

## Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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### GRRB Teleconference

**October 29, 2013, 7:00 PM MST / 6:00 PST**

**Dial-in details:** 1-800-511-7983; access code: 767 6652; Pin: 7275 (*Amy to enter Pin*)

**Attendance:**

**GRRB office:** Eugene Pascal (GRRB Chair), Jozef Carnogursky (GRRB member), Amy Amos (GRRB Executive Director) and Janet Boxwell (GRRB Renewable Resources Manager, note-taking)

**Teleconference:** Charlie Snowshoe (GRRB member), Cindy Allen (GRRB member), Patrick Bernou (Sunlife Financial Representative, for agenda item #10)

**Regrets:** Johnny Charlie

#### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Eugene Pascal.

#### 2. Agenda

<b>Motion # 2013-33</b>	<b>To approve the October 29, 2013 teleconference agenda, as presented</b>
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	Seconded by: Cindy Allen
All in favour.	Motion carried.

#### 3. Minutes

Minutes were provided. The Board will review them and approve at the February 2014 board meeting in Inuvik.

**Action:**

- Board members to review September 2013 minutes so they can be approved at the February 2014 board meeting.

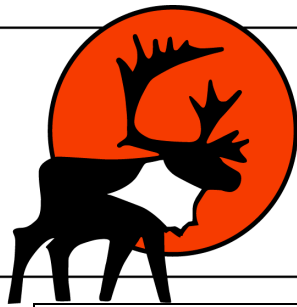
#### 4. Conflict of Interest

Declare it as it arises

#### 5. Mid-year Reporting

The Board reviewed the mid-year report provided by the Executive Director. The report includes a variance report and progress report up to September 31, 2013. This is a requirement under the core funding agreement and is due by November 1, 2013.

<b>Motion # 2013-34</b>	<b>To approve the GRRB's 2013-2014 mid-year report, as presented</b>
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	Seconded by: Cindy Allen



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All in favour.

Motion carried.

### 6. Dempster Highway Regulations

The Board discussed the letter received from GNWT-ENR on September 13, 2013 requesting the Board's advice on PCMB's proposal to rescind three regulations on the Dempster Highway. The GRRB Wildlife Biologist reviewed the information and provided the Board with staff recommendations on each of the regulations. The Board had the following comments for each regulation.

- a. Let the Leaders Pass regulation: The purpose of this regulation was to prevent hunting of leading groups during fall migration south to wintering grounds and to allow the caribou to use their traditional paths without harassment in the hopes that the rest of the herd would follow their trail. The Board supports the intent behind this regulation but feels it can be better communicated by working with the communities, in particular elders, youth and land users, land owners and government on education on why it is important to let the leaders pass. The Board supports removal of this regulation.
- b. 500 metre corridor regulation: The purpose of this regulation was to create a safe environment for the highway users during hunting seasons. The Board supports the intent of this regulation. It is concerned about the safety of highway users and hunters but feels this can be addressed with education and new tools that will come available with the implementation of the new Wildlife Act in the Northwest Territories. For example, the new Wildlife Act calls for harvester training courses as an attempt to promote wildlife conservation and the safe and humane harvest of game and other prescribed wildlife. The Board supports removal of this regulation.
- c. Motorized vehicles regulation: The purpose of this regulation was for habitat protection. As a body responsible for the management of wildlife and wildlife habitat the Board fully supports the intent of this regulation. The Board recognizes the position of our land owner, the Gwich'in Tribal Council, whom feels it is currently not being enforced and the current wording requires amendment. Specifically, the station location coordinates listed do not make sense and cannot be mapped (E.g. Coordinate minutes and seconds that are larger than 60). The monitoring stations that are actually used need to be reflected in a new regulation. As a result, the Board decided to support the removal of this regulation with the understanding that a new one could be worked on that addresses the issues identified. The Board supports removal of this regulation.

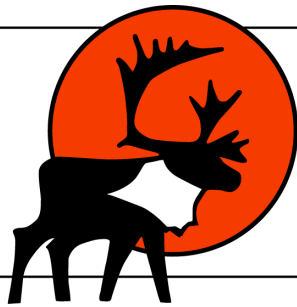
#### Motion # 2013-35

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky  
All in favour.

