

TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish FMU 85-62

Minutes of the **TWELFTH MEETING**

Held on August 9, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the conference room of Kanio Kashee Inn,
7 JSC Watt Street, Waskaganish



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Eeyou Istchee James Bay
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Table de GIRT de Waskaganish

Présences aux rencontres du 17 juillet






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Délégué	Présence	Substitut	Présence
Darlene Cheechoo			
Guy Lamoureux		Patrick Paiement	
Gilbert Diamond		Karilynn Blackned	
Elvis Moar			
Thomas Stevens			
Barbara Hester	x		
Wayne Cheezo	x		
Hugo Hester			
Darin Wagner			
Charles J. Hester			
Ryan Erless		Bert Moar	x
Conrad Blueboy		Mélissa Whiskeychan	
Jamie Jacob			
William T Hester			

Observateur, invité	Présence
Martin Filion (animateur)	x
Johanne Morasse	x
Isabelle Fortin	x
Julien Second	
Stéphane Ouellet	
Marie-Ève Larouche	x

Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence	
Présence par téléphone	
Absence	

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ITEMS	RESULTS OR DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS
1. Call to order, introductions	The meeting is called to order at 1:00 PM.	
2. Reading and approval of the agenda	The animator reads the agenda.	On a motion by Mr. Bert Moar, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Cheezo, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.
3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2018	The participants present at the meeting on February 20, 2018 take a few moments to review the minutes. The animator does a follow-up on the decisions and actions.	On a motion by Mr. Bert Moar, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Cheezo, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as presented.
4. Correspondence	A correspondence was received from Midland Exploration regarding the helicopter drilling work that was due to start on July 18, 2018. A delegate asked if the tallyman was consulted. The MFFP observer names the person at the MFFP who is responsible for consulting the tallymen. A delegate mentions that the helicopters from mining exploration companies sometimes do low-altitude flights over watercourses. He asks what motivates such manoeuvres and mentions that this causes a certain disturbance in the wildlife. He would like to see a representative of Midland Exploration answer this question. Before doing helicopter manoeuvres, the mining exploration firms should consult the tallymen who know their trapping territory and the behaviour of the local wildlife, including the travel pattern of the moose.	Invite a representative of Midland Exploration to the next TGIRT meeting so he can provide clarifications regarding the helicopter manoeuvres.
5. Issues grid	The animator invites the delegates to review the issues grid. He mentions a new need raised during the February 2018 meeting regarding the protection of wildlife habitats, including the protection of bear dens. He explains the distinction between the yellow and white boxes. At the wildlife habitat conservation issue, regarding the protection of spawning beds, a delegate mentions that the consultation approach currently being used lacks precision. Concretely, the MFFP consults the tallymen from large scale maps and the tallymen must locate the spawning beds by attempting to pinpoint them on the map. Ideally, it would be preferable to locate them on land with a GPS but this takes time and technical resources. The delegate asks	Verify with Mr. Nicolas Lemieux of the CNG if the PADF program on Category II lands allows the funding of location activities on sensitive wildlife sites. Create a technical committee to discuss the issues of water quality and the integrity of aquatic habitats, along with the access to the territory. Mrs. Barbara Hester, Mrs. Marie-Ève Larouche, Mr. Wayne Cheezo, Mr. Bert Moar and the animator will be

