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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the response. The Diavik socio-economic agreement funding of \$50,000: it was my understanding that the company had done work to do away with the Diavik community advisory board, is that body still working and if so can the Minister or staff tell me whether that board is still functioning? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Mr. Minister.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Member is correct. The board is no longer in operation, but in lieu of it we meet with the communities with regards to Diavik. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely):** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. O'Reilly?

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. So I'm just trying to understand this a little bit better. So the money appears in the contribution section, so to me that sort of indicates that we're giving the money out to a third party, but what I hear the Minister saying is that the money's actually used to support GNWT staff going to meetings. Am I misinterpreting or misunderstanding this in some way? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely):** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ms. Archibald

**MS. ARCHIBALD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The money is for the purposes of implementation of the socio economic. The Member is correct that the Diavik Community Advisory Board is not in existence anymore. In lieu of that, as the Minister stated, we meet with communities. This money represents contributions to the communities to prepare for those meetings, to host the meetings in their community, et cetera. Thank you, Mr. Chair.