

# TGIRT-EIJB NEMASKA

FMU 086-63

Minutes from the  
**TWENTIETH MEETING**

Held remotely on December 14, 2021 by Microsoft Teams



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

APPROVED ON: JUNE 7, 2022

# ATTENDING

## Delegates:

Mrs.	Rose Wapachee	-	Joint Working Group
Mr.	Kenneth Tanoush	-	Local Environment Administrator
Mr.	Matthew Tanoush	-	Economic Development
Mr.	Thomas Jolly	-	Cree Trappers Association

## Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBRG, animator
Mrs.	Christine Morin	-	MFFP
Mrs.	Maude Fortier-Boisclair	-	MFFP-Wildlife
Mr.	Frédéric Lemelin	-	MFFP
Mr.	Mario Poirier	-	MFFP

## Guests:

Mrs.	Sonia Légaré	-	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 Rose Wapachee, duly seconded by Matthew Tanoush, 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 10, 2021

As indicated in the invitation email to the twentieth meeting of the Nemaska TGIRT-EIJB, the members were asked 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 Matthew Tanoush, duly seconded by Rose Wapachee, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.*

Following the request to remove the waste containers located at the EIJB rest area near Nemaska, the members had agreed to wait until the December 2021 meeting to see if the situation of overflowing garbage would be solved. The members indicate that the situation improved but that, in the future, it will be necessary to increase the frequency of the Nemaska garbage collection to empty the containers more quickly during the goose and moose hunting periods. A member informs the panel that, if necessary, the EIJB could ask the Nemaska waste collection service to go empty the containers faster. Following the presentation on the wood production strategy, the MFFP sent a table of the unallocated hardwood volumes for each FMU of EIJB. This table indicates that there is no hardwood volume in FMU 86-63.

## 4. Follow-up on the issues

The following comments were issued after the discussion regarding the issues listed in the grid of the June 10, 2021 meeting:

**Conservation of the wildlife habitats:** The implementation of the “*Mixed stand management strategy*”, presented to the Nemaska TGIRT-EIJB on June 10, 2021 is a means to meet this issue. This issue will remain on the grid until the panel members receive a follow-up from the MFFP to know if the application is acceptable in meeting the issue of conservation of the wildlife habitats.

**Quality of water and aquatic habitat:**

The MFFP, in cooperation with the Joint Working Group (GTC) were scheduled to produce the “*Directions on the wildlife habitats*” in 2021 to meet this issue. Changes made to the composition of this committee led to the postponement of the date to table this document to 2023. The current Nemaska GTC representative is Rose Wapachee.

**Access to the territory:** Since the production of the road management plan for FMU 86-63 is under the responsibility of the MFFP, this issue will be discussed when the MFFP tables this plan to the Nemaska TGIRT-EIJB.

**Addition of issues:** A member asks if it is possible to know the proportion of traditional Cree trappers' knowledge that was used to implement these directions of the wildlife habitats. He asks to be informed on the progression of the analysis of the impact of forestry harvest on the observed decline of the moose population. The MFFP representative explains that it is possible to perform such an analysis using methods that call upon habitat quality indices and ecoforest maps to measure the impacts of harvest on the moose population. The representative of the Cree trappers association deplors the fact that these analyses from the MFFP are performed with little to no input from the Cree traditional knowledge. He suggests that the MFFP uses impact analysis methods used by mining stakeholders who invite the entire community affected by the project to speak about the potential impacts on the socio-cultural, environmental and lifestyle aspects. The MFFP representative of the MFFP explains that the TGIRTs were implemented exactly for the purpose of offering a place for the users of the territory to express their concerns regarding the proposed forest management planning. It is then agreed that the representative of the Cree trappers will send the recent study report on the moose populations so the various issues raised therein are discussed at the TGIRT-EIJB.

The environment representative asks to add the issue *Waste management on the territory*. The public works for the Cree Nations of Nemaska and Waskaganish could be called upon to help improve the waste management in the EIJB territory, especially during the goose and moose hunting periods.

## **5. Schedule of SCF-CFL conferences**

The animator presents the 2021-2022 schedule of CFL conferences. The members who wish to attend one of these presentations can do so using the link at the bottom of the page.

## **6. Presentation of amendments to the PAFIO 18-23**

The MFFP representative presents the map of the two areas where changes are proposed to the forest planning. He specifies that some logging blocks have already been the subject of consultations and are not being marketed by the BMMB. He also explains that the construction of a summer road in trap line N28 was discussed with the tallyman and that the concern regarding the proximity of the river was discussed and accepted. A member asks if the summer roads will be replanted when the forestry work is completed. The MFFP representative explains that, in general, it is the winter roads that can be replanted after the logging. If a tallyman does not want a road, following the consultations, he can request the construction of a winter road as a harmonisation measure.

## **7. 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 potential, the composition of stands, the regeneration accidents after forest fires, the duration and seriousness of insect epidemics, the appearance of invasive exotic species, the wildlife habitat and the integrity of the infrastructures and multi-purpose roads. Thus, the Strategy aims to develop the knowledge on the effects of climate change with an eye on the adaptive risk management, to promote the adaptation measures that will mobilise the ministries and partners and to expose the action plan to adapt the forest management and development practices to the effects of climate change. The members are invited to consult the Strategy document on the MFFP website and to issue their comments on the form designed for this purpose. While the date for the consultations has passed, the members are still invited to send their comments directly to Sonia Légaré of the MFFP. The panel members ask if the MFFP plans to include hardwood species in the return to production of forest stands in order to face climate change. The MFFP representative explains that the Strategy is only in its infancy, which is the analysis and experimentation of new methods that will surely include mixed stand plantation tests. The results of these tests will help establish the

manners and situations where these mixed developments would be a good solution. A member shares an observation of a goose hunter. Forever, this hunt took place on the shores of bodies of water where hunters could hide in shrubby vegetation. The climate change was such that now hunters must have boats with camouflage since the shores have much less of this shrubby vegetation. Another member asks if the MFFP associates climate change as the cause of windfall, which could be seen on Route 109 south of Matagami. The MFFP representative explains that a strong wind storm was responsible for this windfall and that a recovery plan was implemented to harvest the wood from the areas affected by this type of event that could become more common with climate change. A member deplors the lack of a separation strip among those vast clear cutting areas that are visible from Route 109. He suggests reassessing this type of practice to consider not only the wood value but also the resistance to climate change of the forests after the logging.

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

The animator presents the proposed schedule of meetings for 2022. A member asks to move the proposed meeting of December 13, 2022 to November 22, 2022.

*On a motion by Kenneth Tanoush, duly seconded by Thomas Jolly, it is unanimously agreed to approve the 2022 schedule with the requested change.*

#### **9. Miscellaneous**

No item was added.

#### **10. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2022 at 1:15 PM.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 3:23 PM.

*On a motion by Rose Wapachee, duly seconded by Matthew Tanoush, 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 <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