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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Water Licence Renewal Application	
File Number	W2022L2-0001
Company	Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd. (Arctic)
Project	Ekati – Licence Renewal
Location	Lac de Gras, NT
Activity	Mining and Milling

Public Hearing Information	
Location(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behchokò Ko Gocho Centre (Sportsplex), Behchokò, NT Virtual via Zoom – to join, please contact Rhiana Bams by email or at (867) 765-4583 for participation details before 12:00 pm (noon) Mountain Time (MT) on Thursday, June 8, 2023. Broadcast to the Tłı̄chǫ Government’s Facebook page and Tłı̄chǫ TV
Date(s)	June 13, 2023: 9 am – 4 pm MT June 14, 2023: 9 am – 7 pm MT (includes evening session) June 15, 2023: 9 am – 3 pm MT
Board Panel	<p>Chair: Mason Mantla</p> <p>Board Members: Mike Nitsiza, Rachel Crapeau, Alex Nitsiza, Jocelyn Zoe</p>

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- All presenters and anyone who wants to test their virtual participation are asked to join in a test run at 8:30 am each day to ensure that there are no audio, video, or screen-sharing issues.
- Limited copies of materials will be available at the Hearing. Participants should download or print all relevant documents, such as presentations, from the Board’s Public Registry in advance. This is especially important if a participant is dialing in by phone and not participating via video conference.
- The schedule and timelines of the Public Hearing are at the discretion of the Chair. **Interveners are required to be available during the entirety of the Public Hearing, and presenters should be ready to present at any time during the Hearing in the event that the schedule and timelines change.**
- The Hearing is being recorded. Participants should state their name and organization **each time** they speak to ensure the Hearing is accurately transcribed.

- There will be breaks in the morning, over lunch, and in the afternoon.
- Any person or organization that chooses to participate in the Hearing is considered a Party to this Proceeding and, as such, is expected to follow the Land and Water Board (LWB) [Rules of Procedure](#).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- In accordance with the [Rules of Procedure](#), Members of the Public may make oral presentations, and/or may make comments or ask questions of the Applicant or the Interveners at designated times during the Hearing. Members of the Public who wish to participate in person must register using the speaker registration sheet at the venue. Members of the public who wish to participate virtually should contact the designated Board staff member to obtain zoom details and to remain informed about the timing of questions from Members of the Public.
- Members of the Public can ask a question by emailing or sending a message via Zoom to the designated Board staff; or in person by stepping up to the microphone during the designated times and waiting to be acknowledged by the Chair. Questions received by designated Board staff via email or Zoom will be placed in the queue and read into the record.
- The Public Hearing will be broadcast to the Tłıchq Government's Facebook page and Tłıchq TV in an effort to increase the ability of the public to follow the proceeding. Tłıchq Government's Facebook stream and Tłıchq TV will not be part of the Board's public record for this proceeding.

Day 1: June 13, 2023	Time	Topic
	8:30 am – 9:00 am	Arrival Time and Registration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect on Zoom (for those joining virtually) Audio/video/screensharing test run (for those joining virtually and for presenters) Speaker registration for Members of the Public (for those joining virtually; in-person attendees should use the registration sheet provided) Coffee and snacks provided
	9:00 am – 9:45 am	Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call to Order Tłıchq Drummers Opening Prayer Welcoming from Board Chair Roll Call and Introductions
	9:45 am – 10:45 am	Arctic Opening Statement and Presentation
	10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Questions to Arctic <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tłıchq Government (TG), Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN), Deninu Kue First Nation (DKFN), Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Climate Change (GNWT-ECC), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (IEMA) Members of the Public Board Staff Team and Legal Counsel Board Members
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch provided
	1:00 pm – 3:50 pm	Continuation from Morning Session
	3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	Wrap Up Day 1

Day 2: June 14, 2023	Time	Topic
	8:30 am – 9:00 am	Arrival Time and Registration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect on Zoom (for those joining virtually) • Audio/video/screensharing test run (for those joining virtually and for presenters) • Speaker registration for Members of the Public (for those joining virtually; in-person attendees should use the registration sheet provided) • Coffee and snacks provided
	9:00 am – 9:15 am	Day 2 Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Day 2 Opening Remarks from the Board Chair
	9:15 am – 10:15 am	Intervener Presentation: Tłı̨chǫ Government (TG)
	10:15 am – 11:00 am	Questions to TG <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic 2. YKDFN, DKFN, GNWT-ECC, ECCC, DFO, IEMA 3. Members of the Public 4. Board Staff Team and Legal Counsel 5. Board Members
	11:00 am – 11:25 am	Intervener Presentation: Deninu Kue First Nation (DKFN)
	11:25 am – 12:00 pm	Questions to DKFN <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic 2. TG, YKDFN, GNWT-ECC, ECCC, DFO, IEMA 3. Members of the Public 4. Board Staff Team and Legal Counsel 5. Board Members
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Provided
	1:00 – 1:20 pm	Intervener Presentation: Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN)
	1:20 – 1:50 pm	Questions to YKDFN <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic 2. TG, GNWT-ECC, DKFN, ECCC, DFO, IEMA 3. Members of the Public 4. Board Staff Team and Legal Counsel 5. Board Members
1:50 pm -2:50 pm	Intervener Presentation: Government of Northwest Territories – Environment and Climate Change (GNWT-ECC)	
2:50 - 4:00 pm	Questions to GNWT-ECC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic 2. TG, DKFN, YKDFN, ECCC, DFO, IEMA 3. Members of the Public 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Board Staff Team and Legal Counsel 5. Board Members
	4:00 -5:30 pm	Arctic Evening Session Presentation and Dinner (community dinner)
	5:30 – 6:45 pm	Questions from Members of the Public
	6:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Wrap Up Day 2

