

**Minutes**  
**Giant Mine Oversight Board**  
**Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023**  
**Time: Start at 1:00 pm MST**  
**Zoom Conference and GMOB Office**

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<b>Present:</b>	David Livingstone, Chair Ken Hall Dr. Ken Froese Graeme Clinton Mark Palmer Marc Lange Ben Nind, Executive Director Paul Green (consultant)
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1. **Welcome** – Chair D. Livingstone

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:10 pm.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Seconded:** G. Clinton

**Motion carried.**

3. **Approval of the GMOB Minutes of January 05, 2023**

**Motion: Moved:** G. Clinton moved to approve the GMOB Minutes of January 05, 2023

**Seconded:** K. Hall

**Motion carried.**

4. **Review of Past Action Items**

The Board reviewed the Action Items of January 05, 2023.

5. **Director Updates**

**M. Palmer** stated that his work had been focussed on attending the GMRP Socio-Economic meetings, the GMOB economic presentations and writing and review of his sections of the GMOB 2022 Annual Report.

**M. Lange** stated that he had been working on writing and review of GMOB 2022 Annual Report and reported progress on the GMOB Research Program Strategic Plan with an extension being granted to the contractor. He also reported that the

contract for the development of the plain language report on the Research program was progressing well.

**P. Green** updated the Board on GMOB's regulatory submissions since January 2023 and gave a site update noting that there have been no inspection reports on the site since the beginning of the year. He has also been working on the GMOB 2022 Annual Report.

**G. Clinton** stated that he had been busy with the development of GMOB's economic effects assessment of the Project. Formal presentations were made to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and the Environment, the GMRP and the Parties to the EA. He also drafted comments on the draft renewed GMRP Socio-Economic Strategy which were submitted to the Project. He is looking forward to receiving the detailed data from the GMRP to complete the work of the economic model. He has also been working on the GMOB 2022 Annual Report.

There was Board discussion regarding the presentations and the shift in focus from contamination to economic opportunity. It was noted that the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and ITI had made inquiries after the formal presentation to the Standing Committee and that there had been press coverage by CBC.

**K. Froese** provided an update on the recent GMRP-NSMA meeting. He noted that any questions about the increased expenditure were not posed but that there were good questions directed to the Project including one about entry level positions and the ability to move up as experience was gained.

The Board discussed the apprenticeship process, noting that it lay in the hands of the employer and not the Project but that this could be monitored by through the bidding process and if the contractor had an apprenticeship program in place.

Ken updated the Board on the YkHemp study which was moving into the next phase of recruiting children and youth for the next Phase of testing. He has also been working on the GMOB 2022 Annual Report.

**K. Hall** noted the results of a meetings involving the Great Slave Sailing Club and the Yellowknife Historical Society and their joint concerns about communications with the Project and some of the remediation plans involving their operations. Ken also noted the icing around the creek crossings and what was being done to monitor potential flood risks.

The Board discussed the impact of the remediation activities on the boating community and felt that the Project needed to be more active in their public communication of the plans for the boat launch and the waterfront areas. Questions were also raised about who was managing the boat launch and carrying the liability for it.

**D Livingstone** updated the Board on the presentation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and the Environment and his attendance at the Arctic Energy and Resource Symposium gathering in Calgary. He noted that GMOB would benefit from a presentation by Altaff Lakhani and the Catalyst Group regarding their work in support of remediation opportunities for communities.

**Action Item:** ED to contact Altaff Lakhani and the Catalyst Group to arrange a presentation for their work for the Board.

### **Executive Directors Report**

The ED presented his report to the Board. The Board reviewed the two quotes for the purchase of a shipping container. ED to arrange for shipping and storage of the container in Yellowknife and then at the SGS facility of Lakefield, ON.

**Motion: Moved:** M. Lange moved to purchase a 20 ft container, shelving, electrical and vents for the shipping and storage of samples for the GMOB Research Program from Custom Cubes to a maximum expenditure of \$12,000.00

**Seconded:** K. Froese

**Motion carried.**

**Action Item:** ED to arrange for the purchase, shipping and storage of a container for the transport and storage of samples for the GMOB Research Program.

### **Next Meeting**

ED to arrange the next meeting of the Board.

### **Adjournment**



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Ken Hall  
Interim Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

May 2, 2023  
Date

## **Motions**

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**Seconded:** G. Clinton

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## **Action Items**

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