

Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Yellowknife, NT – June 18, 2021

Summary of Discussion

Directors

Emery Paquin
Tim Byers (Z)
Ron Allen
Jesse Jasper (Z)
Bill Slater (Z)
Kim Poole (Z)

Staff

Marc Casas, *Executive Director*
Jamie Mistry, *Comms & Admin Specialist*

(Z) denotes participation via Zoom

Meeting opened by Emery Paquin (Vice-Chairperson). The position of Chair was assigned to Marc Casas (Executive Director) to chair the election of a new Chairperson. The Chair was returned to Emery Paquin as newly elected Chairperson. Meeting officially starts: 2:15pm, June 18, 2021.

Agency Business

Chair/Director Updates

With the departure of Jaida Ohokannoak as Director and Agency Chairperson, the Agency has held a General Meeting to elect the replacement Chairperson. Of note, the meeting has quorum to proceed with an election process outside of the Annual General Meeting.

Chairperson

- Ron Allen nominates Emery Paquin as Chairperson
 - Bill Slater seconds the nomination
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - Emery Paquin acclaimed as Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Position of Vice Chairperson is open for nominations.

- Kim Poole nominated Ron Allen as Vice Chairperson
 - Jesse Jasper seconds the nomination
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - Ron accepts position as Vice Chairperson

Annual Report

“Big R” Recommendations

Traditional Knowledge

The Agency discussed there being insufficient Traditional Knowledge (TK) gathered and implemented in recent project plans presented by Arctic Diamond. The Directors have identified 2 main areas of concern: first, the gathering and use of TK from Elders and knowledge holders for specific mine expansions and second, a need for increased transparency with communities, explaining the purpose of gathering TK and how it is applied.

Public Education

In previous years, the company had sent newsletters to communities providing general updates and public education about the mine and the company's activities in the communities. The Agency has noticed that these newsletters have not been distributed since 2017 and believe there is value to continuing to provide this public education to the communities.

Review of Air Quality Guideline for NWT Diamond Mines

The Agency is pleased to receive information regarding the guidelines for Air Quality review and would like to be kept engaged on the matter as more information is made available. It was agreed a letter would be forwarded to the Honourable Shane Thompson responding to his letter of May 28, 2021.

Point Lake Project

The Agency and staff have reviewed the details of the Draft Work Plan and Point Lake Project application and will be providing a response to the Wek'eezhi Land and Water Board supporting the proposed Work Plan and schedule.