

# TGIRT-EIJB Mistissini FMU 26-61 and 26-62

Minutes from the  
**TWENTIETH MEETING**

Held on November 17, 2021 remotely by Microsoft Teams



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Regional Government

APPROVED ON:      MAY 26, 2022

# ATTENDING

## Delegates:

Mrs.	Kim Régimbald-Bélanger	-	Huiles essentielles Nordic
Mrs.	Pamela MacLeod	-	Mistissini Cree Environment Adm.
Mr.	Hubert Petawabano	-	Mistissini Cree Community Dev.
Mr.	Jean-Pierre Boudreault	-	Chantiers Chibougamau
Mr.	John Henry Shecapio	-	Eskan –Eenatouk Forestry
Mr.	Michael Giroux	-	Chantiers Chibougamau
Mr.	Vincent Lapointe	-	FaunENord - PFNL

## Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBRG, Animator
Mrs.	Christine Morin	-	MFFP
Mrs.	Patricia Girard	-	MFFP
Mr.	Serge Bergeron	-	MFFP

## Guests:

Mrs.	Sonia Légaré	-	MFFP
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# TGIRT-EIJB MISTISSINI TWENTIETH MEETING

## 1. Call to order, introductions

The animator welcomes all participants and asks them to introduce themselves. She notifies the members that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of the minutes.

## 2. Reading and approval of the agenda

The animator reads the agenda.

*On a motion by Vincent Lapointe, duly seconded by Pamela MacLeod, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.*

## 3. Comments, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on June 16, 2021

As indicated in the invitation email for the twentieth meeting of the Mistissini 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 Kim Régimbald-Bélanger, duly seconded by Vincent Lapointe, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.*

### Regarding the follow-up on the meeting of June 16, 2021:

- Following the presentation of the mixed stand management strategy, a member asked to add the limits of the protected areas, such as Assinica Park, to the map of harvest thresholds within the mixed stand. This request will be made to the representative of the MFFP, Mrs. Sonia Légaré.
- Following the presentation on the road closure project within FMU 026-61 in trap line N47 of Mathew Gunner, the MFFP informs the members that this project was postponed to the following year since it was too late in the season to use student labour to reforest the road. The MFFP didn't receive any comment following this consultation.

## 4. Follow-up on the issues

The following comments were made following the discussions regarding the issues listed in the grid of the June 16, 2021 meeting:

- **Visual landscape:** The representative from Nibiischii, who is responsible for this issue, and two representatives from the MFFP, held a meeting in November 2021 to produce a first version of the identification of observation points near some lakes of the Nibiischii wildlife Reserve (such as Wacconichi, Robineau, Troilus lakes, etc.). The 3D analysis of these observation points will help identify the landscapes that are more likely to be affected visually by forest harvesting work. It will then be possible to introduce mitigation measures for these visually sensitive zones. Other meetings are scheduled with Nibiischii and a follow-up on this issue will be presented at the next meeting.

