

## Summary of Discussion

Hosted remotely from the IEMA Board Room (203, 5006 Franklin Ave, Yellowknife, NT)

Thursday November 18, 2021

### PARTICIPANTS

#### Agency Directors:

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

#### Agency Staff:

Marc Casas – Executive Director  
Jamie Mistry – Comms & Admin Specialist

#### Arctic Canadian Diamond Company:

Rory Moore – President  
Sheila Chernys – Head of Health, Safety, Security, Environment & Communities,  
Harry O’Keefe – Superintendent Environment  
Dustin Chaffee – Regulatory Applications Manager  
Kendra McGreish – Regulatory Specialist

#### GNWT – Environment & Natural Resources:

Laurie McGregor - Environmental Assessment Analyst

#### Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA):

Skye Lacroix

#### North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA):

Noah Johnson – Lead Regulatory Officer  
Jess Hurtubise - Environment Department Manager

#### Tłı̨chǫ Government (TG):

Violet Camsell-Blondin - Manager, Lands Regulation

#### Member(s) of the Public:

James Lawrence

**Note:** The majority of attendees joined via Zoom. Local Directors and Staff were present in-person in a socially distanced manner.

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Meeting opened at 9:10am

### Welcome and Agenda Approval

Chairperson Emery Paquin started the meeting by acknowledging we were meeting in Chief Drygeese territory and welcomed everyone to the AGM. An introduction of Directors, Staff and attendees was held. An opening prayer was given by Violet Camsell-Blondin.

The agenda was reviewed, no additions or changes were suggested. It was acknowledged that Arctic Diamond’s President, Rory Moore, will be joining the AGM at 10:00 am to deliver a presentation. All attendees are in agreement.

#### **Motion 1:** Approval of Agenda

- Harry O’Keefe moves to approve the agenda
- Violet Camsell-Blondin seconds the Motion
- Motion carried unanimously

## Chairperson's Address

Emery Paquin thanked participants for their participation and extended an appreciation for everyone's flexibility in attending the meeting virtually.

## Approval of the Summary of Discussion

The 2020 AGM was held on November 19, 2020. Participants have reviewed the Summary of Discussion and no additions or changes were requested.

### **Motion 2:** Approval of last year's Summary of Discussion

- Laurie McGregor moves to approve the Summary of Discussion
- Violet Camsell-Blondin seconds the Motion
- Motion carried unanimously

## Presentation of IEMA's Annual Report

### Presentation by Board Vice-Chair, Ron Allen

*For further details, please see the presentation.*

The presentation provided a summary of the Agency's 2020-2021 Annual Report. This included a review of Agency activities and documents that were reviewed between April 2020 and March 2021. The presentation also reviewed the Agency's recommendations to the company (Arctic Diamond) along with individual assessments of the company and various regulators that the Agency worked with throughout the year. Agency Directors answered questions about the Ekati mine site model and how the project was outsourced to Selkirk College.

## Members' Presentation

### Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd – Presentation by Rory Moore

Arctic Diamond presented an overview of a mining technique called “underwater remote mining” (URM) that the company is considering for future medium to long term developments at the Ekati mine site. Rory Moore explained how the equipment works, how the mine would benefit from using this type of mining process and how it would affect the life of mine at Ekati. The company plans to initiate engagement with Society Members in the New Year to provide additional details and answer questions.

### Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd – Presentation by Dustin Chaffee

Arctic Diamond provided an update of the company's current operations and changes to their staff, including those who have changed roles and those new to the company. Arctic Diamond discussed updates on the life of mine plan and policy changes due to COVID-19 requirements. The company also reviewed upcoming reporting and submission timelines are expected for the coming year. Following the presentation, the company answered questions from Society Members and the Public regarding COVID-19 vaccination protocols and opportunities for a site visit.

## Treasurer's Report

### Presentation by Board Secretary Treasurer, Kim Poole

The Agency's Secretary Treasurer reviewed the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statement and the 2021-2022 Work Plan and budget.

Work Plan – Technical Focus for 2021-2022:

- Point Lake Project Application Process
- Aquatics
  - 2020 Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program – Annual Report
  - Aquatic Response Framework – Various Response plans
- Closure and Reclamation
  - Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan version 3.1
  - Progressive Reclamation
- Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program
  - Regular monitoring of wildlife reports
- Waste Rock
  - Seepage report
  - Waste Rock Ore Management Plan
- Air Quality
  - Air Quality Monitoring Program report

The Agency's By-Laws require that an Auditor be appointed by Society Members for the ensuing year at each AGM.

### **Motion 3:** Appointment of an Auditor for the Agency

- Harry O'Keefe moves to approve the Auditor (EPR)
- Violet Camsell-Blondin seconds the Motion
- Motion carried unanimously

## Other Business

No other business was raised

## Closing Remarks

Emery Paquin thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the meeting. Violet Camsell-Blondin offered a closing prayer.

*Meeting closed at 11:26 am*