

## AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Top Row:** Jessica Simpson, Arnold Enge, Bill Ross, Tony Pearce, and Kim Poole.

**Bottom Row:** Laura Johnston, Kevin O'Reilly, Jaida Ohokannoak, and Tim Byers.

We have a Board of Directors with seven members appointed by:

- Tłı̨ch̨ Government
- Akaitcho Treaty 8 (Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation and Yellowknives Dene First Nation)
- Kitikmeot Inuit Association
- North Slave Métis Alliance
- Government of Canada (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada)
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation.

Our Directors are independent of the appointing parties.



Tim Byers,  
Director  
appointed by  
Akaitcho  
Treaty 8  
(YKDFN  
and  
LKDFN)

## THANK YOU!

Berna Martin (Interpreter)  
Bouwa Whee (Catering), and  
Lands and Environment Committee

## Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency was set up in 1997. We are a public watchdog for environmental management at Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's Ekati Diamond Mine. We work in the best interests of the people and the environment affected by the Ekati Mine.

We review Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's environmental reports and plans for Ekati, visit the mine site and listen to community and public concerns. We make recommendations to the company, governments and regulators on how best to protect the environment at Ekati. We tell the company and governments about community concerns and make recommendations on the use of Traditional Knowledge in environmental programs.

## CONTACT US

Please contact our office to schedule a meeting with us in your community, or if you have questions about Ekati.

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## Board Meeting and Community Information

**Session**  
Dettah and N'Dilo  
Northwest Territories  
March 12, 2014



## The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

## Agency Visit to Dettah and N'Dilo March 12, 2014

The Agency visited the community of Dettah and N'Dilo Wednesday, March 12. During our visit, we:

- Held a Board meeting in the Council Chambers in Dettah. Agency Directors and staff discussed their activities and Agency business
- Hosted an Open House at the N'Dilo Gym with a community dinner and information session on the Agency's work and the environmental performance of Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation at the Ekati Mine.

## Board Meeting

During the board meeting, the Agency discussed its regular business items. For instance, each board member gave an update on their activities, our annual report was discussed and so was the financial and variance reports.

Chief Fred Sangris of Dettah dropped in on the meeting. He mentioned that he was happy with the work of the Agency and he is glad that the Agency exists to monitor the Ekati Mine.

To view the board meeting minutes, you can go to [www.monitoringagency.net](http://www.monitoringagency.net)



Fox pit, September 2014

## Community Open House

The Agency hosted an Open House at N'Dilo Gym the evening of March 12, from 5-8 pm.

The Agency hosted a meal at 5 pm, and about 10 people joined us to hear an Agency presentation on Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's environmental monitoring programs. Agency Directors and staff also did their best to answer questions from those that attended.

Many people who participated in the Open House were also part of the Lands and Environment Committee for the Yellowknives Dene.

The Agency and the community had a good discussion about the effects of the mine, the Ekati Expansion Project and planning for closure and reclamation of the mine site.



Agency Director Tim Byers and Members of YKDFN



Fox, at Ekati Mine.



## What the Agency Heard



Chairperson, Bill Ross

The Agency heard a lot of concerns from the community at the Open House, especially about the plans to expand the Ekati Diamond Mine. The community has concerns about the Jay-Cardinal Project, including the large size of the footprint, the impacts and how Traditional Knowledge will be used. The Yellowknives Dene are aware of archaeological sites and ancient camps and grave sites in the area and want them to be protected.

Yellowknives Dene are also concerned about the amount of traffic that the expansion will generate. It is not clear how the road traffic will be managed to allow for the wildlife, especially caribou, to cross the haul roads and how dust will be controlled.

Financial security of the mine was also discussed. The main concern being that the current amount that is set is not enough to carry out the approved reclamation plan.



Agency Directors and Community Members Open House, N'Dilo