- **Water and aquatic habitat quality:** A report on the water quality was produced by the organisation in charge of this issue, FaunENord, on ten lakes in the Mistissini area. This report reveals that the maximum disturbance threshold, i.e. 50% of the watershed, was not exceeded at any time. This disturbance threshold of the ten lakes was between 5% and 15%. This leads us to conclude that there are no concerns at this time regarding this issue in those locations. The representative from FaunENord will forward the report to the EIJB who will then make it available in the members section of the Mistissini TGIRT-EIJB website. This issue will be maintained until the members review the document. They will then be able to make a decision on the maintenance or non-maintenance of this issue.
- **Conservation of wildlife habitats:** The implementation of the “Mixed stand management strategy” presented at the Mistissini TGIRT-EIJB on June 16, 2021 is a means to meet this issue. This issue will be maintained in the grid until the members of the panel can obtain a follow-up from the MFFP to know if the application of the strategy meets in an acceptable manner the conservation of wildlife habitats. The MFFP, in cooperation with the Joint Working Group (GTC) should also produce the “Instructions on wildlife habitats” in 2021 to meet this issue. Changes made to the formation of this committee led to the postponement of the tabling of the document to 2023. The representative GTC in Mistissini is currently Mr. Mathew Longchap.
- **Access to the territory:** Since the people responsible for this issue at the CNG and the MFFP are absent, the follow-up on this issue is postponed to the next meeting.
- **Harmonisation of the various usages:** The members who wish to do so may ask the attending BGA to add their email address to the mailing list regarding the weekly forest work schedule. The contact information of the Hydro-Quebec representatives and the communications coordinator of the mining companies in Mistissini were sent to Nibiischii. Regarding the PFNL element of this issue, the MFFP removed several hectares of logging blocks to the planning following the request by FaunENord regarding a mushroom productive site along the North Road. At this time, the duration of this protection is not yet defined.
- **Multiple issues (access to the territory, esthetics, safety of users):** This issue follows the request from a tallyman to avoid making piles of shrubs when companies clear the driving surface of old roads with a hiller to return them to condition for forest harvesting. This creates barriers for the travel of wildlife and affects the visual aspect. A representative from Chantier Chibougamau proposes a pilot project during the 2022-2023 planning by identifying a portion of an important road for the users of the territory and to do the repair of an old road with a mechanical shredder. He will present a map locating 5 or 6 old roads to return to operation. This will give members the opportunity to agree on the selection of one of these roads to perform tests with a mechanical brush cutter.

## 5. SCF-CFL conferences schedule

The animator informs the members that the schedule of presentations by the Canadian Forest Service is available in the “Members” section of the Mistissini TGIRT-EIJB website.

## 6. Presentation on the 18-23 PAFIO amendment

This item was not discussed.

## 7. Presentation of the PAFIO public consultation reports for June 2021

The MFFP did not receive any comments following the consultation on the changes made to the 2018-2023 PAFIO.

## 8. Presentation of the public consultation on the climate change forest management and development adaptation strategy

A representative of the MFFP gives a presentation on the climate change forest management and development adaptation strategy. She explains that the main changes could have impacts on the forest productivity, the stand composition, the regeneration accidents after forest fires, the duration and severity of insect epidemics, the appearance of invasive exotic species, the wildlife habitat and the integrity of the infrastructures and multi-purpose roads. Therefore, the strategy aims to develop the knowledge on the effects of climate change with a view on adaptive management of the risk to promote the adaptation measures that will mobilise the ministries and partners and to expose the action plan for the adaptation of the forest management and development practices to the effects of climate change. The members are invited to consult the document on the strategy on the MFFP website and to make comments on the form developed for this purpose.

The environmental representative asks if the amount of trees cut each year has changed since the beginning of the years where forest harvesting started in the FMU? The MFFP representative replies that the amount of wood allowable for the harvest include in the next plan for 2023-2028 in FMU 26-61 and 26-62 was reduced compared to previous years. The animator asks if there are funding programs to reforest the areas north of the limit of the developed forest that suffered regeneration accidents following the passage of too many forest fires. The response was that, for the time being, no since the 2 billion saplings anticipated are still not available. The MFFP representative will verify if a sapling production project in Mistissini could be part of the projects submitted as part of the Strategy or an aerial planting project using drones for the difficult to access zones. A member asks if there was an improvement regarding the pollution emissions from wood processing mills that issue lots of unpleasant smells. The MFFP representative mentions that she is not a specialist in this field but she is not sure if there is a link between the smell and the CO<sup>2</sup> emissions.

#### **9. Proposed schedule of meetings for 2022**

The animator presents the proposed schedule of meetings for 2022.

*On a motion by Hubert Petawabano, duly seconded by Kim Régimbald-Bélanger, it is unanimously agreed to approve the proposed schedule for 2022 as presented. The two chosen dates are June 15 and November 29, 2022.*

#### **10. Miscellaneous**

No item was added under the Miscellaneous item.

#### **11. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2021 at 1:15 PM.

#### **12. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 3:51 PM.

*On a motion by Hubert Petawabano, duly seconded by Kim Régimbald-Bélanger, 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 within the territory covered by the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) and located south of the 55 <sup>th</sup> 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