



## Board Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Yellowknife, NT

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**Date:** 16 April 2015

Board Members:

Edward Chocolate (Tłıchq Appointee)  
Archie Wetrade (Tłıchq Appointee)  
Charlie Jeremick'ca (Tłıchq Appointee)  
Grant Pryznyk (Federal Appointee)  
Bruce MacDonald (Federal Appointee)  
Jonas Lafferty (Tłıchq Appointee)  
Suzanne Carriere (GNWT Appointee)  
Steven Matthews (GNWT Appointee)

Staff:

Jody Pellissey

Translators:

James Rabesca  
Violet Mackenzie

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**Call to Order:** 9:28 a.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Charlie Jeremick'ca

### 1.0 Agenda and Previous Minutes

#### 1.1 Approval of Agenda

Remove #2.2 – John McCullum – Outstanding Pension Payment

**Motion #414-16-04-2015** To approve the agenda as amended

**Moved:**

Steven Matthews

**Second:**

Edward Chocolate

**Motion Approved**

### 2.0 Business

#### 2.1 Chairperson Nomination

Section 12.2.1 and 12.2.5 of the Tłıchq Agreement state that the “WRRB shall have an odd number of members not exceeding nine, one of whom shall be the chairperson” and “the chairperson shall be nominated by the other members of the WRRB and appointed jointly by the authorities entitled to appoint members of the Board. The members may nominate one of themselves or any other person.”

**Motion #415-16-04-2015**      *To go into camera at 9:43 a.m.*

**Moved:** Jonas Lafferty  
**Second:** Bruce MacDonald

**Motion Approved**

**Motion #416-16-04-2015**      *To come out of camera at 10:45 a.m.*

**Moved:** Jonas Lafferty  
**Second:** Edward Chocolate

**Motion Approved**

**Motion #417-16-04-2015**      *To nominate J. Grant Pryznyk as the WRRB's Chair*

**Moved:** Charlie Jeremick'ca  
**Second:** Steven Matthews

**Motion Approved**

**Motion #418-16-04-2015**      *To nominate Archie Wetrade as the WRRB's Alternate Chair*

**Moved:** Steven Matthews  
**Second:** Suzanne Carriere

**Motion Approved**

**ACTION #258-16-04-2015 (ED):** To write letter to Parties notifying of the nomination of J. Grant Pryznyk as Chair

**ACTION #259-16-04-2015 (ED):** To develop a job description for Alternate Chair and revise Operating Procedures Manual as appropriate

## 2.2      Review of the Final Draft WRRB Strategic Business Plan 2015-2018

Draft WRRB Strategic Business Plan 2015-2018 tabled for review. The Strategic Plan will be up for final approval at the May 2015 meeting.

**ACTION #260-16-04-2015 (ED):** To revise draft Strategic Business Plan 2015-2018 with amendments

## 2.3      NIRB Part 4 Screening – Tundra Copper Corporation's "Coppermine Exploration" Project

Tundra Copper Corporation's "Coppermine Exploration" project is undergoing a preliminary screening conducted by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). NIRB is currently seeking input on the proposed project by May 4, 2015. Tundra

Copper Corp's application failed to identify that the project activities are planned in an area which overlaps with the Bluenose-East (BNE) Caribou herd range. Further, the application makes no mention of potential spatial and temporal impacts to the BNE calving ground. The proposed project is located on the calving ground of the BNE caribou and exploration will be conducted during calving and post-calving. As well, the proposed project is timed during the photo survey planned for June 2015, led by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), which could potentially result in aerial conflicts.

The Tłıchǵ Government (TG), the GNWT and the Government of Nunavut (GN) plan to provide submissions to NIRB. TG has requested that the WRRB review Tundra Copper Corporation's application and consider providing comments to NIRB.

The WRRB will prepare a written submission to NIRB, by the May 4<sup>th</sup> deadline date, focusing on the following items:

- Identifying the BNE calving grounds as an area for no exploration or development at any time. Calving grounds are significantly important for caribou ecology both spatially and temporally;
- Informing NIRB about the 2013 population estimate of the BNE and the current conversation concerns;
- Informing NIRB about as the following federally listed species: peregrine falcon anatum/tundrius complex (special concern), short-eared owl (special concern), and barren-ground caribou, Dolphin and Union population (special concern); and the following COSEWIC assessed species: grizzly bear (special concern) and wolverine (special concern); and,
- Notifying both Tundra Copper Corporation and NIRB of the potential safety concerns with regards to the proposed project conflicting with the proposed June 2015 photo survey.

The WRRB will share its submission with TG, GNWT, GN and member boards of the ACCWM.

**ACTION #261-16-04-2015 (ED):** To write letter to NIRB re: Tundra Copper Corporation's Coppermine Exploration Project by May 4, 2015 deadline

#### 2.4 COSEWIC National Designation – Yellow-banded Bumble Bee

On March 5, 2015, the Board received a request for review comments on the 2-month interim status report for the Yellow-banded Bumble Bee along with a recommendation for a national designation and reason(s) for the Board's recommendation.

The 2-month interim status report suggests the designation be "special concern".

Nearly 50-60% of the global range of the Yellow-banded Bumble Bee occurs in Canada. This bumble bee has declined to a level of abundance at which its persistence is increasingly threatened by genetic, demographic or environmental change, but decline is not sufficient to qualify the species as threatened, due to relative abundance in the northern and western parts of its range. An approximate 34% decline in abundance in Southern Canada is suspected due to pathogen spill over from managed bumble bee colonies in commercial greenhouses and habitat conversion.

**Motion #419-16-04-2015**

*To recommend that the Yellow-banded Bumble Bee be nationally designated as a species of "special concern" because despite this species being the most common bumble bee in Canada historically, declines in Southern Canada have lead to a level of abundance at which its persistence is increasingly threatened.*

**Moved:**  
**Second:**  
**Abstain:**

Jonas Lafferty  
Edward Chocolate  
Bruce MacDonald

**Motion Approved**

**ACTION #262-16-04-2015 (ED):** To write letter to COSEWIC to support the proposed national designation for the Yellow-banded Bumble bee

**3.0 Other Items**

**3.1 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 5-7, 2015 in Gamètì, NT.

**Closing Prayer:** Jonas Lafferty

**Adjournment** 3:08 p.m. (Motion #420-16-04-2015)

Minutes Approved:

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Original Signed

May 5, 2015

Chairperson

Date