

# TGIRT-EIJB NEMASKA FMU 086-63

Minutes from the  
**TWENTY FIRST MEETING**

Held remotely on June 7, 2022 by Microsoft Teams



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

**APPROVED ON: NOVEMBER 22, 2022**

## ATTENDING

### Delegates:

Mrs.	Rose Wapachee	-	Joint Working Group
Mrs.	Lydia Pedneault	-	Interfor
Mr.	Matthew Tanoush	-	Sustainable development of the territory

### Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBRG, animator
Mrs.	Émilie Dumas Bernard	-	MFFP-Wildlife
Mrs.	Amélie Dusseault	-	CIFQ
Mr.	Frédéric Lemelin	-	MFFP
Mr.	Mario Poirier	-	MFFP

### Guests:

Ms.	Audrey-Anne Richard Tremblay	-	Interfor
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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 Matthew Tanoush, it is agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.*

## 3. Comments, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2021

As indicated in the invitation email to the twenty first meeting of the Nemaska 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 Matthew Tanoush, duly seconded by Rose Wapachee, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.*

## 4. Correspondence

- *Follow-up report on the satisfaction of participants in the TGIRTs in Quebec.* The animator summarises the conclusions of this report that does not globally suggest major changes in the operations of the TGIRT but instead suggests potential improvements, such as increasing transparency regarding the information from the specific planning meetings between the MFFP and the BGAs.

## 5. Follow-up on the issues

The following comments were made following discussions regarding the issues listed in the table during the prior meetings:

**Conservation of wildlife habitats:** The “Mixed stand management strategy” document, presented to the panel in February 2021, is in response to the need to maintain hardwood and mixed stands. The MFFP will present the follow-up table of 2018-2022 targets of this strategy for each trap line in the territory of the Nemaska TGIRT-EIJB of FMU 86-63. More information will be presented at the next meeting regarding the analysis of the variations with the strategy’s targets.

**Maintenance of the moose population:** The MFFP representative indicates that the moose air survey report completed in 2021 in zone 17 is available on the MFFP-Wildlife website. He adds that the project to develop a moose

habitat quality index is continuing currently in cooperation with McGill University, the CNG and the CCQF and will provide an update on the subject at the next meeting. The CCQF observer adds that the Cree trappers will also be participating in the project. The IQH will be developed using a combination of scientific knowledge and Cree traditional knowledge. The final report is expected for March 31, 2023. The sustainable development representative of Nemaska mentions that he will be participating at the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of this IQH-Moose committee in the middle of June 2022.

**Quality of the water and the aquatic habitat:** The MFFP, in cooperation with the Joint Working Group (GTC) were scheduled to produce the “Directions on wildlife habitats” in 2021 in order to meet this issue. Changes made to the formation of this committee led to the postponement of the tabling of this document to 2023. The GTC representative in Nemaska is currently Mrs. Rose Wapachee.

**Waste management in the territory:** The sustainable development representative from Nemaska laments the fact that several users of the rest areas in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay territory do not make the effort to deposit their waste in the bins installed for this purpose. Waste left on the ground attracts bears that spread it throughout the site. He asks if it is possible to install signs like “Keep our environment clean”.

**Access to the territory:** The production of a road management plan for FMU 86-63 is under the responsibility of the MFFP. The MFFP representative explains that the main information elements on the multi-resource road network are included in the PAFIT. The Interfor representative will give a presentation at the next panel meeting on the road management plan for the roads included in the documents related to the FSC certification of FMU 86-63.

## 6. Public consultation report on the 2018-2023 PAFIO amendments of January 2022

The MFFP did not receive any comment on the public consultations regarding the amendments made to the 2018-2023 PAFIO for FMU 86-63.

## 7. Presentation of templates for the Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Management (PAFIT)

The MFFP representative presents the updated format of the PAFITs of FMU 86-63 along with the timelines of the 2023-2028 PAFIT. This update of the format aims mostly 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.

## 8. Presentation on Interfor’s FSC certification

A representative for Interfor presents the “Forests with a high conservation value (FHVC)” as part of the FSC forest management standard for the certified territory of FMU 86-63 and 86-64. The firm Nova Sylva was mandated by Interfor to identify the FHVC in this territory. She presents the 6 categories of FHVC to identify in order to meet the FSC standard:

1. Species diversity
2. Ecosystems and mosaics throughout the landscape (Intact forest landscapes – 50,000 ha and over)
3. Ecosystem and habitat (Exceptional forest ecosystems (EFE) (old forests, residual forest masses)
4. Critical ecosystem services
5. Needs of the communities
6. Cultural values

Changes made to the FSC standard led to the identification of four new intact forest landscapes of over 50,000 ha that are illustrated on the map shown on screen. At this time, these intact forest landscapes have yet to be integrated in the MFFP

planning and are the subject of discussions between Interfor and the MFFP. The panel members are asked to submit their proposals regarding other locations that could have protection needs related to cultural or community values. The Interfor representative explains that there will be no logging in areas with a palludification risk. The MFFP representatives add that due to unfavourable growth conditions, there will also be no silviculture work on the harvest blocks prior to 2022 that have badly regenerated on these boggy soils.

## 9. Miscellaneous

- *Local forest fire:* The sustainable development representative from Nemaska asks the MFFP about the process to eliminate burnt trees following a forest fire that occurred in May 2022 near Nemaska on the Category I lands. He will send to the MFFP the proposed GPS location to dispose of the burnt trees. The MFFP will analyse this request and will respond as early as possible.
- *Abandoned vehicle:* The sustainable development representative from Nemaska asks if it is possible to remove an abandoned vehicle on the side of the North Road, near Km 327 in February 2022. The animator suggest sending this request to the Sûreté du Québec.

## 10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 22, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 PM.

*On a motion by Lydia Pedneault, duly seconded by Rose Wapachee, 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 locate 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