

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

Minutes of the **FIFTEENTH MEETING**

Held on June 12, 2019 in the Emmett H. MacLeod Memorial hall of the Cree
Nation of Mistissini Council building



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Présences à la rencontre du 12 juin 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 de localité	Thomas Neeposh			
BGA	Denis Chiasson			
	Jean-Pierre Boudreault		Félix Plante	x
PRAU	Julie Laberge			
	Miriam Audrey Lessard Légaré		Justine Drolet	x
	Matthew Wapachee			
Gestionnaire de réserve faunique	Mireille Gravel			
Pourvoirie	Conrad Mianscum			
Locataire à des fins agricoles				
Maître de trappe/Titulaire de permis de piégeage/Associations locales de trappeurs	Willie J. Loon			
Environnement et Eau	Pamela MacLoed			
Entreprises sylvicoles				
Travailleurs forestiers (usine)	Pierre Leblond			
Travailleurs forestiers (forêt)	Dion Michel	x		
Groupe de travail conjoint	Matthew Longchap			
Développement économique local	Alex Coonishish			
Produits forestiers non ligneux	Marie-Eve Gosselin			
Véhicule hors route				
Villégiateurs				
Industrie minière exploitation	Marlene Mackinnon			
Industrie minière exploration	Marlene Mackinnon			
Tourisme/récréation en forêt/culture	Conrad Mianscum			
Chasseurs/pêcheurs/observateurs faunique	Richard Gunner			
Énergie/biomasse				
Groupes jeunesse	Samantha Awashish			
Groupes de femmes	Amy Linton			
Goupes aînés	William Mianscum			

Observateurs, invités

Organisme	Observateur, invité	Présence
GREIBJ	Martin Filion (animateur)	x
	Johanne Morasse	x
MFFP-Forêt	Gabriel Rheault	x
MFFP-Faune	Julien second	
Gouvernement de la Nation Crie	Stéphane Ouellet	x
Administration régionale Baie-James		
MFFP-Planificateur	Claude Fréchette	
Université Laval	Fraçois-Xavier Cyr	x
CCQF-CQFB	Amélie Dussault	x
MFFP	Sonia Légaré (pour le point 6)	x

Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence	
Présence par téléphone	
Absence	

TGIRT-EIJB MISTISSINI FIFTEENTH MEETING

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. An observer asks for the addition of the item “PADF projects” under “Miscellaneous”.

On a motion by Mrs. Justine Drolet, duly seconded by Mr. Félix Plante, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda with the requested addition.

3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on January 30, 2019

The animator reviews the minutes and pays a particular attention to the decisions and follow-up items. Among other things, an issue was raised regarding the congestion of former roads when being reopened by BGAs. The delegate who raised this issue discussed it with the delegate representing Chantiers Chibougamau who agreed to perform chipping tests on certain roads to assess the efficiency of this approach and the costs involved.

On a motion by Mrs. Justine Drolet, duly seconded by Mr. Dion Michel, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.

4. Correspondence

During a regular meeting held in January 2019, the EIJBRC approved a resolution regarding the composition of the TGIRTs. One of the three decisions included that affects all TGIRT states that a mayor or chief of a community can sit at the neighbouring TGIRT as a delegate and the mayor or chief that is part of the neighbouring TGIRT may sit at this TGIRT based on a common agreement among the affected chiefs and/or mayors.

5. Visual landscape – Return from the technical committee

A meeting of the technical committee was held in April. The animator mentions the people present and recaps the discussions. The elements discussed were added to the interactive map of values, which already includes some elements, such as the strategic lakes. There are no other meetings planned at this time, unless there is a request to this effect by a delegate.

6. Access lane management plan

a) Values mapping

b) Regional technical committee (Sonia Légaré – MFFP)

The values mapping will be discussed under this item. Mrs. Sonia Légaré starts her presentation by mentioning that in April, the Minister announced his caribou strategy, which clarifies the work to be done by the professionals of the MFFP. As for the TGIRTs, a suggestion was made at the coordination committee, which consist in completing a portion of the joint action work through a regional technical committee. This committee would be made up of at least one delegate per TGIRT and representatives of the various groups of users that we find in the TGIRTs. They are targeting a maximum of 10-12 participants in order to optimise the discussions and the completion of the mandate. They are hoping to start the work in the fall of 2019, thus forming the committee toward the end of the summer. The committee would greatly contribute to the caribou strategy and also cover

other values, including the usage values such as hunting, fishing and others. She invites the delegates to consult the work sheet provided under this item and to mention their interest in being part of the technical committee by the end of the summer.

A delegate asks how many representatives per TGIRT are expected on this committee. The animator replies that they are expecting the participation of one or two representatives per TGIRT. The members ask what distinguishes this committee from the one that already exists with the CNG. The latter concerns the Category II lands while the regional technical committee that is being discussed here is for the Category III lands. A delegate asks if the concerns of the tallymen will be considered. Mrs. Légaré explains that the management of the forest road network was the subject of work at various levels and the work completed by the various committees will eventually present a global picture. A delegate asks if the work of the technical committee will consider the access needs of the SOPFEU. Their needs will be considered as part of some of the work already in progress and, evidently, when a road closure procedure is launched. A delegate from the community expresses his interest in being part of the technical committee and will verify the interest of other members of his community who are also delegates of the TGIRT.

