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From: Phyllis Beaulieu [licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2008 3:24 PM
To: 'Richard Dwyer'
Subject: FW: Meadowbank application - Phased Permitting of the Goose Island Dike

As per Daves request, please save and file.

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From: David Hohnstein [mailto:ds@nunavutwaterboard.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2007 2:17 PM
To: Phyllis Beaulieu
Subject: Fw: Meadowbank application - Phased Permitting of the Goose Island Dike

Phyllis,
could you please include in the files, the message below from Larry regarding the Phased approach to the Goose Island Dike. it is in reference to NIRB Condition 17.

Thanks,

Dave

----- Original Message -----

From: [Larry Connell](#)
To: [David Hohnstein](#)
Cc: [Dionne Filiatrault](#) ; [Walker, Dan R.](#)
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 8:46 AM
Subject: Meadowbank application - Phased Permitting of the Goose Island Dike

Dave:

With respect to the dike design, Dr. Morgenstern's letter of March 30, 2007 provides in "Section C – Proof of Concept" his concern with the response of the till core when the cut-off comes under load. He has recommended that all cut-offs, except the jet cutoff, be soil-cement-bentonite which has subsequently been adopted by Golder in their dike design. He expressed concern with the effectiveness of dynamic compaction of the till core and recommended beefed up seepage management measures. On the next page he concludes "Subject to satisfactory resolution of the items discussed in Section C, above, I am of the view that the design is safe and can be constructed as intended." Dr Morgenstern also recommends the value of AEM forming an independent safety

review board for the Meadowbank dike design to better manage overall risk. This approach to risk management is a process that AEM is interested in pursuing and based on early discussion I had with Jim Rogers is an approach that INAC may be willing to be involved in as a participant.

In this draft Dr Morgenstern did not touch on the subject of phased permitting of the dikes however in the Golder "Final Report Detailed Design of Dewatering Dikes Meadowbank Gold Project" SD 342 in Section 7 (page 77 of Volume 1) under "Opportunities" Golder talks about the value of delaying the final design of the Goose Island Dike to gain additional data from the construction of the shallower dikes and to allow additional field data to be gathered.

Hope this helps address your question of last Friday.

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From: David Hohnstein [mailto:dts@nunavutwaterboard.org]

Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 2:40 PM

To: Larry Connell

Cc: Dionne Filiatrault

Subject: meadowbank application

hello Larry,

just following up on your voice message earlier this week as neither myself nor Dionne have been in touch with you, to go over what the current thoughts are on the application process and potential dates.

All the information has been received and the staff is preparing to present the application to the Board as complete, in order to start the review process. Unfortunately, with the office being closed for two days this week due to blizzard conditions and Dionne being in Cambridge Bay for part of that, the staff was unable to confirm quorum with the Board members for a teleconference meeting today. A meeting is being scheduled for Monday and will address the Meadowbank application at that time. The following are the tentative timelines for consideration at this time:

Assuming an approval of the Board to proceed, given the information presented, a notification letter would go out on Monday, December 10, 2007 regarding the acceptance of the application and providing notice of the review period, technical meeting/pre-hearing and a tentative date for the Public Hearing in advance. The dates under consideration then are:

February 15, 2008 as a deadline for intervention submissions; (taking into consideration that most offices will be closed approximately 2 weeks during the holidays)

Week of February 24th for the pre-hearing/Technical meetings;

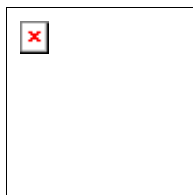
A hearing set for the week of the 13th April; most likely the 15, 16 and 17th of April;

A decision from the Board (approximately 30 days from the hearing) on or about the 19th of May; and without pre-supposing a decision of the Board,
A potential decision from the Minister (given 45 days) approximately the 3rd of July, 2008.

If you could give either myself a call or Dionne in the Gjoa office to discuss some of the timelines and impacts to the decisions to be made by Agnico-Eagle, that would be very much appreciated. We will also try before the end of the day to contact regarding the above.

Regards,

David Hohnstein
A/Director Technical Services



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