

Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency – 2018-19

Communications Responsibilities and Plans for Community Meetings

Environmental Agreement Implementation Meeting June 5, 2019

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Agency Communication Responsibilities

ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT

Purpose

- Provide advice and input to Dominion Diamond Mines ULC (Dominion Diamond)
- Coordinate monitoring
- Facilitate participation of Aboriginal Peoples and the general public

Agency Mandate

- Public Watchdog
- Participate as an intervenor
- Effective communication with Aboriginal Peoples and the general public
- Bring concerns of Aboriginal Peoples and public to Dominion Diamond and governments



Agency Communications Responsibilities

ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT

Reporting and Accountability

- Report annually
- Submit other reports and correspondence on findings and recommendations to Dominion Diamond and government
- Dominion Diamond and government to give full and serious consideration to our reports and recommendations in writing



Communication Responsibilities

RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

Environmental Agreement Implementation Meetings

January

- Agency's current and proposed work plan and budget
- Dominion Diamond's environmental management programs and operations for coming year
- Agency's findings, recommendations, reports and overview of the monitoring program costs
- Reconciliation of the drawdown on the separate fund for interventions
- Meeting requirement was cancelled and responsibilities deferred to Agency March Board meeting (confirmed at June 6, 2017 Implementation Meeting)

June

- Dominion Diamond and Agency on the status of their communication responsibilities
- Plans to meet with communities
- Opportunities to coordinate participants' engagement with communities
- Review and discussion of the preliminary content of the Agency's annual report

Communication Responsibilities

Society By-laws

- Board of Directors responsible for conducting the affairs of the Society
- Minutes to be kept of all Board meetings and made available
- Annual General Meeting of the Society Members and special meetings

Communications Protocol

- Agency expects the EA parties to provide copies of all final information (including data, studies, reports, and other material) they generate for another party, or the public, which relates to the Environmental Agreement and the Agency's mandate
- Agency shall place all written material from the parties on the public registry unless requested to do otherwise, and the Agency consents



Agency Activities 2017-18

| Date and Location | Purpose | Main Issues |
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| April 24-26, 2018 Yellowknife, NT | Slave Geological Province Regional Wildlife Monitoring Workshop | Hosted by GNWT's ENR — Wildlife Division, Marc Casas, Kim Poole, and Ron Allen attended this workshop. The workshop is part of a series of on-going workshops held annually or bi-annually since 2009 to discuss and set objectives for wildlife monitoring conducted primarily by the diamond mines and government. The focus is typically on sharing results of monitoring activities, harmonizing monitoring objectives and the development of monitoring protocols. |
| May 1-3, 2018 Yellowknife, NT | Annual Report Writing Session | Directors and staff gathered to review assigned chapters and discuss the content of our 2018-2019 Annual Report. |
| September 18, 2018 Ekati Diamond Mine | Site Visit to Ekati | Annual site visit to the mine site. Itinerary had to be prioritized, as the visit was reduced to a day trip. See "Activities 2018-2019" section for more details. |
| September 19-20, 2018 Yellowknife, NT | Agency Board Meeting | Following our annual Ekati site visit, the Agency held its 101st board meeting. |
| December 4-5, 2018 Yellowknife, NT | Agency Board Meeting | Leading up to the Annual General Meeting, the Agency held its 102 nd board meeting. |
| December 5, 2018 Yellowknife, NT | Annual General Meeting | Quorum not met for motions or votes – deferred to Special Meeting of Society Members. Directors were acclaimed in their executive roles. |
| December 13, 2018 Yellowknife, NT & conference call | Special Meeting of Society Members | Quorum met – required motions made and moved. |

Agency Activities 2017-18 continued

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| January 8, 2019 Whatì, NT | Whatì ICRP Info Session | 34 people attended the session at the Community Hall in Whatì. |
| January 10, 2019 Yellowknife, NT | Informal ICRP Discussion with NSMA | Regulatory Analysts with the North Slave Metis Association met with IEMA staff to discuss Version 3.0 of the ICRP. |
| January 10, 2019 Dettah, NT | Dettah ICRP Info Session | 15 people attended the session held at Chief Drygeese Centre in Dettah. |
| January 14, 2019 Behchokò, NT | Behchokò ICRP Info Session | IEMA welcomed 33 attendees to the Community Hall in Behchokò. |
| January 22-23, 2019 Yellowknife, NT | Ekati Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan – Version 3.0 Technical Workshop | This workshop was designed through the WLWB's hope that an open and collaborative discussion would increase each party's understanding of the issues and the perspectives of others as parties prepared to submit comments and responses on Version 3.0 of the ICRP. |
| January 28, 2019 Kugluktuk, NU | Kugluktuk ICRP Info Session | |
| February 5, 2019 Łutsel K'e, NT | Łutsel K'e ICRP Info Session | 30 people attended the session at the Community Hall in Łutsel K'e. |
| February 15, 2019 Yellowknife, NT | Requested Meeting with Tlicho Reps | Follow up from the ICRP Community Info Sessions |
| March 5-6, 2019 Yellowknife, NT | Agency Board Meeting | The 103 rd board meeting was held in Yellowknife. The board discussed the upcoming annual report writing session. |

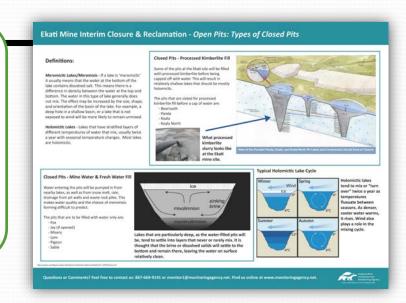
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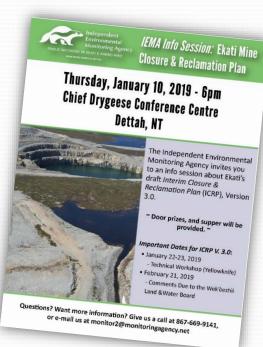
- July 2018: Distributed agency's newsletter *The Ekati Monitor*
- July and August 2018: Posted on website and distributed 2017-18 Agency Annual Report, including Plain Language version and summary brochure.
- September 2018: Agency Board Meeting and site visit.
- December 2018: Agency Annual General Meeting

 January-February 2019: Community Information Sessions (for Interim Closure & Reclamation Plan V 3.0)

- Whatì, Łutsel K'e, Behchokò, Dettah, and Kugluktuk, NU
- Created outreach materials to illustrate components of the ICRP

An example of one of 7 informative posters created for the ICRP Community Info Sessions to demonstrate concepts and components of the Plan.





Questions?



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