

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

Minutes of the
FOURTEENTH MEETING

Held on February 6, 2019 in the conference room of the EIJBRG in Matagami



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Présences à la rencontre du 6 février 2019



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Délégués et substituts

Groupe d'utilisateurs	Délégué	Présence	Substitut	Présence
Chef de la communauté et/ou maire et/ou président	René Dubé			
BGA	Amélie Béchar			
	Guy Lamoureux			
	Félix Guay	X		
	Yan Bernard	X		
	Patrick Bourque			
	Julie Fillion		François Denis	X
	Valérie Moses			
Pouvoir				
Locataire à des fins agricoles				
Maître de trappe/Titulaire de permis de piégeage/Associations locales de trappeurs	Paul Dixon			
Environnement et Eau				
Entreprises sylvicoles				
Travailleurs forestiers (usine)				
Travailleurs forestiers (forêt)				
Groupe de travail conjoint	Allan Saganash			
Développement économique local	Sandra Ethier	X		
Produits forestiers non ligneux				
Véhicule hors route				
Villégiateurs	Mira Godbout	X		
Industrie minière exploitation	Luc Tellier-Normand	X		
Industrie minière exploration				
Tourisme/récréation en forêt/culture				
Chasseurs/pêcheurs/observateurs faunique	Daniel Cliche			
Énergie/biomasse				
Groupes jeunesse				
Groupes de femmes				
Goupes aînés				

Observateurs, invités

Organisme	Observateur, invité	Présence
GREIBJ	Martin Filion (animateur)	X
	Johanne Morasse	
MFFP-Forêt	Isabelle Fortin	X
MFFP-Faune	Julien second	
Gouvernement de la Nation Crie	Stéphane Ouellet	
Administration régionale Baie-James		
MFFP-Planificateur	Jean-François Trembaly	
Invité-Matériaux Blanchet	Samuel Pilote	X
Invitée-MFFP	Virginie Cayer	X
Invité-MFFP	Sébastien Leduc	X

Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence	
Présence par téléphone	
Absence	

TGIRT-EIJB MATAGAMI FOURTEENTH MEETING

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1. Call to order, introductions	The meeting is called to order at 10:00 AM. The animator asks the members to introduce themselves.	
2. Reading and approval of the agenda	The animator reads the agenda. The agenda remains open. Delegates ask to add two items to the agenda: 11 a. Road management on the Category III lands (Mrs. Isabelle Fortin) 11 b. Closure of the Vezza mine (Mr. Luc Tellier-Normand)	On a motion by Mr. Yan Bernard, duly seconded by Mrs. Mira Godbout, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda with the requested additions.
3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on November 22, 2018.	The participants present at the meeting on November 22, 2018 take a few moments to reviews the minutes. A special attention is given to the follow-up elements.	On a motion by Mr. Yan Bernard, duly seconded by Mrs. Mira Godbout, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.
4. Correspondence	There is no correspondence as part of this meeting.	
5. Follow-up of the issues	As an introduction, the animator mentions that one of the goals of the TGIRT is to develop issues regarding the forest management in the territory. Eventually, it will be time to explore the possibility of converting these issues into VOICs so that the MFFP can consider them as part of its forest planning. He explains the distinction between an issue and a VOIC but adds that they are two equivalent notions. A VOIC corresponds to the wording of an issue that the MFFP can consider in the PAFI. The animator also mentions that a nuance was mentioned at the Chapais-Chibougamau TGIRT, which is that a much localised element could be the subject of a harmonisation while a VOIC is more related to an objective that would apply more broadly to the entire territory.	
a) Consultation of the multi-purpose roads map	The members of the TGIRT are invited to examine a large paper map of the multi-purpose roads prepared for this item. Information is provided regarding the various programs to fund the construction, improvement and maintenance of the roads. The map does not include the VHR trails layer but questions are asked about these trails. The MFFP observer provides some information, namely regarding the consultation of the TGIRT about the VHR trails around Matagami that was completed in 2018. The members pay a particular attention to some roads, namely those that	

