

TGIRT-EIJB Matagami FMU 86-52, 86-64 and 86-65

Minutes from the
TWENTY FIRST MEETING

Held remotely on May 31, 2022 by Microsoft Teams



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

APPROVED ON: DECEMBER 8, 2022

ATTENDING

Delegates:

Mrs.	Lydia Pedneault	-	Interfor Matagami
Mrs.	Josée Djongo	-	Produits forestiers Résolu
Mr.	Réal Dubé	-	Town of Matagami
Mr.	Yan Bernard	-	Matériaux Blanchet

Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	GREIBJ, animator
Mrs.	Maude Fortier Boisclair	-	MFFP-Wildlife
Mrs.	Audrey-Anne Richard Tremblay	-	Interfor (certification)

Mr.	Frédéric Lemelin	-	MFFP
Mr.	Mario Poirier	-	MFFP

Guests:

Mr.	Paul-Maxim 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 Lydia Pedneault, duly seconded by Réal Dubé, it is agreed to approve the agenda as presented.

3. Comments, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on December 1, 2021

As indicated in the invitation email to the twenty first meeting of the Matagami TGIRT-EIJB, the members were invited 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 Yan Bernard, duly seconded by Réal Dubé, by email, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.

4. Correspondence

The animator invites the members to visit the EIJB RG website under the NOTICES tab where all the mining exploration work notices in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay territory that were received from companies during the year are posted.

5. Follow-up on the issues

- *Maintaining or increasing the moose population:* The MFFP representative explains that the Ministry, in cooperation with McGill University and the Cree Nation Government, are currently working on a project to develop a moose habitat quality index (IQH) for the adapted forestry regime (Paix-des-Braves). The biologist in charge of this project, Vincent Brodeur, will be called upon to know if the input used to establish the IQH in the Paix-des-Braves can be used in the development of the IQH in FMU 86-52. The MFFP representative adds that the input used in the development of IQH to the south of the Paix-des-Braves could also be used to design an IQH portrait in FMU 86-52. The MFFP representative will verify the availability of Mr. Brodeur to do an eventual presentation on this topic at a future meeting of the panel.
- *Conservation of the fish habitat:* Changes made to the formation of the committee delayed the date of tabling of the “*Directions on the wildlife habitats*” to December 2023. The person in charge of this file at the MFFP, Mrs. Sonia Légaré, will provide a follow-up on the progress of this file at the next panel meetings.
- *Conservation of the woodland caribou:* The Independent commission on woodland and mountain caribous held regional public hearings in La Sarre and Chibougamau. Since these meetings were

held during the goose hunt period, the Commission sent an offer to the EIJB to hold a one-hour meeting by videoconference to hear the comments of members of the TGIRT-EIJB who could not attend the public hearings in person during the “Goose Break” period. The proposed dates are June 6 or 10, 2022. The animator explains that when she receives the Teams invitation email for this meeting, she will share it with all members of the TGIRT-EIJB.

- *Maintaining or increasing the population of martens and small game:* The production of the “Directions on wildlife habitats” is a means to meet this issue. The person in charge of this file at the MFFP, Mrs. Sonia Légaré, will provide a follow-up on the progression of this file at the next panel meetings.
- *Maintaining the water quality:* A presentation of the RADF regarding the issue of the water quality was done at the panel by the MFFP during the meeting of June 9, 2021. This issue will be kept in the grid but will only be discussed when new elements are added by the panel members.
- *Management of the road network:* The MFFP-Wildlife representative informs the panel that there was no longer a single location (MFFP-MELCC) to submit the requests for stabilising the shores in the resort zones. A separate request must be submitted to each ministry. Clarifications on the submission of requests for authorisation to stabilise the shores will be made by the MFFP-Wildlife at the next panel meeting.

6. Report on the public consultations of the modification of the 2018-2023 PAFIO

The MFFP representative presents the comments received during the public consultation on the amendment of the 2018-2023 PAFIO that took place from January 24 to February 17, 2022 for FMU 86-52, 86-64 and 86-65. He also presents the MFFP follow-up regarding each comment. The online participation on the interactive maps of the MFFP is used more and more frequently by the persons who wish to make comments on the PAFIO.

7. Presentation of the 2023-2028 PAFIT template

A MFFP representative presents the updated format of the PAFIT for FMU 86-52, 86-64 and 86-65 along with the timelines for the 2023-2028 PAFIT. This redesign of the format aims mainly to focus the consultation on the management objectives and decisions. The consultation on module 4 of the final 2023-2028 PAFIT will be presented at the next panel meeting. The animator asks if it is possible to add to the PAFIT the objective to “Implement the Directions on wildlife habitats”. The MFFP representative confirms that as soon as the directions are produced, they will be applied to the PAFIT in progress.

8. Presentation on the Interfor FSC certification

A representative from Interfor presents the “Forests with a high conservation value (FHVC)” as part of the FSC forest management standard for the certified territory in FMU 86-63 and 86-64. The FMU 86-52 of the Matagami TGIRT-EIJB will not be included in the presentation since it is not the subject of a FSC certification. The firm Nova Sylva was contracted by Interfor to identify the FHVC in this territory. She presents the 6 FHVC categories to identify in order to meet the FSC standard including:

1. Diversity of species
2. Ecosystems and landscape mosaics (Intact forest landscapes – 50,000 ha or more)
3. Ecosystem and habitat (Exceptional forest ecosystems (EFE) (Old forests, residual forest masses)
4. Critical ecosystem needs
5. Needs of the communities
6. Cultural values

Changes made to the FSC standard have led to the identification of four new intact forest landscapes of over 50,000 ha that are indicated on the map shown on screen. At this time, these intact forest landscapes are not

yet integrated in the MFFP planning and are part of discussions between Interfor and the MFFP. The panel members are invited to submit their proposals regarding other locations that could have protection needs related to the cultural or community needs. The Interfor representative confirms that requirement 6.3.1 (minimum 10% protection) is mostly reached with the addition of areas subject to paludification.

9. Miscellaneous

The animator presents the summary of the survey results on the satisfaction of the TGIRT participants in Quebec.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 8, 2022 at 8:15 AM.

11. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 10:15 AM.

On a motion by Lydia Pedneault, duly seconded by Josée Djongo, 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 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