

# TGIRT-EIJB NEMASKA

## FMU 86-63

### Minutes of the **FOURTEENTH MEETING**

Held on February 7, 2019 in the main conference room of the Cree Nation of Nemaska building



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1. Call to order, introductions	The meeting begins at 1:00 PM. The animator asks the participants to introduce themselves.	
2. Reading and approval of the agenda	<p>The animator reads the agenda. The agenda remains open. It was asked to add one item to the agenda:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10. a) Composition of the TGIRT</p> <p>A delegate asks why the number of items on the proposed agenda sent with the notice of meeting does not correspond with the one that was just proposed. The animator explains that two items from the MFFP were added after sending the notice of meeting.</p> <p>An observer asks if there were at least two delegates duly designated to call the meeting to order. The animator replies that Mr. Cheezo was registered to the meeting composition before the meeting, as representative of the trappers. There is an item on the agenda regarding the composition.</p>	On a motion by Mr. Wayne Cheezo, duly seconded by Mrs. Rose Wapachee, 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 July 4, 2018.	The animator takes a few moments to allow the members to review the minutes. However, the minutes cannot be approved due to the absence of a delegate who was present at that meeting.	The approval of the minutes is postponed to a later meeting.
4. Correspondence	There is no correspondence for this meeting.	
5. Issues that could evolve into a Value, Objective, Indicator, Target (VOIC)	The animator introduces this item by mentioning that one of the issues of the TGIRT could evolve into a VOIC, which is the one for water quality and the integrity of aquatic habitats. He explains the difference between an issue and a VOIC but adds that they are equivalent notions. A VOIC is the wording of an issue that the MFFP can consider in the PAFI.	
a) Water quality and integrity of the aquatic habitats – Identify the bodies of water and watercourses to protect	A delegate discusses this issue by mentioning that a map was already completed in 2012 with the participation of the Cree and the MFFP in order to establish a better harmonisation between the management operations and the hunting activities. The work related to the harmonisation maps thus produced was reviewed as part of a meeting in 2015 to discuss namely the impacts of forestry on wildlife and to see how these impacts could be reduced. The meeting included representatives from the MFFP, the CNG and the communities affected by the forestry operations and promised to answer concretely to	

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	<p>some of the expectations expressed by the communities. However, there was no follow-up to this meeting but the maps remain current and could be very useful, namely for the land managers, in order to consider the issues facing the tallymen and the other users of the territory. This work helped locate sensitive sites for hunting and fishing.</p> <p>The delegate asks if the TGIRT is the appropriate instance to ask for these maps to be considered again regarding the issue at hand here. The animator validates some of the information regarding the context of development of these maps. The MFFP observer validates some information including the 2015 meeting. She mentions that the planners have these maps and used them.</p> <p>The delegate hopes that the planners use these maps but without making them known publicly. The animator asks if there is something to do at the TGIRT with this issue and the maps. The delegate reiterates his wish that the maps be considered by the planners. The observer guarantees that the maps are well used by the planners. She mentions discussions that the issue had raised a few meetings ago and mentions that a delegate was supposed to provide a follow-up, namely to designate the sensitive sites in the territory. Since the delegate is absent, the discussions on this issue are postponed to a future meeting. Meanwhile, Mrs. Wapachee will send a reminder to Mr. Iserhoff.</p>	
<p>b) Technical committee on the access management to the Category II lands (Sébastien Leduc)</p>	<p>This item is discussed after item 6.</p> <p>Mr. Sébastien Leduc gives a presentation of this item in replacement of Mrs. Sonia Légaré. A Power Point presentation is shown on screen. Mr. Leduc mentions the existence of a TGIRT on the Category II lands and mentions that there is an issue of access to the territory. Regarding this issue a technical committee has been implemented to develop the issue of access to the territory and issue recommendations stemming from this issue.</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. Mr. Leduc mentions the mandate of the technical</p>	

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	<p>committee. 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> <p>Mr. Leduc mentions the work completed to this day. He adds that this work is not a consultation but was only aiming to know the expectations and needs of the tallymen regarding the 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. He demonstrates the process that could be undertaken on the Category III lands. This avenue would follow a recommendation from the Cree-Quebec Council on Forestry which is to consider the needs of the users ahead of the initiative started. At this stage, Mr. Leduc asks for the opinion of the delegates if they wish for the members of the</p>	