**To support the PCMB's recommendation to rescind the Dempster Highway regulations for let the leaders pass, 500 metre corridor and motorized vehicles.**

Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe  
Motion carried.

**Action:** Executive Director (ED) to write letter to GNWT-ENR reflecting these comments.



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### **7. CMA Observers**

The Board reviewed the briefing note prepared by staff on CMA observer's participation in CMA meetings. The CMA will meet in December and wants each Management Authority to come to that meeting with a position on this topic.

The Board made the following decisions on CMA observers:

- Any group that has a management authority established in their region or are in the process of negotiating land claims with the goal of having wildlife co-management boards established should receive a standing invitation at the participant level.
- All other groups or persons that have no mandate for wildlife management and no process underway to obtain this authority at the time of the request (even if they have asserted rights) should only be granted observer status. They have the opportunity to speak through the appropriate management authority for their region. For most this will be through the GNWT.
- Some criteria can be used but should not be strict.
- Gave the CMA representatives flexibility for when this is discussed in December.

**Action:** ED to bring this to the next CMA meeting in December.

### **8. Wildlife Studies Fund**

The Board allocated funding to the Porcupine Caribou Rut Count for 2013-2014. The count did not happen so the Board reviewed what they should do with the unused funds. The Board decided to request the funds by returned and to add this to the total allocation amount for 2014-2015.

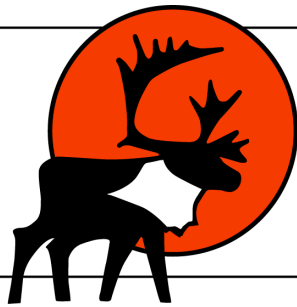
### **9. Office Lease**

The Executive Director (ED) met with the landlord on October 28, 2013. The Board received an update on the status of the office lease with Inuvik Commercial Properties. The ownership of the Alex Moses Greenland Building was being discussed in the past. This is no longer being considered. The ED expressed the Board's continued wish to keep office space reduced and for having three separate lease agreements (GRRB, Gwich'in Land and Water Board and Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board). The landlord agreed to look into this and to provide the ED with a draft lease in the following week.

### **10. Group RRSP**

<Patrick Bernou, Sunlife Financial, joins the call>

The Board approved an RRSP for staff in its 2013-2014 budget. This has taken some time to get setup. It is now ready but two discrepancies were identified. The Board reviewed the briefing note prepared by the ED and Sunlife. The first discrepancy was related to the way the plan is set up (RRSP versus Pension). The second discrepancy was related to the contribution amounts.



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The Board made the following decisions:

- RRSP type of plan
- Stay with the GRRB current plan contributions
- Discuss options in the 2014-2015 budget to see if we can change the contribution amounts to match the GTC.
- Create waiver forms for staff to complete acknowledging if they choose to withdraw from their RRSP prior to retirement they will not hold the GRRB liable for not having retirement money at the time of retirement.

### 11. Other business (August 1, 2013)

- DFO *Fisheries Act* update was provided. There was a call and email correspondence on the new Fisheries Protection Policy. DFO has offered to come to our February meeting and to include us in discussions on this policy.
- Board Analysis up date was provided. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) is working with all the land claim groups to review how the Board's get funding. The GRRB's 10 year priority submission will be considered. We have participated in phone calls and responded to surveys on current funding needs to help bring the GRRB's interests forward. The next call is November 1, 2013 at 1:00 PM MST.
- RRWG financial update was provided. DFO can no longer be able to fund travel that exceeds \$25K. As a result the Gwichya RRC and Nihtat RRC are no longer provided financial assistance to attend the RRWG meeting in March.
- Courses that are coming up were included on the agenda. The Board reviewed these.
- GRRB meeting set for Feb 18-20, 2014 in Inuvik
- No other business was identified.

### 12. Adjourn (July 25, 2013 & August 1, 2013)

The meeting on July 25, 2013 was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

<b>Motion # 2013-36</b>	<b>To adjourn the October 29, 2013 teleconference.</b>
Moved by: Cindy Allen	Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe
All in favour.	Motion carried.

<b>October 20, 2013 Minutes approved:</b> _____	_____
	<b>Date</b>
	<b>Motion #</b>