

# TGIRT-EIBJ Mistissini

FMU 26-61 and 26-62

Minutes of the

## **TENTH MEETING**

Held on February 6, 2018 at the Emmett H. MacLeod Memorial hall of the Mistissini Cree Nation Council building



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# Table de GIRT de Mistissini

Présences aux rencontres du 6 février 2018

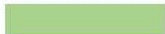
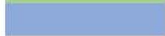



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Délégué	Présence	Substitut	Présence
Richard Shecapio			
Denis Chiasson			
Jean-Pierre Boudreault	x	Frédéric Laliberté	
Julie Laberge		Sylvain Maltais	
Miriam Audrey Lessard Légaré (jusqu'à 12h30)	x		
Jean-Claude Villeneuve			
Mireille Gravel (jusqu'à 12h30)	x		
Robert D.White			
Pamela MacLoed		Hubert Petawabano	
Pierre Leblond			
Dion Michel			
Matthew Longchap	x		
Andrew Coon			
Marie-Eve Gosselin			
Mario Simard			
Marleen McKennen			
Conrad Mianscum		Ruth Gunner	
Amy Linton		Witney Blacksmith	
Candice Mettawashish			
Sam Petawabano		Mary Matoush	

Observateur, invité	Présence
Martin Filion (animateur)	x
Johanne Morasse	x
Serge Bergeron	x
Julien second	
Stéphane Ouellet	x
Dany Hogue, invité	x
Valérie Guindon, invitée	x

### Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence   
Présence par téléphone   
Absence 

# TGIRT-EIJB MISTISSINI TENTH MEETING

Items	Results or discussion summary	Decisions
1. Call to order, introductions	The meeting begins at 10:00 AM. The animator introduces himself and asks each participant to introduce themselves also.	
2. Reading and approval of the agenda	The animator reads the agenda.	On a motion by Mr. Jean-Pierre Boudreault, duly seconded by Mrs. Mireille Gravel, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.
3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on November 9, 2017	The participants present at the meeting on November 9, 2017 take a few moments to review the minutes. It was asked to make some corrections in the name of the participants: Dion Michel, Jean-Pierre Boudreault and Miriam Audrey Lessard Légaré. At item 10, it is indicated that Mrs. Sophie Dallaire did not agree to make a presentation but to forward the information.	On a motion by Mr. Matthew Longchap, duly seconded by Mrs. Miriam Audrey Lessard Légaré, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes with the requested amendments.
4. Correspondence	<p>A VOIC chart for the Category II lands is presented for information purposes. The observer of the Cree Nation Government explains the context for this chart. This chart was developed by the TGIRT implemented on the Category II lands. These elements of issues are currently being developed and will be brought back to the Mistissini TGIRT. The delegates will then be invited to integrate them in their issues chart. As a complement of information, a delegate from the BGA group mentions that there is currently a moratorium, at the request of the Cree, on the removal of mixed stands in the harvest planning. This clause applies to the entire region. The CNG representative states that the Cree are asking for the application of this clause while a strategy is being developed and implemented. This clause refers to the objective “Conserve mixed and hardwood stands” of the issues grid for the Category II lands.</p> <p>A representative from the MFFP mentions having transmitted a letter to the former TGIRT coordinator a few weeks ago to indicate that the TGIRT have until February 28 to submit their VOICs in order to integrate them fully in the PAFIT. After that date, the VOICs can still be considered in the PAFIO.</p>	

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<p>5. Dead wood issue: 2018-2023 biological legacy retention target (MFFP)</p>	<p>The MFFP planner clarifies the context of this presentation. At the last meeting, the MFFP presented some of its VOICs. The presentation on the dead wood issue is part of the follow-up of the latest presentations and aims to start a reflection among the delegates to prepare the next PAFIT. The planner explains what is a biological legacy for this issue and mentions some of the wildlife and vegetal species that benefit from it. He presents the CRV as an approach to resolve this issue. He describes the various types of CRV and the intensity with which the MFFP intends to apply this approach.</p> <p>The participants discuss the manner that logging is planned and the operational terms. The participants question the efficiency of clusters compared to the larger clumps, especially regarding the risk of windfall for clusters. The connectivity also raises some questions.</p> <p>A delegate asks if it is possible for the tallymen to take part in the discussions on the clumps on the maps during the planning process. The same questioning occurs for the wildlife reserve managers group. In response, the planner indicates that it can be done at the consultation step. The delegates ask if the CRV are indicated in the PAFIO and if punctual adjustment requests can be made. The MFFP representatives reply that it will be difficult at this level of planning. They will appear in the PRAN but these plans are not present at the TGIRT. The MFFP representatives say they are willing to submit CRV blocks to the TGIRT so the delegates can ask for harmonisation if necessary.</p> <p>For more information on the dead wood issue, the participants can consult the references listed at the end of the presentation.</p>	
<p>6. Presentation of infrastructures (maps of roads to maintain and develop) (MFFP)</p>	<p>The MFFP planner indicates that this item is also related to the PAFIT. He states that the roads to develop that are submitted in this meeting are related to the work of the next five years.</p> <p>The animator asks if the TGIRT is consulted or simply advised on these roads. The planner states that the TGIRT is mostly informed but that these roads will be the subject of public consultations.</p>	

