

Annual General Meeting of the Society of the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

Summary of Discussion

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

Tuesday November 21, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

Agency Directors:

Emery Paquin (Chair)
Ron Allen (Vice-chair)
Kim Poole (Secretary-treasurer)
Tim Byers
Jesse Jasper*

Agency Staff:

Marc Casas – Executive Director
Jamie Mistry – Communications Specialist

Arctic Canadian Diamond Company:

Glen Swanson – Environmental Reporting & Permitting
Kurtis Trefry – Environmental Management and Reporting
Lindsay Seier* – Senior Permitting Advisor

GNWT – Environment & Climate Change:

Laurie McGregor - Environmental Assessment Analyst

Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA):

Katrina Hatogina – Project Officer

North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA):

Orna Phelan - Lead Wildlife Officer
Lawrence Mercredi*

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN):

Charlie Catholique

Public:

Arnold Inge
Tom Mackenzie*

Note: *Those who joined virtually via Zoom are denoted with *.*

Meeting opened at 9:04 am

Welcome and Agenda Approval

Chairperson Emery Paquin started the meeting by acknowledging we were meeting in Chief Drygeese territory and more recently, the homeland of the North Slave Metis Alliance and welcomed everyone to the AGM. An introduction of Directors, Staff and participants was held. It was acknowledged that quorum was met for the AGM. Elder Charlie Catholique performed an opening prayer.

The agenda was reviewed, no additions or changes were suggested.

Chairperson's Address

Emery Paquin thanked everyone for their participation and extended an appreciation for those who were able to join the meeting in person. The Objectives of the Society as established under the Environmental Agreement were summarized and it was confirmed that the AGM is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of IEMA's Bylaws.

Approval of the Summary of Discussion

The 2022 AGM was held on November 24, 2022. Participants reviewed the Summary of Discussion and no additions or changes were requested.

Motion 1: Approval of the 2022 AGM Summary of Discussion

- Laurie McGregor moved to approve the Summary of Discussion
- Kurtis Trefry seconded 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 2022-2023 Annual Report. This included a review of Agency activities and documents that were reviewed between April 2022 and March 2023. The presentation also reviewed the Agency's recommendations to the company (Arctic Canadian Diamond Company) and GNWT Department of Lands along with individual assessments of the company and various regulators that the Agency worked with throughout the year. Agency Directors provided clarification on specific recommendations and heard feedback from the company, the GNWT and Society Members on topics related to Traditional Knowledge gathering, reclamation activities and landfill waste management.

Treasurer's Report

Presentation by Board Secretary Treasurer, Kim Poole

The Agency's Secretary Treasurer reviewed the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statement and the 2023-2024 Work Plan and budget.

Work Plan – Technical Focus for 2023-2024:

- Water Licence Renewal Application Process
- Aquatics
 - 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
 - Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program – Annual Report
 - Wildlife Monitoring and Management Plan
 - Wildlife Telemetry Study
- Waste Rock
 - Point Lake Design Plan and Seepage Report
- 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. The Board recommended the Agency contract EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation (EPR) as Auditor for 2023/24.

Motion 2: Appointment of an Auditor for the Agency for 2023/24

- Glen Swanson moved to approve the Auditor (EPR)
- Laurie McGregor seconded the Motion
- Motion carried unanimously

Members' Presentation

Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd – Presentation by Glen Swanson

Arctic Canadian provided an update of the company's current operations and changes to their ownership (Burgundy Diamond Mines) and staff, including internal organization structure and those new to the company. Arctic Canadian discussed their upcoming plans to extend the mine life of Ekati, with their plans to submit an application for a Water Licence. Following the presentation, Arctic Canadian answered questions about the company's plans for future developments at Ekati, progressive reclamation and the use of Traditional Knowledge in project applications.

Other Business

Laurie McGregor shared updates from the GNWT regarding the Minister's decision on the Water Licence Renewal, the 2022 Environmental Impact Report, and the Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan update. She also encouraged all participants to share their concerns and recommendations to the WLWB through the Online Review System to ensure they are considered during reviews.

Closing Remarks

Emery Paquin thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the meeting. The meeting ended with a closing prayer by Charlie Catholique.

Meeting closed at 12:16 pm