

**Re: Gahcho Kué Pre-Hearing Conference, Nov 1, 2012.
Meeting minutes**

The pre-hearing conference for the Gahcho Kué EIR took place on Nov 1, 2012 in the Mackenzie Valley Review Board boardroom. The following represents a summary of meeting.

1. Suggestions for Hearing Presentations

Parties were advised of Panel requirements for hearing presentations. The panel will provide parties with written instructions on hearing procedures and submission of presentations by Nov 9th.

2. Questions for Panel

The following are requests from parties to be put before the Panel:

- Todd Slack (YKDFN), Stephanie Poole (NSMA), Rosy Bjornson (DKFN), Stephen Ellis (Akaitcho IMA). These parties requested that community session come after the technical session. Panel staff stated that this request will be brought to the Panel on Nov 5.
- De Beers requested changing the order of party presentations during the hearings with aboriginal organizations first.
- Yellowknives Dene – requested a Dettah evening session, start at 1:00 and go to 9:00.
- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation – requested evening session in Lutsel K'e , 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Akaitcho IMA Office (Treaty 8 tribal Corp) requests the opportunity to make a joint presentation with the Akaitcho IMA and other FN and Aboriginal groups on the proposed environmental monitoring requirements. DeBeers supports the request.
- Akaitcho IMA office did not submit a technical report and are therefore not eligible to make a presentation during the hearings. Akaitcho IMA will submit a formal request to the Panel to make an environmental monitoring presentation during the hearings
- Yellowknives Dene – Requested time for Chief and Council of the community that the hearing is taking place in to give an opening welcome at the start of the community hearing.



- Tlicho and Deninu Kue - For First Nations groups to present on Thursday instead of Friday, based on flight times on Friday

3. Points of Procedure

- The first day of the technical hearing there will be a time slot for each party to provide a brief introduction which is to include the parties: mandate, background and introduce presenters team
- Question by DeBeers regarding Hearing process. DeBeers requested clarification regarding parties that have not presented Technical Reports and will they still be allowed to make presentations?
 - John Donihee responded for the Review Board – If a party has not submitted a technical report, no presentation time is granted. However, those parties may ask question.
- Presentations from parties are due on Nov20.

4. Logistics

The Developer stated that they are open to discussing with Parties to the EIR regarding the availability of space on DeBeers charter flights to Lutsel K'e.

5. Upcoming deadlines

November 9 – De Beers submits Responses to technical reports

November 20 – Parties submit presentations

6. Discussion on presentation ordering for the Yellowknife Hearing

Wed:

- DeBeers Canada Inc. – 60 min
- Akaitcho IMA – 20 min
- Tlicho – 20 min
- AANDC – 20 min

Thursday:

- Deninu Kue First Nation – 30 min
- NSMA – 60 min
- NRCAN – 20 min



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- DFO – 30 min
- EC – 20 min

Friday:

- GNWT – 30 min
- YKDFN – 90 min
- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation – 60 min

The Panel will make the final determination on the hearing agenda.

7. Members of the Gahcho Kué Panel are as follows:

Darryl Bohnet – Chair person
Richard Mercredi – member
Rachel Crapeau - member
James Wah-shee – member
Peter Bannon - member

8. Participants to the Pre-hearing conference

First Nation and Aboriginal organizations:

- Ginger Gibson – Tlicho Government
- Rosy Bjornson – DKFN
- Marc D'entremont – DKFN (consultant)
- Stephen Ellis – Akaitcho IMMA office
- Stephanie Poole – Akaitcho IMA Office
- Mike Tollis – LKDFN
- Todd Slack – YKDFN
- Eric Binion - NSMA

DeBeers Canada Inc.:

- Veronica Chisholm
- John Faithfull
- Craig Blackie
- Stephen Lines
- Terri-lee Oleniuk

Federal Government:

- John King – NRCAN
- Doug Soloway – Transport Canada
- Katherine Cummings – Parks Canada



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- Ann Roland – Parks Canada
- Francis Jackson – AANDC/WRD
- Michelle Culhane – AANDC/WRD
- Mathew Spence - CANOR
- Sarah Olivier - DFO
- Lisa Lowman - EC
- Heather Potter - DoJ

GNWT:

- ENR – Gavin Moore

Review Board

- John Donihee
- Simon Toogood
- Carol Luttmer
- Chuck Hubert