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	<p>The animator reminds that there is currently a technical committee working on prioritizing the multi-resources roads. He asks if this work was taken into consideration in the designation of the roads that are the subject of this item. The management unit leader indicates that it is not necessarily the same type of roads in both cases and that the issues are not the same, including the closure of roads. In his opinion, a road management plan is a better means to resolve an issue. In addition, it would be necessary to identify the needs for all users.</p> <p>A delegate asks if the maps of infrastructures and main roads present existing roads or roads to be built. The planner replies that it is existing roads in 90% of the cases. Another delegate makes some clarifications regarding some of the roads presented on the maps. When the PAFIT will be submitted for public consultations, these roads will be included. In the meantime, if delegates have comments on these roads, the MFFP will take them into consideration.</p>	
7. Follow-up on the issues	<p>The animator presents the new issues chart and explains the changes made between the former chart and the new one. The new chart only groups the issues that were developed directly at the TGIRT. The elements that it includes come from the former VOIC chart and the minutes. The elements in white boxes were reproduced textually and put back in the same categories as the former table. The elements in the yellow boxes are suggested rewordings or a different classification from the former chart. The animator relied to the column of the former chart titled "Retained by the TGIRT" to reuse or not the various issues and objectives it included. The animator submits the initial chart for confirmation. The animator wishes to see the chart approved in its initial form at the next meeting. Afterward, the chart will remain active and will be brought up at each meeting as a mandatory item and the delegates will be able to add, amend or remove elements.</p> <p>An observer asks to review each element of the chart. The animator starts with the competitiveness of the forestry industry in the region. An observer states that this issue will not become a VOIC, that it is already in the mission of the MFFP to promote the</p>	The animator will update the issues chart and forward it to the delegates present at the meeting for confirmation. Approval of the issues chart in its initial form to be anticipated, at the next meeting of the TGIRT.

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	<p>profitability of the mills and that the industry did not wish to maintain this as an issue of the TGIRT. The animator states that while an issue does not become a VOIC this does not mean that it will not be discussed. There is a column in the chart to specify the objectives that will become VOIC.</p> <p>A BGA representative reminds that he wishes that the profitability of his mill was taken into consideration in the work of the TGIRT, which is the reason why this issue was raised during a previous meeting. The animator asks the BGA representative if his initial concern and the issue raised by the BGA are still current. The issue and objective indicated in the chart reflect what the BGA raised previously. However, the means indicated can be discussed. After discussion, the animator proposes to remove the second means indicated in the chart (the one related to the VNR). In response the BGA representative says he does not understand the scope of the TGIRT. He clarifies his expectations regarding the fact that the work of the TGIRT does not compromise the maintenance of the supply to the mills. The animator proposes to agree on a preliminary formulation and to get back to it as a later meeting, to allow the time to reflect on this.</p> <p>For reasons of availability of some members, the animator proposes to discuss the issue of the visual landscape. A delegate mentions that this issue joins the major concerns for them but wonders what the TGIRT can do regarding this issue. The MFFP observers explain what they must take into consideration as part of the planned forest management operations, which could be the subject of a VOIC. While some elements were confirmed by the MFFP, a MFFP observer expresses a concern to know when he can take it into consideration regarding the level of development of the issue.</p> <p>The meeting is adjourned shortly before 12:30 PM for lunch. Mrs. Mireille Gravel and Mrs. Miriam Audrey Lessard Légaré leave the meeting for the rest of the day.</p> <p>The meeting resumes at 1:15 PM.</p> <p>To conclude the discussions on the first issue, the animator asks if the objective regarding the VNR</p>	

