

TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish FMU 085-62

Minutes from the
TWENTY FIRST MEETING

Held remotely on June 8, 2022 by Microsoft Teams



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APPROVED ON: NOVEMBER 28, 2022

ATTENDING

Delegates:

Mrs.	Marie-Eve Sigouin	-	Produits forestiers GreenFirst
Mrs.	Barbara Hester	-	Cree Nation of Waskaganish

Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	Animator, EIJB RG
Mrs.	Amélie Dusseault	-	CCQF
Mrs.	Maude Fortier Boclair	-	MFFP (Wildlife)

Mr.	Mario Poirier	-	MFFP
Mrs.	Christine Morin	-	MFFP
Mr.	Zlatko Blazeski	-	MFFP

Guests:

Mrs.	Sonia Légaré	-	MFFP
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1. Call to order, introductions

The animator welcomes all participants and asks them to introduce themselves. Some members ask to add their email address to the mailing list or to modify it.

2. Reading and approval of the agenda

The animator reads the agenda.

On a motion by Barbara Hester, duly seconded by Marie-Eve Sigouin, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.

3. Comments, follow-up and approval of the minutes from the meeting of November 29, 2021

As indicated in the invitation email to the twenty first meeting of the Waskaganish TGIRT-EIJB, the members were asked to read the minutes before the meeting and to make their comments at the item follow-up and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

On a motion by Marie-Eve Sigouin, duly seconded by email by Ryan Erless, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes with the requested amendment.

4. Correspondence

- *Follow-up report on the satisfaction of participants in TGIRTs in Quebec.* The animator summarise the conclusions of this report that does not suggest major global changes in the operation of the TGIRTs but suggests potential improvements such as an increased transparency regarding the information from the specific meetings between the MFFP and the BGAs.

5. Follow-up on the issues

The following comments were made following the discussions regarding the issues listed in the table during the previous meetings:

- ***Maintenance of the mixed stands for the moose*** – The document “Mixed stand management strategy”, presented to the panel in February 2021, is in response to the need to maintain the hardwood and mixed stands. The MFFP representative will present the 2018-2022 target follow-up table for this strategy for each trap line in the Waskaganish TGIRT-EIJB of FMU 85-62. More information will be provided at the next meeting regarding the analysis of the variations from the strategy’s targets.
- ***Maintenance of the habitat connectivity*** - The MFFP, in cooperation with the Joint Working Group (GTC) were scheduled to product the “Directions on wildlife habitats” in 2021 to meet this issue. Changes made to the formation of this committee postponed the tabling of this document to December 2023.

- **Protection of the fish spawning beds** – The MFFP-Wildlife representative informs the panel that all confirmed spawning beds are added to the planning documents as zones with protection measures.
- **Quality of the water and fish habitat** – The MFFP – Wildlife will do a follow-up at the next panel meeting on the projects to analyse the meat of the fish in certain lakes of the region.
- **Maintenance/increase of the woodland caribou population** – The GreenFirst representative informs the panel that they have submitted a brief as part of the consultation by the Independent Commission on the woodland caribou. She adds that GreenFirst supports “Detour Population” scenario proposed by the Commission which is the one that is very similar to what they have already consulted with the Cree Nation of Waskaganish. If the report on this consultation is available, she will provide a short summary of its content at the next panel meeting. She will also provide a follow-up on the inventory of caribou population in the Detour-Kesagami herd. The animator informs the panel that the Commission gave a TEAMS presentation on June 13, 2022 to members of the TGIRT-EIJB who responded to the email invitation.
- **Establishing on site terms to protect the bear dens** – The BGAs will apply an operational harmonisation measure on site that includes a 60 m protection when a forestry company encounters an occupies bear den and do so for the entire hibernation period. The representative of the Cree Nation of Waskaganish confirms that this flexible measure is preferable to the fixed dates listed in the legislation since the trappers have observed a great variation in the hibernation period of bears over the past several years.
- **Minimising the sedimentation of the watercourses caused by forestry operations** – The MFFP planner (Zlatko Blazeski) will contact the members of the Waskaganish TGIRT-EIJB who are interested in participating in the identification of watercourses where it would be preferable to apply a 60 m riparian protection strip. Barbara Hester and Wayne Cheezo are interested. The GreenFirst representative offers her cooperation to the riparian strip committee if they require it.
- **Access to the territory:** The MFFP representative in charge of the road file will give a presentation on the road management plan for FMU 85-62 when it is completed.
- **Cohesion of the land division method** – The MFFP representative, Christine Morin, will present at a future meeting the result of the feasibility analysis regarding the inclusion of traplines south of FMU 85-62 to the Waskaganish TGIRT-EIJB.

6. Report on the public consultation on the amendments of the 2018-2023 PAFIO for January 2022

The MFFP did not receive any comment on the public consultations on the changes made to the 201-2023 PAFIO for FMU 85-62.

7. Presentation of the 2023-2028 PAFIT template

The MFFP representative presents the updated format of the PAFIT for FMU 85-61 along with the timelines of the 2023-2028 PAFIT. This new format mainly aims to focus the consultation on the management objectives and decisions. The consultation on module 4 of the final 2023-2028 PAFI will be presented at the next panel meeting.

8. Miscellaneous

- **FSC Audit** – The GreenFirst representative informs the members of the panel that there will be a FSC audit from July 5 to 7, 2022.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 28, 2022.

10. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 11:29 AM.

On a motion by Marie-Eve Sigouin, duly seconded by Barbara Hester, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
COMEV:	Evaluation committee (responsible for analysing the preliminary information provided by the promoter of a project locate in the territory covered by the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) and located south of the 55 th parallel)
CRV:	Variable retention logging
FHVC:	Forest with a high conservation value
GIRT:	Integrated Land and Resources Management
CNG:	Cree Nation Government
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
PAFIT:	Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PAFIO:	Operational Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PFNL:	Non-wood forest product
PRAN:	Annual scheduling
PRAU:	Harvest permit to supply a mill
SÉPAQ:	Société des établissements de plein-air du Québec
TGIRT:	Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel
VNR:	Non harvested volumes
VO:	Value, objective
VOIC:	Value, objective, indicator, target