

Minutes
Giant Mine Oversight Board
Date: Tuesday February 27, 2024
Time: Start at 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm MST
GMOB Office and Zoom

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:00 pm.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

There were some noted changes made to the agenda.

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

Seconded: D. Livingstone

Motion carried.

3. **Approval of the GMOB Minutes of November 13, 2023**

Motion: Moved: M. Palmer moved approval of the GMOB Minutes, of November 13, 2023.

Seconded: K. Hall

Motion carried.

4. **Review of Past Action Items**

The Board reviewed the Action Items. Action 1 was completed. Action 2: K. Froese stated that the report addressing the acute toxicity issue was with the WSP contractor to be looked at again. Action 3: K. Froese confirmed that he would contact H. Jamieson regarding the proposed changes to the GNWT Environmental Guidelines for Contaminated Sites and then consider the review options.

Action Item ED to follow up with the GMRP on what they consider “significant” to be reported to GMOB as per the Environmental Agreement Section 4.3.

5. Presentation from YK Catholic School Board & YK1 School Board proposal to expand trades training related to the Giant Mine remediation.

This presentation was cancelled. The ED informed the Board that a draft letter from the School Boards would be shared with GMOB for possible comment. It was noted that a preliminary presentation was made at a recent SEWG meeting in this regard.

6. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer and ED presented the draft 2024-25 Budget and Workplan. A discussion was held regarding the CPI adjustment.

Motion: Moved: D. Livingstone moved approval of the 2024-25 Budget and Workplan.

Seconded: M. Palmer

Motion carried.

The Board’s honoraria were discussed, and the ED is to report back to the Treasurer and the Board members on the adjustments made.

Action Item ED to review the honouraria with the bookkeeper and report back to the Treasurer and the Board members on adjustments made.

7. Update Federal Inspectors – Megan Larose

The Board met with Megan Larose, interim federal inspector of the Giant Mine site. The discussion was focussed on the process and status of onsite inspections to date. Ms. Larose stated that their division was looking to add a new inspector. The last inspection onsite was January 24, 2024, but there was no formal schedule for inspections. The Board asked specific questions which were addressed and concluded with a commitment to meet on a regular basis.

8. Presentation from Catalyst/CIRNAC - Stacia Kean and Altaf Lakhai

The Board viewed the Catalyst presentation presented by Ms. Kean and engaged in a discussion about the program which was working in Deline and focussed on the remediation of a contaminated mine site on Great Bear Lake. The Board asked specific questions which were addressed and concluded with a commitment by Catalyst to share progress of the initiative with GMOB going forward.

9. Executive Director Report

The ED did not present a formal report but in support of the time factor for the meeting highlighted the following that needed the attention of the Board.

GMOB Research Proposal – University of British Columbia

The Board discussed the amended UBC proposal and the initial recommendation from the Independent Advisory Group and agreed to move forward with the proposal.

Motion: Moved: K. Froese moved approval of the research proposal submitted by UBC.

Seconded: K. Hall

Motion carried.

Action Item ED to set up a meeting with M. Lange and the University of British Columbia to discuss next steps regarding the research proposal.

The Board also discussed interest in the vitrification project at the Hanford facility in Washington State.

Action Item ED to research a contact at the Hanford facility.

10. New Business

- **GMOB - Project Team meeting Agenda and Scheduling**

The Board discussed several items to be included in the agenda for a planned meeting with the GMRP.

Action Item Board members to submit items for the agenda for the meeting with the GMRP to the ED by the end of March.

- **GMOB Semi-Annual Meeting and GMOB Annual Public Meeting**

ED is currently working to schedule the Semi-Annual and GMOB Public meeting.

11. Next Meeting

ED will schedule the next GMOB Board meeting by the end of March 2024.

12. Adjournment

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thurston".

Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

March 27, 2024

Date

Motions

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Seconded: D. Livingstone

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