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	<p>technical committee on the Category II lands continue the pilot project with the tallymen on the Category III lands. It is expected that the pilot project will continue around April and we could expect results the conclusions of the technical committee in the fall. Independently from the recommendations of the technical committee, in all cases, no road closure will be authorised without going through the entire consultation process. A delegate asks if the calculation of the allocations to the BGAs include the wood harvested in the right-of-way of the roads. Mr. Leduc answers that yes they are but it is not highlighted in the PAFIOs.</p> <p>M. Leduc 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. He provides explanations and examples to illustrate how these various avenues could be accomplished operationally.</p> <p>Mr. Leduc invites the members to send him their questions and comments, if any.</p>	
<p>6. Wood production intensification area (AIPL) (Virginie Cayer)</p>	<p>This item is discussed after item 5. a).</p> <p>Mrs. Virginie Cayer gives her presentation by telephone conference. A Power Point presentation is shown on screen. She quickly indicates the content of her presentation and mentions the objective which is to better understand the silviculture intensity gradients and the notion of wood production intensification area (AIPL). She mentions that FMU 086-63 does not have any AIPL. The MFFP still wishes to collect the concerns and comments of the members of the TGIRT, if any, on the AIPL notion and its propose implementation in the region.</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. The telephone conference is interrupted twice and ten minutes are required to re-establish it. Due to the technical difficulties that could reoccur, Mrs. Cayer summarizes the rest of her presentation. She quickly explains what corresponds to the AIPLs. The members ask some questions regarding the location of AIPLs outside FMU 086-63. Maps have been prepared to show the members of the TGIRT the location of proposed AIPLs. The animator unfolds the maps of FMU UA 086-64, 086-65 and 086-66. We can see some AIPLs established just at the limit of FMU 086-63.</p> <p>Mrs. Cayer mentions that the consultations on the AIPLs are only at a very strategic level. She is still collecting the comments, if any, even from outside the affected territory. Mrs. Cayer will verify the possibility of producing an interactive map like for the PAFIO consultations. As soon as the AIPL maps are available, the animator will notify all the TGIRT members so they can issue their comments and questions, if any. All documents should be available within two weeks.</p>	
<p>7. Road management on the Category III lands (Isabelle Fortin)</p>	<p>This item is discussed just after item 5. b).</p> <p>Mrs. Isabelle Fortin starts her presentation by explaining the context of the initiative started by Mrs. Sonia Légaré. She states the competence and mandate of Mrs. Légaré, in regards to the eventual application of a woodland caribou recovery plan.</p> <p>The objective of the initiative is to obtain the most representative reading of the needs of the various users of the region in order to propose a prioritisation framework for road management. Concretely, the exercise is to develop a “values map” in order to produce an access road management plan.</p> <p>Mrs. Fortin explains the procedure anticipated for the development of a road 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 conclusion of that work but we can already anticipate that roads will need to be closed. We are proposing this procedure proactively toward a long-term vision.</p>	

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	<p>In regards to this exercise, the MFFP stakeholders have a need to re-establish the woodland caribou habitat. But this must be done in harmony with the values and needs of the users of the forest territory. Mrs. Fortin discusses a list of the values identified with the various groups of interest. 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.</p>	
<p>8. Follow-up of the 2018-2023 PAFIT modification</p>	<p>Mrs. Isabelle Fortin reviews the results of the PAFIT consultation. There was a pre-consultation of the TGIRTs that ended on November 30, 2018 and an additional timeframe was granted until the end of December. Only one comment was received from the Waskaganish TGIRT. This comment was that the impacts from forestry operations were not sufficiently considered.</p>	
<p>9. Public consultation on the PAFIO</p>	<p>The public consultations on the PAFIO take place from January 28 to February 22, 2019. An information meeting was held on the previous evening at Hotel Matagami. Other information meetings will be held in the near future. The animator opens the PAFIO map for FMU 086-63 for the benefit of the members present in Nemaska. The delegates notice some work near the James Bay Highway but have some difficulty locating it considering the absence of coverage of the trap lines. The animator provides some clarifications on the work that attracts the attention of the delegates, which are already the subject of consultations. The observers add that the work attracting the attention of a delegate has been the subject of a consultation of the affected tallyman in December 2018 in Val-d'Or.</p> <p>A delegate mentions that a tallyman will build a boat ramp near the Nottaway River, close to the southern limit of FMU 86-63. The tallyman will allow everyone to use it but is asking that some signalling be installed to ask the users to pick up their garbage. The ramp will be accessible from a road off R-1027. The MFFP planner mentions that there is a harmonisation request regarding the site mentioned. The animator tries to verify who will be responsible for installing the signalling when the time comes. The EIJBRG observer will verify. She mentions that it could be the EIJBRG, depending on who is the applicant, i.e. the tallyman or the community. The tallyman must obtain an authorisation from the MERN before installing his boat</p>	



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	<p>ramp. He can ask the ministry if it is also possible to obtain the signalling.</p> <p>The animator tries to find the address of the PAFIO interactive map under consultation. He will send it to the members as soon as possible. The MFFP observer sends the link to the animator at the end of the meeting. The animator posts it on screen and explains how it works. The delegates note the address.</p>	
10. Miscellaneous		
a) Composition of the TGIRT	<p>At the beginning of the meeting a clarification was requested to know which communities are part of FMU 086-63. The animator shows the composition of the TGIRT on screen and asks the delegates about their concerns. A delegate asks to clarify the link between the limits of the TGIRT and the trap lines. The animator uses an interactive map prepared for the Waskaganish TGIRT. A delegate observes that his trap line cuts into the territory of the Matagami TGIRT but is not invited. This seems to be a similar problem for other trap lines. The animator explains that due to the composition, it is the tallymen who are designated to represent the trappers, which is part of the operational guidelines of all the TGIRTs. The MFFP observer explains that there are also some clauses to ensure the specific consultation of the trappers.</p>	
11. Adjournment	The meeting is adjourned at 3:50 PM.	On a motion by Mr. Wayne Cheezo, duly seconded by Mrs. Rose Wapachee, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

# ACRONYMS