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	<p>if there is funding available to locate the spawning beds with a GPS. This is quite an extensive endeavour. The MFFP observer explains that the identification of wildlife sites can be done in different ways. Namely, the forest workers can identify the locations of bear dens during the harvest operations. In addition, any user can signal the presence of a wildlife site when they observe one. Regarding the bear dens, the terms of the RADF state that an exclusion zone with a radius of 60 metres must be maintained around a den between November 16 and April 16. During the consultations with the tallymen, the animator suggests working on something more precise directly on ArcGIS for example, instead of a paper map. In response, the MFFP observer mentions that this solution will not necessarily improve the situation since the tallymen must do a location on site. A delegate reiterates his questions to know if funding is available for such activities. The EIJBRG observer mentions that it is not and makes some clarifications. The animator suggests checking with the CNG if the PADF for Category II lands allows the funding of sensitive wildlife site location activities on location.</p> <p>The issue of water quality and the integrity of aquatic habitats is discussed by a technical committee of the TGIRT. At the request of a delegate, the animator explains the VOIC. The animator briefly explains what is a technical committee and asks which delegates would like to be part of it. The three delegates present and Mrs. Marie-Eve Larouche from the MFFP express their interest in being part of the technical committee on this issue. A first meeting could be held just before the next TGIRT meeting.</p> <p>The EIJBRG observer mentions that a request was made by a delegate during the November 2017 meeting to plant 2 different species of trees along the James Bay Highway. This request cannot be sent to the Waskaganish TGIRT since it is not related to the territory of this TGIRT. In addition, the MFFP observer mentions that they cannot respond to such a request since some of the requested species are not produced in public nurseries. Finally, a delegate expresses certain reserves, that the introduction of exotic species could have consequences on the flora and fauna. The EIJBRG observer persists in developing this request</p>	<p>part of this committee. A request for participation will also be forwarded to the representatives of Ryam for the access to the territory issue. A first meeting of the technical committee will be called just before the next TGIRT meeting.</p> <p>Forward a map regarding the two issues as preparation for the first meeting of the technical committee.</p> <p>Forward a request to the MFFP and to the members of the joint working group so they can localise the spawning beds and the bear dens in the territory of the TGIRT and by establishing the mapping. This map should not be published.</p>

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	<p>and the discussions continue. Finally, this request cannot be retained for the reasons mentioned. The discussions continue between the MFFP and EIJBRG observes to determine how a special project could be handled other than through the TGIRT.</p> <p>The issue of access to the territory includes three needs. The animator asks if there is a real issue of access to the territory on FMU 085-62. A delegate raises an issue regarding the use of permanent winter roads while a permanent road gives access to the same location. He adds that some winter roads should be returned to production. The animator mentions that the need should be clarified in order to know which roads or portions of winter roads should be returned to production. The delegate agrees to identify the roads on a map and to forward it to the animator. The latter mentions the existence of a technical committee on roads and briefly explains how this need can be worked through this committee. The delegate expresses his interest in being part of it. The animator proposes to hold the next meeting on the same day as the technical committee regarding the previous issue. A delegate proposes to join the two technical committees and to work on one single preliminary map. The MFFP observer mentions that a representative from Ryam should also be part of the technical committee. The animator will submit a request to the delegate and his alternate.</p> <p>A delegate asks that the MFFP and the joint working group be mandated to locate the spawning beds and the bear dens in the TGIRT territory.</p>	
6. Presentation of the public consultation report for January and February 2018	The MFFP observer briefly discusses the public consultation report. No comment was received regarding FMU 085-62. The members take a few moments to review the document.	
7. Consultation on the proposed national wood production strategy	The MFFP observer mentions that a public consultation is in progress regarding the wood production strategy. The population initially had until August 6 to forward their comments. According to the animator, an extension was granted until September 6. The members can forward their comments through the website designed for this purpose.	

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8. Pre-consultation on the PAFIT of FMU 85-62	The listing of this item on the agenda is an error.	
9. Information items and delegate requests		
a. Schedule of operations	The animator informs the members that the EIJB RG will abandon the schedule of operations. The members who wish to remain informed are invited to ask Ryam to be registered on their mailing lists.	
b. Website	The animator mentions that each TGIRT of EIJB has a web page in French and in English on the EIJB RG website, along with a general page for all TGIRTs.	
10. Adjournment	The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on November 20 and a meeting of the technical committee is expected just before. The delegates discuss their moves planned for November and suggest holding this next meeting in Matagami. In the meantime, the list of composition must be updated.	On a motion by Mr. Bert Moar, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Cheezo, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

ArcGIS:	Geographic software suite developed by the American firm ESRI
TGIRT:	Integrated resources and land management panel
CNG:	Cree Nation Government
GPS:	Global positioning system
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
PADF:	Sustainable Forest Management Program
RADF:	Sustainable Domain of the State Forest Management Regulations
FMU:	Forest Management Unit
VOIC:	Value, objective, indicator, target