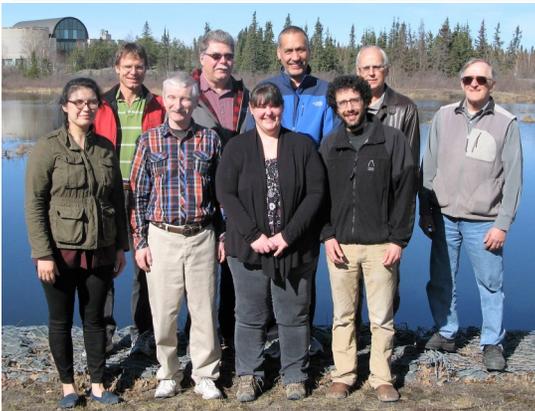


AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Top Row: Kim Poole, Doug Doan, Arnold Enge, Emery Paquin and Jesse Jasper.

Front Row: Jessica Simpson, Tim Byers, Jaida Ohokannoak, Marc Casas.

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.

THANK YOU!

Phoebe Rabesca-Tlicho Government
Janita Etsemba—Cultural Centre
Peter Huskey—Interpreter

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.

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Community Visit
Behchoko
Northwest Territories
March 2, 2016



The Independent
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Agency Visit to Behchoko

The Agency visited Behchoko March 2, 2016. . During our visit, we:

- Had a Meet and Greet with Community Action Research Team (CART) and the Tlicho Government's Department of Land and Environment.
- Hosted an Open House at the Cultural Centre 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.

Meet and Greet—CART

Agency Directors were very impressed with their meeting with the CART crew as they learned a lot about community based research, the impact of 2/2 work at the diamond mines, and programs that CART works on.

The Agency understands that CART research is influential in the Tlicho communities and so wanted to meet and learn more about CART.



Agency Directors and CART staff.

Meet and Greet Tlicho Culture and Lands Protection

The Agency met with a few people from Culture and Lands. A discussion on how the mines integrate Traditional knowledge. The TG wanted to know how objective the mines information was and how TG can integrate their own data.

A discussion on the cumulative impacts of all 3 diamonds mines was also had. The Tlicho look at how all of the mines are impacting caribou migration and behavior.

Community Information Session Open House



Chairperson, Jaida, presenting at the Open House.

The Agency held the Open House at the Cultural Centre. In total, there were approximately 30 residence who attended the feast and the presentation. The feast began at 6

pm and presentation about us and Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's environmental monitoring programs started at 6:30 pm.

Eddie Camille gave the opening prayer followed by an introduction and presentation by Jaida Ohokannoak, the Agency's Chairperson. She explained that the Agency will be relaying what we hear at this session back to Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation.

Overall, the Agency was pleased with the turnout and the feedback received from participants. The Agency will be reporting what we have heard back to DDEC.

Visit to Chief Jimmy Bruno School

In the past, during community visits, the Agency would do a school presentation to a class. This year, due to the schools schedule, the Agency opted to visit the school during lunch hour to raise awareness about what we do.

Students were enthusiastic and curious about the Agency's mandate and work. Many students asked studious and poignant questions about Ekati Diamond Mine.

As always, the Agency encourages students to continue their education as provided by schools and their community Elders.



What the Agency Heard



Eddie Camille saying the opening prayer.

L-R: Jonas Football, Eddie Camille, Tim Byers.

The Agency heard many concerns, some were in relation to DDEC's plans for closure. Open House participants wanted to know more about how open pits will be remediated, how seepage is managed and, most importantly, how impacts to caribou will be mitigated.

Elders, such as Eddie Camille, talked about visiting the area before the mines existed. He also emphasized that he wants monitoring to occur and that there be a plan for closure.

An important takeaway the Agency learned is that scientists might not have all of the information and the data they collect is not always disseminated at the community level. Overall, it seems the community would like Traditional Knowledge more incorporated into monitoring programs. The community would also like more of their members to be working with DDEC so that the communities have a much better understanding of monitoring and how closure would occur.

The Agency also heard that people would like to see more video of mining operations, as this would be helpful for people who have never been to the mine. The Agency is looking to produce a short video about Ekati



Melanie Lafferty speaking about more community involvement at Ekati Mine.