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	<p>were / are still being used by the Matagami Mine. The animator asks the delegates present if they have specific expectations regarding one or more roads and if there are things to change on the map.</p> <p>The animator invites the members of the TGIRT to send him the modifications to make to the map if any, including the bridges to repair. He also invites the members to consult the interactive map that is available in the “members” section. He explains the procedure to send a modification request from the interactive map.</p>	
<p>6. Access management technical committee for the Category II lands – Linkage with the Category III lands (Sébastien Leduc)</p>	<p>Mr. Sébastien Leduc gives a presentation on this item in replacement of Mrs. Sonia Légaré. Mr. Leduc starts by verifying the knowledge of the members about the difference between the Category II and the Category III lands. He mentions the existence of a TGIRT on the Category II lands and a mandate started at that panel regarding the access management.</p> <p>As part of the mandate regarding the management of the road network in the Category II lands, there is an issue of access to the territory like at the TGIRT of the Category III lands. This issue is divided into two objectives which are to limit the expansion of the road network and reducing the redundancy of the accesses. Regarding the first objective, there is a concern to reduce the pressure on the environment and wildlife. However, there is a difficulty in limiting the expansion of the road network, considering the impacts related to the mosaic logging regime, the future forest management needs and the presence of numerous users of the territory. Nevertheless, the members of the technical committee have started verifying the expectations and needs of the tallymen in regards to the maintenance and closure of some roads.</p> <p>To this day, 4 trap lines have been selected as part of a pilot project to survey the needs and expectations of the tallymen. These trap lines are located on Category II lands and have been selected in order to represent the various Cree communities and a diversity of the context elements mentioned above. In order to prepare the meetings with the tallymen, the members of the committee established a map of the roads and asked the planners to indicate the operational impacts related to their closing if necessary.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Leduc mentions the work completed to this day. He adds that this work is not a consultation but aims only to know the needs and expectations of the tallymen in terms of access. At the end of the exercise, the members of the technical committee realised that the sample retained was very restricted. In addition, it appeared difficult for the land managers to select the targets for a short term closure due mainly to the orphan blocks. In addition, during the consultations with the tallymen, they expressed no request for the closure of forest roads. Against all expectations, they instead asked that some accesses be returned to use. Following these latest observations, the members of the committee mention the hypothesis that the results could be entirely different if the survey covered a larger number of tallymen and the Category III lands. The members of the committee issued some recommendations regarding the Category II lands but hope that these are repeated for the Category III lands. Mr. Leduc demonstrates the process that could be undertaken on the Category III lands. This avenue would follow a recommendation of the Cree-Quebec Council on forestry, i.e. to consider the needs of the users before the started process. At this stage, Mr. Leduc wishes to have the opinion of the members of the TGIRT, to know if they agree with the members of the technical committee on the Category II lands to continue the pilot project on the Category III lands. The MFFP observer makes a clarification that the results that would be obtained on the Category III lands would only be applicable on the Category II lands. She also adds that the exercise only covers the territory corresponding to the Cree trap lines, which excludes FMU 086-52. Mr. Leduc confirms these two clarifications and discusses the issue of multiple avenues to close some roads, going from the temporary closure with a simple gate to the complete and permanent closure with a return to production. This raises some concerns and questions, namely what would justify the temporary or permanent closure of a road. In all cases, the MFFP observer states that this would obviously go through a consultation process. She also adds that the exercise in progress only aims to respond on the Category II lands. She indicates where there are Category II lands near Matagami.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Leduc quickly discusses objective #2 as part of the mandate of the technical committee on the access to the territory. The redundancy of the road network can be expressed notably by loops whose necessity can be doubted. There is also an analysis of other avenues including the use of former corridors instead of the construction of new roads. It would also be possible to avoid multiple entrances and parallel roads. Such an analysis was performed on the PAFIO by Mr. Stephane Ouellet of the CNG. These analyses have demonstrated that the situation is not dramatic but some improvement could be made in some locations. A follow-up could be done as part of the response reports.</p> <p>A delegate makes two comments. First, he would like to clarify that the purpose of a temporary closure is not to limit the access to the territory, which is confirmed by the MFFP observer. In addition, the delegate mentions that there are effectively improvements to be made to the road network, while it is not a generalised issue.</p> <p>Mr. Leduc concludes by briefly mentioning the steps to come. It is planned to continue the pilot project toward April and we could expect a return of the technical committee with its conclusions toward the fall.</p>	
7. Paludification (MFFP)	This item was removed from the agenda.	
8. Wood production intensification area (AIPL) (Virginie Cayer)	<p>This item is discussed after item 11 a.</p> <p>Mrs. Virginie Cayer gives her presentation by telephone conference. A Power Point presentation is displayed on screed. She quickly summarizes the purpose and content of her presentation. She clarifies the objective which is to better understand the silviculture intensity gradients and the notion of wood production intensification area (AIPL). The MFFP also wishes to know the concerns and comments of the members of the TGIRT, if any.</p> <p>The classification of the silviculture response strategy or the AIPL designation is essentially based on three criteria, i.e. the productivity, the forest dynamics and the restrictions to management. The silviculture intensity can be expressed according to three gradients: intensive, basic and extensive. The presenter provides a brief explanation of each of the</p>	

