

TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish

FMU 85-62

Minutes of the **SIXTH MEETING**

Held on March 21, 2017 in the conference room of the Waskaganish Cree Trappers Association



Eeyou Istchee James Bay
Regional Government

APPROVED ON: SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

TGIRT-EIJB WASKAGANISH SIXTH MEETING

DATE:	March 21, 2017	ATTENDING	ORGANISATION
TIME:	12:12 PM	GEORGEKISH, Daniel	Waskaganish Cree trappers Association (N03)
PLACE:	Conference room of the Waskaganish Cree Trappers Association	MOAR, Elvis	Waskaganish Cree trappers Association (A04)
		DIAMOND, William	Waskaganish Cree trappers Association (N07)
		ERLESS, David	Waskaganish Cree trappers Association (A03)
		MOAR, Gordon	Waskaganish Cree trappers Association (N10A)
		STEVENS, Thomas	Waskaganish Cree Natural Resources Office (Replacing Wayne Cheezo)
		DIXON, Georges	Waskaganish First Nation
		ERLESS, Ryan	Waskaganish Cree Elders Association
		TRAPPER, Jimmy	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs - Forest
OBSERVERS		FORTIN, Isabelle (Tel.)	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs - Wildlife
		SECOND, Julien (Tel.)	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs - Forest
GUESTS		LAROUCHE, Marie-Ève (Tel.)	Tembec GRF Abitibi-Ouest
		SIGOUIN, Marie-Ève (Tel.)	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
ANIMATOR		MORASSE, Johanne	

ITEMS	RESULTS OR DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS
1. Call to order	The meeting is called to order on March 21 at 12:12 PM.	On a motion by Mr. Thomas Stevens, duly seconded by Mr. Elvis Moar, it is unanimously agreed to call the meeting to order on March 21, 2017 at 12:12 PM.
2. Reading and approval of the agenda for March 21, 2017.	Mrs. Morasse reviews the items on the agenda.	On a motion by Mr. Thomas Stevens, duly seconded by Mr. Elvis Moar, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as read.
3. Reading and approval of the minutes of November 30, 2016.	Mrs. Morasse reviews the minutes of the meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish held on November 30, 2016. The following corrections are requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the list of attendees, add the name of Gilbert Diamond (N08) and add GRF in the name of the organisation Tembec GRF Abitibi-Ouest; • At item 7, change the trap line number (A4) to (N08) and change the number (N8) to (A04)). • At item 9, add that Mr. Stéphane Ouellet will take care of finding a company that could act as silviculture company to obtain silviculture contracts for the development of this workforce in Waskaganish. 	On a motion by Mr. Thomas Stevens, duly seconded by Mr. Elvis Moar, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as presented with the requested amendments.
4. Follow-up on the meeting held on November 30, 2016	Mrs. Isabelle Fortin presents the new variance grid for the PAFI-O. It includes 8 consultation elements that were listed as elements of information in the previous version of the grid, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commercial silviculture work — Addition of a response sector or expansion of a response sector 	

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	<p>outside the consulted SIPs having an area of at least equal to 10 ha;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-commercial silviculture work — Addition of a response sector or expansion of a response sector outside the consulted SIPs having an area of at least 25 ha; - Change of processing if the logging is more intense; - Amendment of a harmonisation measure; - Road construction or improvement – Construction or improvement of a road longer than 50m outside a response sector; - Displacement of a planned road – Displacement by more than 200 m of a planned pathway outside a response sector; - Bridges and culverts – Addition of a bridge on a new road portion; - Addition of a forestry camp (permanent or temporary). <p>She also adds that the MFFP has yet to receive the map locating the piles of logging debris. This map is necessary to analyse the feasibility of a burn operation in early spring or late fall. Mr. George Dixon will ask Mr. Wayne Cheezo to find out the progress of this file.</p> <p>As requested at the previous meeting, Mrs. Marie-Ève Larouche submits a map with the location of the road that could be the subject of a snowmobile trail to the east of the chain of lakes as part of a project by the community of Waskaganish.</p>	
5. Correspondence from the EIJB	No correspondence	
6. Return on the questions raised during the presentation of the variance grid for FMU 85-62	This topic was covered under Item 4 “Follow-up on the meeting of November 30, 2016”.	
7. Local issues, concerns and VOIC of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish	<p>The summary chart of VOICs of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish is reviewed by the members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A committee is implemented by the MFFP to propose solutions to the paludification issue – Objective 2.102 “Maintaining the productivity of forest ecosystems subject to paludification”. On this issue, the following question is asked: “Is there still reforestation planned in trap lines A04 and A08 where areas that were logged several years ago (20 years) and not replanted are still not being regenerated naturally?” The MFFP explains that these mossy areas are only accessible in the winter and that it 	