Time	Topic
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Arrival Time and Registration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect on Zoom (for those joining virtually) • Audio/video/screensharing test run (for those joining virtually and for presenters) • Speaker registration for Members of the Public (for those joining virtually; in-person attendees should use the registration sheet provided) • Coffee and snacks provided
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Day 3 Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Day 3 Opening Remarks from the Board Chair
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Intervener Presentation: Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency
10:00 – 10:30 am	Questions to IEMA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic 2. TG, GNWT-ECC, YKDFN, DKFN, DFO, ECCC 3. Members of the Public 4. Board Staff Team and Legal Counsel 5. Board Members
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Intervener Presentation: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
10:45 am – 11:10 am	Questions to DFO <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic 2. TG, GNWT-ECC, YKDFN, DKFN, ECCC, IEMA 3. Members of the Public 4. Board Staff Team and Legal Counsel 5. Board Members
11:10 am – 11:25 pm	Intervener Presentation: Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
11:25-12:00 pm	Questions to IEMA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic 2. TG, GNWT-ECC, YKDFN, DKFN, DFO, IEMA 3. Members of the Public 4. Board Staff Team and Legal Counsel 5. Board Members
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch provided
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Final Questions for Clarification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Board, Board Staff Team, and/or Legal Counsel to any Interveners or to Arctic
1:20 pm – 1:35 pm	List of Undertakings: Board Legal Counsel
1:35 pm – 1:40 pm	Review of Work Plan: Board Staff
1:40 pm – 2:30 pm	Closing Remarks from Interveners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TG, YKDFN, GNWT-ECC, DKFN, IEMA, ECCC, DFO
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Closing Remarks from Arctic

Day 3: June 15, 2023

	2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Closing by Board Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment Remarks • Adjournment of the Hearing • Closing Prayer
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Next Steps:

- The deadline for Public Hearing Undertakings is June 23, 2023.
- The Draft Water Licence will be distributed for review on June 30, 2023. Comments from Parties are due on July 14, 2023, and comments from the Applicant are due July 21, 2023.
- The deadline for Closing Arguments from Parties is July 28, 2023 and Closing Arguments from the Applicant are due August 4, 2023.
- For complete details, please see the Work Plan on the Board’s online Public Registry.

Logistics for Public Hearing:

Most participants are expected to attend the Public Hearing in person, but remote participation is also welcome. To ensure cohesion between the in-person and remote attendance, and limit disruptions due to technical difficulties, please read the information below.

General etiquette:

- The Chair will guide the order of presentations, turn-taking, time limits, and breaks. To minimize disruption, participants are asked to follow all instructions on turn-taking, and only speak when the Chair has indicated it is their turn. Each organization/participant will be given opportunities to speak. The Board appreciates participants’ civility, professionalism, cooperation, communication, and collaboration during the Public Hearing.
- Participants are asked to arrive at the time indicated in the Agenda to ensure that events of the day can commence in a timely manner.
- Participants are asked to return in a timely manner from breaks and the scheduled lunch.
- Presenters should state the document name and page numbers to ensure all participants can follow along.

In-person participants:

- Participants are asked to turn on their microphone when speaking to ensure all attendees, online and in-person, are able to hear and understand. This will also ease transcription. Once Participants are done speaking, their microphones should be turned off to minimize background noise and feedback.

Remote participants:

- A Board staff member will act as the Zoom facilitator to support the Board Chair during the Hearing.
- Each participant should prepare and test their video and audio ahead of time, and each time they log in to the Public Hearing session, to ensure their devices are functioning properly and are fully charged or plugged in.

- Zoom will download automatically when the participant starts or joins the first Zoom meeting and is also available for manual download [here](#). Participants should download the current version of Zoom ahead of time to ensure all functions are available.
- For assistance using Zoom, participants can review the following [Zoom Video Tutorials](#).
- To participate only by phone, participants can call one of the Zoom teleconference lines (provided in the Zoom link from Board staff).
- Participants that are experiencing technical difficulties due to poor internet connections can limit videoconference participation to audio only or call in by phone as noted above.
- There should be a representative for each organization who can act as the liaison with Board staff should there be any disruptions (e.g., power outage).
- Each participant is asked to use the following as their screen name: first and last name, followed by the acronym of their respective organization (e.g., Paula Green – WLWB)
- This can be accomplished by selecting the three dots in the upper right-hand portion of the viewing pane and selecting “rename.”
- [Screensharing](#) in Zoom may be used during presentations. Online presenters will share their screen to display their presentation (note that this can be done by the facilitator instead if requested in advance).
- To minimize background noises and feedback, participants should always keep their microphone/headset muted when not speaking. Participants should only unmute when the facilitator has indicated it is their turn to speak.
- If a participant is having technical difficulties, they should notify Board staff directly or through Zoom chat.