

Minutes
Giant Mine Oversight Board
Date: Friday, September 22, 2023
Time: Start at 10:00 pm MST
Zoom Conference and GMOB Office

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

1. **Welcome** – Chair D. Livingstone

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:05 pm.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Seconded: M. Lange

Motion carried.

2. **Approval of the GMOB Minutes of June 22, 2023**

Motion: Moved: M. Palmer moved to approve the GMOB Minutes June 22, 2023

Seconded: K. Hall

Motion carried.

3. **Review of Past Action Items**

All action items have been completed.

4. **Draft 2022 GMOB Financial Statement presentation** – Meera Basnyat, EPR Auditors

Meera Basnyat of EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation presented the draft 2022 GMOB Financial Statement and addressed questions from the Board.

Motion: Moved: G. Clinton moved to approve the 2022 GMOB Financial Statement.

Seconded: M. Lange

Motion carried.

5. Giant Mine Remediation Project - Climate Change Report Review - Laura Garneau Sanchez, RFS Energy

Laura Garneau Sanchez of *RFS Energy* presented the draft Giant Mine Remediation Project - Climate Change Report Review contracted by GMOB. The Board discussed the report and recommendations and noted minor changes to be incorporated in the final version. This will then be submitted to the Project Team and shared with the Parties and the public. The Board agreed that the Project Team's incorporation of the implications of climate change on the Project and the specific recommendations on the report by RFS Energy would be tracked going forward. Observations, concerns and further recommendations will be addressed in each future GMOB annual report.

Action Item: ED to follow up with RFS Energy and submit the final report to the Project Team by September 30, 2023.

6. Director Updates

M. Lange updated the Board on the plain language sheets developed with Fuse Consulting for the research program. Among other things, these will be used for general communication purposes and will be presented at the upcoming research program meetings scheduled in November 2023. Marc is also currently reviewing the draft GMOB Research Strategy and also updated the Board on the status of the process regarding the AEMP and DFO.

P. Green reported that he has been quiet since the last meeting but that there were several upcoming reviews scheduled, including the water management plan and the underground design plan.

M. Palmer reported that GMOB work has been quiet since the last meeting.

K. Hall reported that he had received public questions from local boaters over the plans for lake front access during remediation. He noted that the need for the Project to consult with the public in this regard, was recommended in the last annual report and that the Project had agreed to host a meeting. This is still an outstanding issue.

D. Livingstone reported that his term has been renewed for an additional year. Otherwise, his work on GMOB matters has been limited given the recent fire evacuation, the closure of the office, the suspension of activities at the site, and few updates by the Project Team.

G. Clinton updated the Board on his work and noted the need to clarify GMOB's role with respect to economic matters, and particularly regarding requests for meetings by various parties. There are currently invitations from ITI, the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce and Aurora College that need to be addressed.

Graeme also asked about the DFO process regarding the Indigenous engagement by DFO on Fisheries authorizations for the Project. He recalled that the Project Team had expressed some concern during the latest semi-annual meeting of the Parties regarding the potential impact of authorization delays on the schedule for the water treatment plant. The Board discussed this and asked the ED to follow up with the Project Team and suggested that a meeting with the Project Team and DFO be arranged if need be.

Action Item: ED to check in with the Project Team on the status of the water treatment plant.

7. Revised GMRP Procurement and Contracting Report - Andy Swiderski, Gaea Consulting

Andy Swiderski of *Gaea Consulting* presented an overview of the draft GMRP Procurement and Contracting Report. The Board discussed the report. It was noted that another contractor had indicated it would be receptive to an interview, and if so the interview results would be included in the final report. The intention is to make the final report public.

Action Item: ED to work with Gaea Consulting in arranging an additional interview after which the final report will be submitted to GMOB.

8. Executive Directors Report

The ED presented his report to the Board (attached)

9. New Business

No new business was noted.

10. Next Meeting

The next GMOB meeting will be scheduled for late October 2023.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1330.



Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

November 13, 2023

Date

Motions

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

Seconded: M. Lange

Motion carried.

Motion: Moved: M. Palmer moved to approve the GMOB Minutes June 22, 2023

Seconded: K. Hall

Motion carried.

Motion: Moved: G. Clinton moved to approve the 2022 GMOB Financial Statement.

Seconded: M. Lange

Motion carried.

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