

Board Teleconference Minutes



July 24, 2017

Minutes by Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

ᑕᑕᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦ	Renewable Resources Council
ENR	NWT Environment and Natural Resources
MVLWB	Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
NEB	National Energy Board
NWT	Northwest Territories
SRRB/Board	ᑕᑕᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦ (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)

Participants

Board Members

Michael Neyelle (Chair), Jimmy Dillon, Keith Hickling, George Barnaby

Special Advisors

Leon Andrew, Frederick Andrew, Paul Latour

Staff

Deborah Simmons

Visiting Guests

Celestino Oh, Crowe McKay LLB

Lorraine Land, OKT Law

Agenda

- Opening – Prayer and quorum check
- 2016-2017 annual audit (Celestino Oh, Crowe McKay LLB)
- Scholarship Fund
- Follow-up from Bluenose East ᑕᑦᑲᑦ ᑕᑦᑲᑦ Hearing
- Wildlife Studies Fund scope review
- Environmental Assessment: Enbridge Line 21 proposal
- Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve Management Plan
- Next meeting

Opening

Opening prayer by Michael Neyelle.

- Quorum check – 3/6 voting members.

Meeting called to order at approximately 2:30 pm.

2016-2017 Annual Audit

Presentation by Celestino Oh, Crowe McKay LLB

- Overview of the following:
 - Representation letter
 - Draft financials, highlighting the following:
 - Challenges receiving GST reimbursement
 - Possibility of shifting Scholarship Fund to Special Projects fund
 - Need to address overall deficit
 - Draft schedule to the financials
 - Draft management letter
 - Report to the board of directors

Motion 2018-009

M2018-009	Approve the 2016-2017 Financial Audit. George Barnaby/Keith Hickling	Consensus
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Scholarship Fund

Presentation by Lorraine Land and Deborah Simmons

- It has been noted that the SRRB's Scholarship Fund is gradually being depleted.
- OKT Law has agreed to assist the Board with some pro bono work to prepare a submission to the Implementation Committee regarding the importance of the fund and the need for new funds to support this on a long term basis.

Bluenose East Hearing Follow-up

Presentation by Lorraine Land

- Overview of priority tasks:
 - Letter to the GNWT ENR Minister, requesting a meeting between the SRRB and ENR to discuss implementation of the Délı̄ne plan and an approach to deal with outstanding issues.
 - Letter requesting a meeting with SRRB, Délı̄ne Got'ı̄ne Government and Délı̄ne ʔehdzo Got'ı̄ne to discuss implementation of the Délı̄ne Plan.
- Concern that this needs to be resolved before the fall hunt begins.

- Recommendation for a meeting with the SRRB, Délı̄ne Got'ı̄ne Government, Délı̄ne ʔehdzo Got'ı̄ne, Délı̄ne Working Group and ENR during the week of September 11, in conjunction with the planned Délı̄ne Working Group meeting.
- Note that the Délı̄ne Got'ı̄ne Government is now working on developing a new Justice Council, which could assist with implementation of enforcement issues of the plan.
- Now that the Board has decided on a community conservation planning approach, it will be important to assist other ʔehdzo Got'ı̄ne with planning. This would need to happen within the limits of our capacity to support this. Colville is working independently on its plan, and Tulıt'a is now engaged in mountain caribou planning. Fort Good Hope has also expressed an interest in planning, and will likely be the next priority.

Wildlife Studies Fund Scope

Presentation by Lorraine Land

- Overview of possible applications of the Wildlife Studies Fund in light of the Board's community conservation planning approach.
- Recommendation that this be pursued in dialogue with our land claim partners.

Environmental Assessment: Enbridge Line 21 Proposal

Presentation by Lorraine Land

- This proposal being reviewed by National Energy Board (first) and Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (second) was not initially considered to be relevant to the Sahtú Region. However, comments to the NEB supportive to the project have been delivered by Norman Wells and District Chamber of Commerce, Norman Wells Land Corp, Town of Norman Wells, and Danny McNeely, MLA (Sahtú Region).
- It is too late for the SRRB to provide comments to the NEB – however, we can contribute to the MVLWB process. Lorraine will provide us with an alert on possibilities for providing input.

Nááts'ı̄hch'oh National Park Reserve Management Plan

Presentation by Deborah Simmons

- Overview and discussion of draft comments.
- Paul Latour will provide comments and suggestions over the coming week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm approximately.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, October 30, 2017.



Michael Neyelle, Chair

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2018-009	Approve the 2016-2017 Financial Audit. George Barnaby/Keith Hickling	Consensus

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Number	Description	Result
M2018-005	Approve the revised Wildlife Studies Fund investment policy as presented. Jeffery Walker/Patrick Bobinski.	Consensus
M2018-006	Adopt as a basis for its strategic plan, and as guidance moving forward, an approach rooted in Dene ts'ı́ı (Dene ways of life) and community conservation planning. Jeffery Walker/George Barnaby	Consensus
M2018-007	Invite the President of each ʔehdzo Got'ı́ne (Renewable Resources Council) or their designate to sit as a Special Advisor to the Board. George Barnaby/Patrick Bobinski	Consensus
M2018-008	Approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting. Jimmy Dillon/George Barnaby.	Consensus