

YESAA Oversight Group Meeting  
July 30, 2020 8:00 – 9:00am  
Teleconference

**Record of Decision**

**Participants**

Jasmina Randhawa, Oversight Group Chair - YG  
Daryn Leas, Oversight Group Member - CYFN  
Dionne Savill, Oversight Group Member - CIRNAC  
Martin Guilbeault, CIRNAC Yukon Region  
Shane Kilpatrick, CIRNAC Yukon Region  
Michael Lemmon, CIRNAC Yukon Region  
Ed Schultz, Council of Yukon First Nations  
Keith Maguire, Government of Yukon  
Sevn Bohnet, Government of Yukon

Guest: Lyle Dinn, A/ADM, EMR Government of Yukon

**1. Introductions**

- Jasmina welcomed everyone and introduced Lyle Dinn – Acting ADM of EMR Client Services and Partnerships to the group. Lyle's Strategic Alliances Branch is working closely with MPY on common issues towards supporting the Oversight Group.

**2. Approval of June 25, 2020 meeting record**

- Michael circulated the meeting notes to the group. No comments or changes were identified – June 25 meeting record is approved.

**3. Follow up with Yukon Chamber of Mines**

- CIRNAC sent a letter on June 26<sup>th</sup> to the Yukon Chamber of Mines (YCM) following up on the commitment to meet quarterly and to review the YCM data and analysis on YESAB timelines. To date there has been no response.
- It was agreed to keep the door open to meet again.

Action Item

- YG committed to follow up with another letter to YCM.

**4. Discussion of Gowling Report**

- Daryn and Ed provided an overview of their discussions of the report from the CYFN Leadership Meetings noting no real concerns at this time.

- Daryn asked when the YMAB (PWC) report will be released. Lyle responded indicating that YG anticipates that YMAB will send the report as their final report, to be tabled this fall.
- Daryn asked if the YMAB report will also cover amendments and renewals. Lyle responded it may have some overlap but YMAB is focused on primarily on regulatory matters not amendments and renewals. We can ask them come and present the report.
- It was agreed it would be worthwhile to invite them to a meeting. Jasmina committed YG to follow up with them to request a meeting.
- Jasmina asked Daryn if there were any questions or discussion at the leadership meetings on what to do next regarding the Gowling report. Daryn noted that the FN position on amendments and renewals is that an exceptions from the need for assessment require the agreement of FN's. Recognizing that there is not policy alternative, the way forward then is to consider a legislative review. Ed added that the Chiefs are still committed to the Mining caucus and Mining MOU process.
- Dionne requested a copy of the Mining MOU – Martin committed to share and Jasmina also offered if need be.
- Jasmina raised the questions in the interest of moving forward on amendments and renewals – is there interest striking a working group to advance scoping out what a legislative review might consist of.
- The group supported idea.
- Jasmina indicated that MPY and SA would be part of the WG and asked others to ID participants. Ed indicated he would need to follow up with Daryn.

#### Action Items

- YG to contact YMAB to set up a meeting to discuss the PWC report.
- Ed to follow up with Daryn and Emmie on working group participants.
- YG to work with CIRNAC and CYFN towards setting up a technical working group to scope out the context of a YESAA legislative review.

#### **5. Remaining OG Priorities**

- Keith provided an overview of an updated version of the previous workplan and timeline for discussion.
- All agreed it is necessary to develop an updated workplan
- There was discussion on who could do this. It was identified that there is no formalized staff group to support the OG – discussion on need to formalize the group.
- Ed flagged that there are a number of various WG's outside of the OG that have essentially the same participants and concerns about FN capacity for more WG's. Perhaps explore options for the preferred support
- Topic again moved to the legislative review and Shane reminded everyone of the OG TOR which includes the commitment for a review of YESAA legislation within 10 years.
- Discussion carried on with need to formalize a WG in support of the OG

Action Item

- YG to work with CIRNAC and CYFN towards formalizing a working group to support the OG. (to support the development of an updated workplan for remaining priorities)

**6. Emerging issues/technical working group**

- This item is covered in previous discussions.

**7. YESAA Forum**

- Sevn provided an update on YESAA forum planning – next Steering Committee meeting scheduled for August 5, 2020.

**8. Other Items**

- Ed commented on the need to find a way to balance the effectiveness of various working groups, there are many similar things going on with the same people involved.
- Jasmina noted that YG will have Lyle join us more regularly with the ECO/EMR coordination on these issues and to provide increased YG capacity to take on some of this work.
- Daryn requested CIRNAC to provide a copy of the YESAA Financial Review Report referred to in previous meeting. Dionne agreed to provide.

Action Item

- CIRNAC to share the YESAA Financial Review Report

**9. Next Meeting**

- YG to schedule recurring regular meetings - next for end of Aug.
- All agreed.