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	<p>would be much too costly to perform inventories in the summer to discover the regeneration status of these sites. The aerial seeding is very costly and the MFFP does not have the necessary funds for such inventories and silviculture treatments, In the absence of funds, the return to production of these sites relies on the natural regeneration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VO “Maintenance of the ecosystem functions – ensuring the sustainability of the wildlife resources” is acceptable as a VO according to the MFFP but requires more clarifications. Even if these concerns are discussed during the meetings of the Waskaganish Joint Work Group, the members agree to ask for a better follow-up regarding the application of the wildlife terms (Paix des Braves). Mr. Jean-François Tremblay will perform check regarding the 20m strip at Roger Lake in trap line N07. - The VO “Maintenance of the quality of water – minimising the sedimentation caused by forestry operations” is acceptable as a VO according to the MFFP but requires clarifications regarding where and why some sectors deserve special terms. Mr. Georges Dixon will provide a follow-up on the proposal by Mr. Wayne Cheezo to produce a map of all watercourses of interest in FMU 85-62 and to use the tallymen’s map to identify the sites of wildlife interest. A follow-up report from the MFFP on the completion of special harmonisation measures such as wider riparian strips (60m) in more sensitive areas could be presented at the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish. Mr. Jean-François Tremblay will verify if the 20m width of the riparian strips of Rogers Lake was followed. <p>Since the 3 objectives related to the value “Managing the forest road system”, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Limiting the expansion of the road system</i> - <i>Reducing the redundancy of the road system</i> - <i>Maintenance of the quality of the main accesses,</i> <p>were proposed by the joint work group and accepted by the panel, the discussions on this issue are postponed to a later meeting to allow the new representative of the joint work group to discuss with the representative of the joint work group who is currently absent. The question of replacing these three objectives by the objective “Optimisation of the forest road system” will then be discussed. The same goes for the values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Conservation of the moose habitat</i> - <i>Conservation of the fish habitat</i> <p>The VO “Maintenance of the wood supplies – ensuring the</p>	<p>The members agree that a follow-up of the application of wildlife terms (Paix des Braves) will eventually be presented by the MFFP to the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish.</p>

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	<p>profitability of sawmills” will be discussed at the operational tables.</p> <p>Regarding the VO “Sustainable forest management – Maintenance of the forest certification”, the agreement between the MFFP and the CIFQ sets the responsibilities of each regarding the maintenance of the forest certification.</p> <p>Mrs. Marie-Ève Sigouin presents the sustainable forest management objectives of the company Tembec:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Consider the concerns of all users as part of the management through transparent and proactive public consultations.</i> The interactive AGOL map, available on the MFFP website, provides for an accurate consultation of planning. It is however important to ensure that the interventions located near sensitive elements for the community are specified. - <i>Perform a forest planning and an annual programming of the forestry operations to meet the needs of the mill with new viable inventories.</i> This file is already covered by the MFFP-CIFQ agreement and discussed by the operational tables. The same goes for the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Maintaining the forestry operations throughout the year, over 48 weeks;</i> - <i>Maintaining a wood supply cost to ensure the profitability of the forestry industry;</i> - <i>Maintaining the FSC certification.</i> However, the objective: - <i>Obtaining a wood supply to maintain the production of the La Sarre sawmill on 3 factions</i> could lead to a management principle or a VO based on the discussions of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish and be registered on the PAFI-T while assessing the impact of the MFFP strategies on the forest potential and supplies when significant impacts are anticipated. Currently, 200% of the area is consulted but only 100% is allocated annually. Regarding the objective: - <i>Perform the analysis of the potential to close some roads (and reforest if possible) to control the level of disturbance of the territory,</i> the MFFP states that the management plan of the access roads is part of the PAFI-T. However, some work was initiated by several TGIRT-EIJB to establish a road committee that will work on the creation of a map indicating the main roads to maintain in the next 5 years. Mrs. Marie-Ève Sigouin expresses the willingness of Tembec to take part in the work of the road committee through its delegate. And finally, the objective: - <i>Follow the terms of the management plan of the caribou</i> 	

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	<p><i>habitat for all users of the territory</i>, Mrs. Marie-Ève Sigouin indicates that the caribou conservation plan will be presented at a later meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish.</p>	<p>The members agree that the Tembec delegate will join the "Forest roads" technical committee.</p>
<p>8. Miscellaneous</p>	<p>The members ask if there will be other road repair projects in the area of the Muskuchii Hills. Mrs. Johanne Morasse states that the culvert repair program has not yet been continued for 2017. However, the EIJB RG is collecting all applications on this issue from the TGIRT-EIJB to be ready for a continuation of this program. The road repair projects started in 2016 in FMU 85-62 will be completed in 2017.</p> <p>A member asked if the MFFP-Wildlife still performs air inventories of moose in FMU 85-62. Mr. Julien Second will have more information on this request at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>The members are asked to indicate the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish on their agenda. It will be held on May 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM.</p> <p>The meeting is adjourned at 4:06 PM on March 21, 2017.</p>	<p>On a motion by Mrs. Marie-Ève Sigouin, duly seconded by Mr. Ryan Erless, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting on March 21, 2017 at 4:06 PM.</p>