



EYYOU MARINE REGION IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

Regular Meeting

Held online.

Waskaganish, QC

October 26-27, 2020

Monday, October 26, 2020 – Day 1

Present: Isaac Masty, Chairperson
Brian Craik, Vice Chairperson
Lucassie Arragutainaq, Member
Brendan O'Donnell, Member

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret, Director
Susan Esau, Accounting Administrator – Day 2
Priscillia Wesley, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Fred L. Tomatuk, Member

1. WELCOME & QUORUM

Members present constituting a quorum, the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Lucassie Arragutainaq provided the opening prayer.

3. CHAIRPERSON AND RECORDING SECRETARY

Mr. Isaac Masty chaired the meeting and Priscillia Wesley was the recording secretary.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Impact Review Board reviewed the proposed agenda.

After review of the proposed meeting agenda, it was motioned to adopt and approve the agenda as amended; Brendan O'Donnell proposed, and Brian Craik seconded. The motion carried and the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board adopted **Resolution IRB2020-07**

5. CORPORATE MATTERS

5.1 Updates

a. Review of draft meeting minutes

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret presented the draft meeting minutes of July 28, 2020 and August 5, 2020 for the Board to review. The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes. The purpose of the July 28, 2020 meeting was to review the 2019-2020 FY audited financial statements and annual report, as well as updates regarding projects and Q1 financial updates. The purpose of the August 5, 2020 meeting was specifically to discuss KRG's Fiber Optic project and advice from our legal team.

After review of the draft meeting minutes, it was motioned to adopt and approve the minutes of July 28, 2020 and August 5, 2020; Brendan O'Donnell proposed, and Brian Craik seconded. The motion carried and the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board adopted **Resolution IRB2020-08**

6. PROJECT UPDATES

a. Malcolm SW Hodgskiss' "Testing the Orosirian Carbon Cycle: Long Island Sound, Nunavut"

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret informed the Impact Review Board that the proponent requested on October 16, 2020 to postpone the project dates one year to July 1, 2021-August 31, 2021. The project could not take place due to COVID-19. The Board approved of the date change to 2021; it was proposed by Brian Craik and seconded by Brendan O'Donnell. The motion carried and the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board adopted **Resolution IRB2020-09**. The Screening Decision report will be amended and published on the EMRIRB's public registry.

b. Wiinipaakw Tours Solidarity Cooperative Project

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret updated the Impact Review Board that the project did not take place this year due to COVID-19. The Proponent is working with EMRWB to develop marine wildlife best practices booklet to be used by Wiinipaakw Tours captains.

c. Organization Structural Review

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret informed the Impact Review Board the secondary report will be delivered November 2020. The initial report did not have enough information to compare the financial costs of different organizational structures.

d. EAUFON Project

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret notified the Impact Review Board that KRG replied to the EMRIRB's information request from the Spring of 2019 on July 24, 2020. KRG supplied the EMRIRB with information regarding the boats to be used and the ship particulars. The EMRIRB must now

decide whether the project requires screening from the EMRIRB or is exempt under Schedule 18-1. The legal briefing from the August 5, 2020 meeting was reviewed.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Quebec Region Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program) has not yet confirmed whether the project will require permits. This is the last Government department to confirm with the EMRIRB. KRG submitted a request to the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program to review their project on September 22, 2020. The NMRIRB is also waiting for this final confirmation before making an assessment of whether the project is exempt.

Break 2:02 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

e. Government of Nunavut Exemption Agreement for Archeological Project

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret presented the proposed Government of Nunavut Exemption Agreement for Archeological Projects.

Action: The Director to draft a letter to Nunavut to reject the agreement proposal. Copy to Cree Nation Government and Nunavik Marine Region.

f. EMRIRB Screening Flowchart

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret presented a screening flowchart for the Board to review. The flowchart helps the Eeyou Marine Region employees, proponents, and the Public understand the project proposal process in the EMR.

g. Updates on Cree Nation Government and Makivik Entry/Access Permitting System

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret presented the Cree Nation Government Entry/Access Permitting System. A question arose about land-owners entry/access permits issued before EMRIRB's screening or afterwards. EMRIRB's screening process has been understood to precede the permitting process. Legal and NMRIRB's comments were also reviewed.

The Board reviewed the draft GCC Access Consent to EMR Cree Lands document.

h. EMRPC "Pre-Screening" Questionnaire and Integration into EMRIRB Public Registry

The EMRPC is responsible for determining whether a project in the EMR is exempt under Schedule 18-1 and whether the project conforms to the EMR land use plan. Because of this responsibility, the EMRPC will build a "pre-screening" portion on the EMRIRB Public Registry. This will be questions the Proponent answer before they are allowed to proceed to the full EMRIRB screening.

Due to lack of staff at the EMRPC, the EMRIRB Director will be working on this. The building of this application will be paid for by the EMRPC, and will likely begin next fiscal year. The Board reviewed the quote and proposal from the programmer.

Meeting Adjourned for the day at 3:20 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 – Day 2

7. FINANCE

a. Q2 Financial Update

Susan Esau presented the Financial Statement of Operations for the six (6) months ending September 30, 2020 (Q2). Operational funds expenses at 32%. She also reported the Carry-Forward Financial Statement. Carry-Forward expenses at 26%. These show that the EMRIRB is currently underspending, which is primarily due to the inability to travel this year.

b. Q2 Work Plan Update

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret presented a work plan update for the Board. The Director went through the annual work plan and discussed items that were completed and those that have to be cancelled this year.

c. Core Budget Adjustment

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret presented the proposed core budget for the Board to review. Due to COVID-19, the budget has been revised to reallocate funds towards other activities which do not require travelling.

d. Carry Forward Budget Adjustment

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret presented the Carry-Forward budget for the Board to review. The audit revealed that the actual amount of funding carried forward from the previous fiscal year is \$113,690. The budget has been adjusted to reflect the amount.

8. REPORTS

a. Midyear Report

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret presented the Mid-Term Activity Report to the Impact Review Board. The Board passed a resolution to approve the report, including the two revised budgets. The motion carried and the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board adopted **Resolution IRB2020-10**.

9. OTHER

a. Upcoming Activities

Païlin Chua-Oon Rinfret recapped the upcoming actions to the Board.

- Traditional Knowledge and University Research
- Internal Procedures Manual for staff
- Update contact lists – Government departments
- Distribution list to communities
- Performance evaluation early November 2020
- Issue letter to KRG regarding Fibre-Optic project after receiving confirmation from DFO
- Draft letter to GN regarding noninterest in proposed agreement
- Work on discussion items in meeting

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Impact Review Board motioned to adjourn the meeting; it was proposed by Brian Craik and seconded by Brendan O'Donnell. The motion carried and the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board adopted **Resolution IRB2020-11**.