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	<p>three gradients and their context of application. With the help of illustrations, she demonstrates the planned management scenarios for each of the three gradients.</p> <p>To understand the context of application of the AIPLs as part of the public forest management, it is necessary to refer to Section 36 of the Sustainable Forest Development Act which identifies the criteria for the designation of AIPLs and the national wood production strategy in which the AIPL are one of the proposed avenues. Mrs. Cayer explains where the AIPLs are likely to be found, considering the dominant vegetation, the accessibility conditions and the current uses of the territory. The proximity of mills and labour, the condition of the road network and the silviculture investments made to this day are part of the criteria for the prioritisation of AIPLs. Following the AIPL designation, it is planned namely to do some reforestation with the help of improved plants and with a density of 2,000 plants/ha. It is also anticipated to do some pre-commercial clearing. More frequent follow-ups are planned to ensure that we reach the silviculture objectives. Maps were prepared so that the members of the TGIRT can see where the proposed AIPLs are located. Mrs. Cayer also expresses in which proportions are found the various gradients in the territory of the TGIRT. This is very useful as part of the strategic planning. In FMU 086-52, the extensive gradient occupies 50% of the territory and the intensive gradient occupies 35% of the territory. In FMU 086-64, 52% of the territory is classified as extensive, 28% is classified basic and 20% is classified as intensive, including 4% that is targeted for AIPLs. Finally, in FMU 086-65, 41% is classified as extensive and 29% is classified as intensive, including 5% that is targeted for AIPLs. At this time, it is still a potential designation and the designation of an intensive gradient for an area does not mean that it will be treated as an AIPL. The validation on site remains to be done.</p> <p>Mrs. Cayer invites the members of the TGIRT to consult the maps and mention their comments and concerns to the MFFP, especially if AIPLs have designated in locations where projects are planned or in progress, mainly in cases of incompatibility. The MFFP suggests to the MFFP, if possible, to produce</p>	

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	<p>an interactive map like for the consultation of the PAFIO. Mrs. Cayer will verify with the person in charge of geomatics if it is feasible to product such a map. The members of the TGIRT should obtain all the necessary documents within two weeks.</p>	
<p>9. Follow-up of the 2018-2023 PAFI-T amendment (Isabelle Fortin)</p>	<p>Mrs. Isabelle Fortin recaps the results of the PAFIT consultation. There was a pre-consultation of the TGIRT that ended on November 30, 2018. Afterward, an additional timeframe was granted until the end of December. Only one comment was received from the Waskaganish TGIRT. This comment was that the medium and long term impacts from the forestry operations were not sufficiently considered. It is planned to initiate public consultations toward the end of the summer 2019. The animator mentions that the consultation of the TGIRT is completed but the members can still come back during the public consultations. The documents are available in the “members” section.</p>	
<p>10. Public consultation on the PAFIO (Isabelle Fortin)</p>	<p>The public consultations on the PAFIO take place from January 28 to February 22, 2019. An information meeting will be held at Hotel Matagami at 7:00 PM. Interested people can come view the maps.</p>	
<p>11. Miscellaneous</p>		
<p>a) Road management on the Category III lands (Isabelle Fortin)</p>	<p>This item is discussed right after item 6.</p> <p>Mrs. Isabelle Fortin starts her presentation by explaining the context of the initiative started by Mrs. Mme Sonia Légaré. The objective is to obtain the most representative understanding of the needs of the various users of the region in order to be able to propose a prioritization framework for road management. Concretely, the exercise is the development of a “values map” in order to produce an access road management plan.</p> <p>Mrs. Fortin explains the process for the development a management plan, which is based on a 4-step decision assistance tool.</p> <p>The initial need is based on the implementation of a caribou plan. We are waiting for the completion of the work on this file but we can already expect that some roads will need to be closed. We are proposing this proactive initiative based on the long term.</p>	

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	<p>Regarding this exercise, the MFFP stakeholders need to re-establish the woodland caribou habitat. However, this must be done according to the values and needs of the users of the forest territory. Mrs. Fortin touches upon a list of values identified with various interest groups. At this stage, Mrs. Légaré wishes to know if these different values are similar to those of the TGIRT delegates and if there are other values to add to this list. Eventually, Mrs. Légaré will come meet the users directly at the TGIRTs. Two delegates mention three usages related to a recreational value: tourism, hunting and fishing.</p>	
<p>b) Closure of the Veza mine (Luc Tellier-Normand)</p>	<p>The delegate from the mining operation group announces the closure of the Veza mine during the summer. A reduction in production is anticipated in about a month. Employees have been advised and the closing procedure is done according to the terms. There will also be a dismantling and elimination of the facilities. The site restoration is expected as soon as possible but they must wait for the issuance of the certificates of authorisation by the MERN.</p>	
<p>12.Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting ends at 12:40 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2019.</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Félix Guay, duly seconded by Mr. François Denis, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.</p>

ACRONYMS

AIPL	Wood production intensification area
TGIRT	Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel
CNG	Cree Nation Government
MERN	Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles
MFFP	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
PAFIO	Operational plan for integrated forest management
PAFIT	Tactical plan for integrated forest management
FMU	Forest management unit
VHR	Off-road vehicle
VOIC	Value, Objective, Indicator, Target