

# Board Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, September 20, 2012, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sahtú Land and Water Board/Sahtú Land Use Planning Board Boardroom, Fort Good Hope

*See appended table of decisions.*

## Participants

### Facilitator

Doug Urquhart

### Board Participants

Walter Bayha, Chair

Michael Neyelle

Gordon Zealand

Leonard Kenny

Laurel McDonald

Jeffrey Walker

Keith Hickling

Paul Latour

### Staff Participants

Deborah Simmons, Executive Director

Lori Ann Lennie, Office Manager

### Regrets

Pat Bobinski

### Resource People

Shauna Morgan, Pembina Institute

Catarina Owen, Norman Wells community member

## Agenda

- Industrial development issues
- Caribou research, monitoring and management
- Scholarships

## Summary of Decisions

### MGM Land Use/Water Application

Walter Bayha and Jeff Walker left the room having declared conflict of interest.

### ***Motion M071***

The Board will support the RRC letter regarding the MGM land use/water applications. The letter will be copied to all referral bodies. A separate letter to Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

*Moved Laurel McDonald; Seconded Gordon Zealand. Carried.*

## **SRRB Staff Actions Related to Industrial Development Issues**

### ***Decisions D021-D026***

The staff were directed to include the following objectives in the Board workplan for the coming months:

**D021 Early Warning:** Research call for bids system, including consultations process and possible place for input from RRCs/SRRB.

**D022 Referrals:** Provide plain language summaries of license applications for RRCs and community members, and assist RRCs in providing inputs into exploration/development applications.

**D023 Monitoring and Enforcement:** Review current monitoring and enforcement system and develop strategy for addressing key issues.

**D024 Consultation:** Review current consultation standards and develop strategy for strengthening RRC tools for providing direction to industry on what is acceptable.

**D025 ABA Negotiations:** Research the template currently being used for ABAs, and provide support for RRCs in dialogue with Land Corporations with suggested standard wording on wildlife, harvesting and TK.

**D026 TK Standards:** Develop guidelines and standards for TK studies.

## **Caribou Research, Monitoring and Management**

### ***Decisions D027-D029***

The Board reviewed the RRC resolution on Caribou Research, and has committed to taking the following steps to address RRC concerns and priorities:

**D027 Caribou Monitoring:** Obtain funds for a workshop to develop a caribou monitoring protocol to be led by RRCs.

**D028 Shale oil development-related caribou research:** Lead a multi-stakeholder proposal to the Environmental Studies Research Fund (ESRF) for research on wildlife, habitat and harvesting with a focus on caribou. The four year proposal includes a leading role for RRCs. The

design includes an annual Experts Workshop to explore caribou research questions and methods, a Harvester Knowledge program, and an annual cross-cultural research camp.

**D029 Non-invasive research approaches:** Endorse piloting of non-invasive caribou research approaches.

**Motion M072**

A letter to be submitted to the ACCWM regarding the Status Report on the Bluenose Caribou Herds, per the Briefing Note provided by Board staff.

*Moved Laurel McDonald; Seconded Gordon Zealand. Carried.*

**Scholarships**

**Motion M073**

Scholarship to be awarded to Rodney Tutcho.

*Moved Gordon Zealand; Seconded Jeff Walker. Carried.*

*Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm by consensus.*

**Table of Decisions**

#	Date	Year	Decision Type	Item #	Topic	Decision	Result
1	Sep-20	2012	Motion	M071	Environmental Assessment	Laurel McDonald/Gordon Zealand. Approve the two letters of comment to the Sahtú Land and Water Board and Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board regarding the MGM Energy Corp. Land Use Permit S12A-003 and Water License S12L1-003 applications on Exploration License 466 block.	Consensus
2	Sep-20	2012	Decision	D021	Environmental Assessment	Early Warning: Research call for bids system, including consultations process and possible place for input from RRCs/SRRB.	Consensus
3	Sep-20	2012	Decision	D022	Environmental Assessment	Referrals: Provide plain language summaries of license applications for RRCs and community members, and assist RRCs in providing inputs into exploration/development applications.	Consensus
4	Sep-20	2012	Decision	D023	Environmental Assessment	Monitoring and Enforcement: Review current monitoring and enforcement system and develop strategy for addressing key issues.	Consensus

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5	Sep-20	2012	Decision	D024	Environmental Assessment	Consultation: Review current consultation standards and develop strategy for strengthening RRC tools for providing direction to industry on what is acceptable.	Consensus
6	Sep-20	2012	Decision	D025	Environmental Assessment	ABA Negotiations: Research the template currently being used for ABAs, and provide support for RRCs in dialogue with Land Corporations with suggested standard wording on wildlife, harvesting and TK.	Consensus
7	Sep-20	2012	Decision	D026	Environmental Assessment	TK Standards: Develop guidelines and standards for TK studies.	Consensus
8	Sep-20	2012	Motion	M072	Wildlife Management	Laurel McDonald/Gordon Zealand. A letter to be submitted to the ACCWM regarding the Status Report on the Bluenose Caribou Herds, per the Briefing Note provided by Board staff.	Consensus
9	Sep-20	2012	Motion	M073	Scholarships	Scholarship to be awarded to Rodney Tutcho.	Consensus