

TGIRT-EIJB Oujé-Bougoumou FMU 26-63

Minutes from the
NINETEENTH MEETING

Held remotely on June 3, 2021 by Microsoft Teams



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Regional Government

APPROVED ON: JUNE 16, 2022

ATTENDING

Delegates:

Mr.	Denis Chiasson	-	Barrette-Chapais
Mr.	Félix Plante	-	Chantiers Chibougamau
Mr.	Norman Wapachee	-	Natural Resources of Ouje-Bougoumou

Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBRG, animator
Mrs.	Amélie Dussault	-	Cree-Quebec Council on Forestry
Mrs.	Christine Morin	-	MFFP
Mrs.	Justine Drolet	-	MFFP-Wildlife
Mrs.	Patricia Girard	-	MFFP
Mr.	Charles Burgy	-	MFFP
Mr.	Gabriel Rheault	-	MFFP
Mr.	Serge Bergeron	-	MFFP
Mr.	Patrick Perreault	-	Cree-Quebec Council on Forestry

Guests:

Mrs.	Élaine Cyr	-	MFFP
Mr.	Paul Maxime Otye Moto-	-	MFFP

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1. Call to order, introductions

The animator welcomes all participants and asks them to introduce themselves.

2. Reading and approval of the agenda

The animator reads the agenda.

On a motion by Denis Chiasson, duly seconded by Norman Wapachee, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.

3. Comments, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on November 26, 2020

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

On a motion by Denis Chiasson, duly seconded by Norman Wapachee, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.

4. Follow-up on the public consultations on the PAFIO-EIJB in January and February 2021

Only one comment was received during the public consultation on the PAFIO-EIJB that was held in January and February 2021. This comment mentioned concerns regarding forestry work near the Cavan Lake resort area. The MFFP did a follow-up on this question directly with the affected cottage owners association. The response regarding the meaning of the three lines illustrated on the consultation map has yet to be received.

5. Correspondence

Only one correspondence was tabled to the members:

- Email from the Director General of the EIJBRC regarding the proposed letter – Compliance with the forests with a high conservation value (FHVC) and the high conservation values (HVC) established during the forestry certification of Barrette-Chapais.

The follow-up on this correspondence is discussed at item 6.

6. Follow-up on the issues

The MFFP presents a table showing the results of the analysis of the request by the TGIRT-EIJB Oujé-Bougoumou to translate into a Value-Objective-Target-Indicator (VOIC) the FHVC and HVC established as part of the forestry certification of Barrette-Chapais. This table indicates if it is possible or not, according to the MFFP, to translate some FHVC and HVC criteria into a VOIC. The first criterion that could be translated into a VOIC is written as follows: “No permanent road within 300 m of the park limit”. After discussion, it was proposed that this subject be discussed at a future meeting of the road committee. In addition, the MFFP will add more visual elements in future presentations on this subject to facilitate the understanding.

7. Road management plan

The animator mentions that a multi-TGIRT-EIJB technical committee was implemented to discuss the concerns regarding the forest road management. The committee wishes to share with the members of the TGIRT-EIJB a document titled “*Hypothèse de financement du réseau des chemins multiusages à l'intention du travail de réflexion des CRRNT*”. This 56-page document (plus appendices) was tabled to the members for information purposes. A member asks if there was a follow-up from the MFFP following the publication of this report. A member comments that the production of road management plan is the responsibility of the MFFP. He suggests forming a EIJBRC-CNG-MFFP committee that would work on a regional road management plan for 2018-2023 without regards to the category II or III of the territory. The MFFP representative will bring this suggestion at the next meeting of the general branch of the MFFP. The representative of Natural Resources of Oujé-Bougoumou will bring at the next panel meeting a map showing the types of usages of the roads in FMU 23-63 by the community of Oujé-Bougoumou.

8. Presentation of the regional wood production strategy (MFFP)

A representative of the MFFP gives a presentation on the “Regional wood production strategy”. This strategy aims to increase the production of softwood and will be integrated in the PAFIT-2023-2028. Corrections will be made to the volumes per hectare of poor, average and rich sites. In order to validate the applicability of the measures to develop the unclaimed wood, the MFFP will produce a table of available birch and aspen poplar volumes for each forest management unit in the region. The acronym UQAT will be replaced by universities. The MFFP also shared with the members of the panel the web link giving access to the map showing the wood production intensification areas (AIPL). A member comments that this strategy has already been the subject of a presentation by the MFFP to the Cree Nation Government.

9. Presentation of the mixed stand management strategy (MFFP)

A representative of the MFFP gives a presentation on the “mixed stand management strategy”. She adds that no permit will be issued for firewood in the hardwood harvest restriction zones and that these measures have very little impact on the forest potential, i.e. less than 2% before the new calculation. An observer comments that the two presentations (Wood production and Mixed stands) seem contradictory in regards to the conservation of mixed stands and the prioritization of softwood stand production. The representative of the MFFP replies that the wood production strategy will consider the mixed stand strategy and other strategies present in territory.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 22, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

11. Miscellaneous

A member informs the panel that a MFFP grant will be used to train new people in the community of Oujé-Bougoumou to participate in the various committees and panels. This initiative aims to compensate for the high rotation of personnel on the various organisations in the community. Thus, they are hoping to fill many of the vacant seats at the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Oujé-Bougoumou.

12. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 12:08 PM.

On a motion by Denis Chiasson, duly seconded by Norman Wapachee, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
COMEV:	Evaluation committee (responsible for studying the preliminary information provided by the promoter of a project located 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