7. Technical committee on strategic lakes (Justine Drolet, FaunENord)

Mrs. Drolet verifies with those who are also members of the technical committee, the elements that they already know. The water quality issue was raised by Nibiischii and recalled by a PRAU holder and a project was put forward to designate lakes deemed strategic for some recreational tourism activities. The delegate explains the objectives and the process undertaken as part of the analysis project launched. She mentions the results obtained which show levels of disturbance well below the thresholds established as acceptable. She mentions the work to come.

8. Follow-up report on the comments of the PAFIO public consultation from January 28 to February 22, 2019 (Gabriel Rheault — MFFP)

The MFFP observer mentions that the information session as part of the PAFIO public consultation was held on January 30 in the Council chambers of the Chibougamau Town Hall. Two participants attended. The consultation was held from January 28 to February 22, 2019. No comment was received regarding the TGIRT territory. Mr. Rheault reminds all participants about the importance of taking part in the public consultations. A delegate asks for clarifications about the location of the TGIRT consultation in the PAFIO consultation process. Mr. Rheault makes some clarifications to this effect.

9. Variance management grid (Gabriel Rheault – MFFP)

Mr. Rheault verifies with the participants their knowledge of the variance management grid. He provides some explanations about the grid and introduces the request from Chantiers Chibougamau. He explains the request in terms of the current permanent road closure procedure. The request from Chantiers Chibougamau is to be able to use a removable structure on a permanent road, including the removal of the structure after the forest management work, without having to follow the entire road closure procedure, including the TGIRT consultation and public consultation. The delegate from Chantiers Chibougamau states that the business does not want to avoid the entire road closure procedure but mainly to reduce the time required by such a procedure.

The animator asks the delegates if they agree with the request from Chantiers Chibougamau. A delegate says he is in agreement as long as the tallymen are properly consulted by the Nibiischii Corporation. The members discuss the difficulty of holding targeted consultations outside the TGIRTs and of informing all users directly affected. The members also discuss the applicability of such an avenue in relation with the objectives of re-establishing the woodland caribou. The MFFP observer mentions the somewhat ambiguous nature of the request as to know what are the permanent watercourses without a harmonisation problem. Wouldn't it be necessary to identify the specific watercourses? This should be clarified before the TGIRT expresses an opinion.

Chantiers Chibougamau will clarify its request to know which watercourses will be affected before the next meeting.

10. Progress of the mixed stand strategy and wildlife habitat direction (Gabriel Rheault – MFFP)

The MFFP observer informs the members of the TGIRTs that the work regarding the establishment of a strategy on mixed stands and wildlife habitats is in progress. A working committee including representatives of the CNG and the MFFP was implemented a year and a half ago. To this day, the committee identified the species of interest and those affected by the strategy on mixed stands according to what is included in the Paix des Braves Agreement. Regarding the mixed stands strategy, a proposal was presented to the Cree representatives recently in Oujé-Bougoumou. The strategy is based on the maintenance, at all times, of a certain proportion of mixed stands on the territories of each trap line. There is still work to be completed before presenting the proposal more broadly. Regarding the directions on wildlife habitats, the work is continuing more specifically on the riparian habitats and fish habitats. Here the objective is to provide the developers with the tools to better harmonise the responses with the objectives related to the wildlife habitats. The work also touched on the development of a management plan for the moose habitat. The work is basically done by the Cree and the MFFP but the TGIRT will eventually have a presentation of the file and will possibly be consulted. Regarding the direction on the wildlife habitats, the work was focused considerably on elements related to a habitat quality index of some species, including moose.

11. Miscellaneous

a) PADF projects

The EIJBRG observer mentions the road repair projects that were approved and completed as part of the 2019-2020 PADF. One project was accepted in the territory of the TGIRT, which was the road repair project by the Nibiischii Corporation.

12. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 1:45 PM. The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Félix Plante, duly seconded by Mrs. Justine Drolet, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
BMMB:	Wood marketing board
COMEV:	Evaluation committee responsible for examining the preliminary information provided by the promoter of a project located in the territory under the jurisdiction of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) and located south of the 55 th parallel
CRV:	Variable retention logging
FHVC:	Forest with a high conservation value
CNG:	Cree Nation Government
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
PADF:	Sustainable Forest Management Program
PAFIT:	Tactical Plan for integrated forest management
PAFIO:	Operational Plan for integrated forest management
PFNL:	Non-wood forest product
PRAN:	Annual programming
PRAU:	Harvest permit to supply a mill
RADF:	Sustainable forest management regulations
SÉPAQ:	Société des établissements de plein air du Québec
SOPFEU:	Société de protection des forêts contre le feu
TGIRT:	Integrated land and resources management panel
VHR:	Off-road vehicles
VNR:	Non-harvested volumes
VO:	Value, objective
VOIC:	Value, objective, indicator, target
ATV:	All-terrain vehicle