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	<p>should be removed. The BGA representative wishes to maintain it.</p> <p>The following issue is regarding the visual landscape. The MFFP observers state that in the absence of a carrier, an issue that depends on it should be removed. The animator disagrees. It all depends if the carrier managed to share the issue with all the other delegates to the point that the issue initially submitted by one group has become an issue of the TGIRT. Of course, it is the responsibility of the delegate who raises an issue to explain it and to participate in its development. Regarding the visual landscape, the representatives of Nibiischii have an important role to play. The general development of the issue can be done directly at the TGIRT but the fine detail and the more operational aspect should be discussed at the technical committee level. This issue joins the other issues raised by Nibiischii, formerly the SÉPAQ. It is roughly the same people who participate in the committees on water and who participate in the committee on the visual landscape. Considering the closeness of several aspects related to the two issues, including who raised them, a MFFP observer wonders if it could be grouped into one issue, i.e. quality of fishing. Other members say not necessarily. The representatives of the wildlife reserve managers group will clarify these elements.</p> <p>The issue of water quality raises questions with a MFFP observer regarding what is the real need of the issue. At this time, the need evoked is more a matter of perception and should be clarified and support before solutions can be developed and implemented. He considers that the next step is to make the right diagnosis, which will allow for a clarification of the need and the means that follow. In this context, the animator asks if a mapping of the sensitive lakes and watercourses remains relevant and if the development of terms remains relevant despite the absence of a diagnosis. The MFFP observers agree with the first means but have reservations with the second. After a diagnosis, the means could be different.</p> <p>The issue identified as conservation of wildlife habitats is submitted by the joint working group and is</p>	<p>Ask the delegate of the wildlife reserves managers group to return the issues regarding the visual landscape and the quality of water in the context where they were developed. Bring this situation at the next meeting of the TGIRT.</p> <p>Based on the above, verify if the TGIRT wishes to name a technical committee to develop the issue of the visual landscape.</p> <p>Clarify the need to “minimise the impact of forestry operations (sedimentation, water temperature, spawning beds, trails used)”</p> <p>Reactivate the technical committee on water quality.</p>

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	<p>currently being developed for the Category II lands.</p> <p>The issue of access to the territory was brought by several users. Work has started at a large technical committee and must be reactivated before the next meeting. Again, a MFFP observer reminds the importance of clarifying the need.</p> <p>The harmonisation of various usages groups several needs that may seem distinct from the others. The animator states that it is not a catchall issue. A MFFP observer states that the broadcasting of a schedule of operations is resolved action that the delegates said they no longer wished to discuss.</p>	<p>Resume the work of the technical committee by returning on the actual needs for the foundation of the issue, review the needs, if necessary. Submit a map of the roads that were previously identified at the next meeting.</p>
8. Operational guidelines		
a. Time and proceeding of the meetings	<p>The animator asks the participants if the time currently scheduled for the meetings (10:00 AM) is still appropriate. A delegate would prefer if the meetings would start earlier in the morning or at the beginning of the afternoon. The participants express their preference for meetings to start at 1:00 PM. The animator states that there would be a lunch served before the meetings and that they would last a maximum of 3 ½ hours.</p>	<p>Change the time of the meetings to 1:00 PM. A lunch will be served starting at 12:00 PM.</p>
b. Addition of items to the agenda and tabling of documents	<p>The animator asks the participants to follow the minimum timeline of 10 business days when they want to add an item to the agenda or table documents, especially if they require a decision. He reminds that the role of the delegates includes consulting their members to express a position during a meeting. Thus, they need a reasonable timeframe.</p>	
9. Composition of the panel	<p>The participants review the panel composition and update it. Some people are suggested as replacement for some delegates listed in the composition who no longer qualify to occupy their seats. Some corrections are also made in the doublings and the spelling of names.</p>	
10. Information items and delegate requests		
11. Adjournment	<p>The meeting is adjourned at 4:30 PM.</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Matthew Longchap, duly seconded by Mr. Jean-Pierre Boudreault, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn</p>



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## ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
CNG:	Cree Nation Government
COMEUV:	Evaluation Committee (responsible for examining the preliminary information provided by the promoter of a project located in the territory administered by the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) and located south of the 55 <sup>th</sup> parallel)
CRV:	Variable retention logging
FHVC:	High conservation value forest
GIRT:	Integrated of resources and land management
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
PAFIT:	Tactical plan for the integrated forest management
PAFIO:	Operational plan for the integrated forest management
PFNL:	Non-wood forest product
PRAN:	Annual programming
PRAU:	Logging 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