when we can squeeze a meeting in. As I mentioned before, it would be really nice if we could have the meeting in person next time around.

For the next steps, we will get the transcript out. We will send that out for comment and corrections. There will be a list of action items apparently. I don't know if we blame this on Erika or not. In the previous meeting when Erika was not here, there were no action items. Now we have a whole bunch of them. Gee thanks, Erika.

Erika: You're welcome.

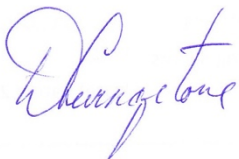
David: I think that is it. Are there any other next steps that people would like to see?

*(Pause)*

Alright, well, it is 15:40. We are adjourned. I don't think I need a motion to adjourn. We can just do that. So thanks, everyone. It has been a long day for many of you: long day, long week, and many months of long hours. I really appreciate it. Thanks again.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

**Meeting Adjourned**



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**David Livingstone**  
**Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board**

May 26, 2022

**Date**

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**Motions**

**Motion: Moved:** Ken Hall moved to approve the agenda.

**Seconded:** Mark Palmer

Motion carried.

**Motion: Moved:** Marc Lange moved to accept the Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2021.

**Seconded:** Alex Lynch

Motion carried.

**Action Items**

1. **Action Item:** GNWT to share the remediation economy report developed by ITI, ENR and the Department of Finance with the Parties when it is released in the spring of 2022. (page 7)
2. **Action Item:** CIRNAC Contribution Agreement for Alternatives North to be completed before the end of the fiscal year. (page 14)
3. **Action Item:** YKDFN sharing the release of their Traditional Knowledge brochure. (page 18)
4. **Action Item:** GMRP to share socioeconomic data with GMOB as per the request by Graeme Clinton. (page 26)
5. **Action Item:** GMRP to share the Project and Implementation Plan: Early Works with the Parties in the spring of 2022. (page 32)
6. **Action Item:** GMOB to post to its website the GMRP response to the GMOB Socio-Economic Impact Reporting and Analysis for the GMRP Report. (page 37)
7. **Action Item:** GMRP to share with GMOB a draft Table of Contents for the Status of the Environment Report and GMOB to review and respond. (page 38)