

Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

103nd Meeting of the Board of Directors

Yellowknife, NT – March 5-6th, 2019

Summary of Discussion

Directors

Jaida Ohokannoak

Emery Paquin

Tim Byers

Ron Allen

Jesse Jasper

Bill Slater

Staff

Marc Casas, *Executive Director*

Meeting chaired by Jaida.

March, 5-6th, 2019. Start time: 9:05am

Agency Business

Chair/Director Updates

Directors have been reviewing company documents as they've been sent out, as well as the Agency's outgoing letters. Emery, Bill and Jesse attended the community ICRP information sessions held through January and early February. Emery and Bill also attended the ICRP technical Sessions in Yellowknife January 22-23. Tim provided comments on various response plans and Jay AEMP Design Plan and Response Framework. Agency submitted comments on the WROMP 10, other than that, there hasn't been other review items as most of time is working on ICRP comments

Staff Updates

General:

The ED attended all community information sessions and considered them a success that achieved the goals of increased awareness of the proposed ICRP in communities, building connection between the agency and community members.

ED also participated in all document reviews and drafted of outgoing correspondence. The majority of time was spent organizing the community ICRP information sessions with the help from staff.

Communications:

The ED summarized the work that had been done since the last communications update. This includes a revamping of the Ekati Monitor (new versions were drafted but put on hold as the community information sessions took precedence, a new newsletter will come shortly), updating of links and structure of the Agency website, also several posters were developed for the information sessions to compliment the presentation. Director pointed out that some of the sections of the website are out of date for example the correspondence section is not up to date.

Action Item 1: Website be updated.

The creation of infographics has moved forward with their completion expected in late April.

Financial Report

2018- 2019 Year-to-Date Expenditures and Variance Report – an updated Variance Report and YTD Expenditures were presented. It predicted a considerable surplus at year end. Some of the surplus is due to deferring of the payment of annual report production costs to the year they are completed, only 3 board meetings were held instead of 4, and timing director meetings with other events to minimize costs. In addition, the budgeted costs from the community visits, open house, and workshops costs were all combined into the community information sessions, which reduced costs as a whole.

The workplan and budget for 2019-20 and 2020-21 was presented to directors. The operating budget for the Agency for 2019-20 is set at \$713,749.04.

Motion 1: To approve the budget with the accepted changes. Approved by Emery and Seconded by Jesse.

Based on the 2017 AGM request the Agency sent out a request for proposals to 5 local auditors. After review and discussion at the December 2018 AGM and subsequent special meeting (December 2018) Society members agreed to hire EPR to conduct the 2018-19 audit report.

Correspondence

Incoming and outgoing correspondence since the last board meeting was reviewed. Most of the focus was on preparation for the ICRP technical sessions in late January and final ICRP comments in late March. There were a few important reviews including WROMP 10.0 and WKPMP 8.0 including Panda Koala deposition study, and the Jay AEMP design Plan.

Review of Previous Action Items

Action Items from our last board meeting were reviewed and discussed. Actions were either completed, or carried forward.

Current Items/Out for Review

- ICRP v 3.0 – Final comments – due March 7, 2019
- Grizzly Bear DNA report – Send letter commending Dominion on the Grizzly bear study.

Action Item 2 – Send letter commending Dominion on the Grizzly Bear study.

- Request for Ruling – MUG Security and change of scope
- Lynx LUP – extension
- Cujo Lake outflow – March 26 2019
- Upcoming AEMP reviews including fish (large and small bodied)
 - Review approach – consultant – Directors decided to review with internal expertise and then determine if additional review is necessary.

Dominion Update

- Agency provided an update on the expenses for 2017-18, the work plan and budget for 2019-21 as agreed to at the January 2017 Implementation meeting. This essentially replaces the January Implementation Meeting requirement in the 2006 Implementation Agreement. At the January 2017 Implementation Meeting all signatories agreed that instead of two meetings that one implementation meeting be held in May/June and that instead of the January Implementation Meeting that the project update, work plan and budget that was the purpose of the January meeting was moved to the Agency's March meeting.
- Dominion provided a summary of current and upcoming activities planned for 2018-19.
- Some of the questions raised included:
 - Jay Project: Has a decision regarding the Optimization study been made or coming soon? **Ans. There currently are no plans to go ahead with Jay project but a final decision has not yet been made.**
 - Jay Project: Dust monitoring for the Jay project continues.
 - Environmental Impact Report (EIR): This report is part of the environmental agreement. It is supposed to be a comparison with between past and current data for all monitoring including wildlife and air quality. It is also meant to compare against original predictions.
 - EIR Submission date for the EIR and subsequent review process has been delayed by approximately 4-6 months. This is due to annual reports used in its production are not

in until later and other review documents taking precedence such as the AEMP design plan.

- Site visit: Directors reiterated the Agency's wish to return to an overnight site visit. Dominion explained that the main reason was the cost of the charter plane.

ICRP 3.0

- Discussed and updated all directors on the community visits regarding what we heard and how we thought it went. All directors agreed that it was a positive and successful initiative that will help improve our communication with Aboriginal Society members.
- We received positive feedback from communities regarding the visit and had some good discussion at the information sessions.
- Directors decided the best way to summarize our community visits was to put together a newsletter type document that provides a summary of our visits.

Annual Report Planning

Willow Ridge Retreat Centre was chosen as the venue for the second year in a row. It is close to town without being in town and on a nice property by the lake.

Concerns were raised by communications staff that the Plain Language could maybe be improved. Board supported Shannon's initiative to find a translator to do the plain language translation on this year's report.

EMAB – John Discussion

- Deposition of Processed Kimberlite into Lac du Gras:
 - Concerns with long term stability of meromixes and potential impact to fish.
 - Concerns with EA review process. It is proposed to be combined with WL process with draft WL to be distributed before the Minister made decision on the EA. Many groups had concerns with this process and it was changed.
- ICRP process:
 - WLWB rejected ICRP submission and required Diavik to engage with parties.
 - Process ongoing but comments have been submitted and responses provided.
- Mercury in Lake Trout:
 - WLWB decision that Diavik does not need to monitor unless slimy skulpin show signs of increase.
- Fish Camp:
 - Fish palatability-condition and health are monitored using western and traditional methods
 - Report found parasites and white spots in muscle.

Other Business

Include communications staff on all documents received. Directs expressed concern over the missed review of some reports. Although not a major concern the suggestion was to contact Agency contacts to ensure that they also include Shannon in all correspondence to avoid items getting lost in inbox.

Action Item 3: Email Agency contacts to be sure they include Shannon on distribution list.

Infographics: Agency staff is moving forward with the development of infographics as per workplan and budget. The ED gave a summary of the key concepts and asked for feedback. The direction given was to focus on main mine components and also to incorporate Annual Report chapter themes to allow for potential incorporation into the Annual Report.

Meeting Adjourned by Jaida – 4:40 pm March 6, 2019