

TGIRT-EIJB NEMASKA

FMU 086-63

Report from the
EIGHTEENTH MEETING

Held on December 2, 2020 remotely by Microsoft Teams



Gouvernement régional
d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James
Eeyou Istchee James Bay
Regional Government

APPROVED ON: JUNE 10, 2021

ATTENDING

Delegates:

Mrs.	Rose Wapachee	-	Joint working group
Mrs.	Amélie Béchard (from 2:15 PM)	-	Eacom Matagami
Mr.	Matthew Tanoush (from 2:00 PM)	-	Nemaska Cree Environment Administration

Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBRG
Mr.	Mario Poirier	-	MFFP
Mr.	Martin Filion	-	EIJBRG, animator

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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. Only one delegate is present at the beginning of the meeting. The animator starts the meeting. Two more delegates join the meeting later without having the agenda approved.

3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on November 27, 2019

The minutes cannot be approved since there are not at least two persons present who attended that meeting.

4. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on July 4, 2018

The minutes cannot be approved since there is only one person present besides the animator, who participated in that meeting. Only three persons had taken part in that meeting, including the animator. Another of the three persons hasn't worked for the community for a certain time and cannot be reached. A rule was agreed upon at the TGIRT to allow observers to approve minutes the same way as delegates. Since the animator is also an observer, he suggests to the attending delegate to propose the approval of the minutes if she is comfortable doing so and he will second the motion. An observer has reservations about the possibility that the animator could play such a role and asks for a copy of the resolution that would clarify this role. There is no resolution to that effect and the minutes are not approved. The issue of the animator's role in such circumstances remains pending.

5. Correspondence

a. SDBJ – Road maintenance

The animator provides a follow-up on a request submitted in 2019 regarding the maintenance of the James Bay Highway. The delegates had requested some clarifications and the animator contact the Director of Infrastructures at the SDBJ. He obtained all requested details by email. The animator reads the email that was forwarded to the delegates and put in the members section.

6. Follow-up issues

a. Terms included in the RADF to ensure the maintenance of the water quality

One of the issues of this TGIRT is regarding the maintenance of the water quality. The retained need is to minimise the sedimentation caused by forestry operations. But according to the MFFP observers, as discussed a few meetings ago, the previously anticipated terms as part of the RADF would be sufficient to ensure the maintenance of the water quality during forestry operations. Also, the MFFP plans to give a presentation on these terms in the near future.

b. Analysing the riparian environments and terms to ensure their protection

This is a need that was identified a year earlier and for which one or more specific means are yet to be established. The animator asks the delegates if they wish to develop this need and formulate concrete

means. An observer brings the attention of the members on the “responsible” columns of the chart. The bearer of this action is a technical committee for the Category II lands. Therefore, this is an issue for which we are waiting for a response from this external committee to the TGIRTs of EIJB. The animator will try to find out more about this technical committee and the progression of their work, namely in regards to this issue.

7. Regional technical committee on the development of a road management plan

The animator explains the context where the technical committee was activated and the mandate that it was given by the Matagami TGIRT. The first meeting of the technical committee was held on October 19. The first step was to establish a structure for the plan, i.e. a table of contents. The members pay attention to the composition of the committee. It includes only one Cree representative. The animator verifies the interest of the delegates present to be part of the committee. A delegate asks about the role of the committee. It is to establish a management plan for the roads in the territory of the TGIRTs. The members have already target some actions to undertake, including the proposal of an accelerated road closure procedure. The work is essentially related to forest roads. The delegates interested in being part of the committee are invited to email the animator.

8. Presentation of the public consultation reports on the special plan regarding Burn 72, PAFIO and PAFIT

The MFFP observer discusses the comments regarding the special plan for the recovery and return to production of burn 72 while the animator displays the consultation document. It shows a location map of the burn and the observers makes some clarifications regarding this map. Only two comments were received. One was expressed by an anglers association regarding the period when the work is completed. In addition, an outfitter asked that there would be no harvest, which the MFFP cannot commit to since these are public lands and the wood present contributes to the calculation of the forest potential.

The observer presents the reports on the public consultations held in March and August 2020. The consultation held in March was related to all FMUs in the EIJB territory. The observer states the number of comments received in the forest management unit of this TGIRT (management unit 106) and the comments received elsewhere in the territory. No comment was related to FMU 86-63. The public consultation in August was only related to the FMUs of the Chibougamau management unit. Only one comment was received during this consultation.

A final public consultation report was related to the update of the 2018-2023 PAFIT. Several comments were received during this consultation, especially from the forestry companies. The observer mentions the various stakeholders who made comments and mentions the comment from the EIJB RG.

9. Statement of progress of the amended 2018-2023 PAFIT

Compared to the PAFIO, the PAFIT do not raise punctual issues that can be localised on site. The animator invites the members to consult the updated PAFIT that is accessible in the members section.

10. PAFIO amendment

No amendment was made to the PAFIO of FMU 86-63, which was already submitted to the TGIRT.

11. Proposed schedule of meetings for 2021

The animator submits a proposed schedule of TGIRT meetings for 2021. Three proposed dates are acceptable to the members. These three dates are February 9, June 10 and December 2, 2021. These three meetings will begin at 1:15 PM. For the time being, it is anticipated that the three meetings will be held virtually. This proposal is acceptable to all members present.

12. Miscellaneous

13. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 2:45 PM. The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2020 at 1:15 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Rose Wapachee, duly seconded by Mr. Tanoush, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

EIJB:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay
TGIRT:	Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel
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
RADF:	Regulation of the sustainable forest management
SDBJ:	James Bay Development Corporation
FMU:	Forest Management Unit