

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

Report from the
NINETEENTH MEETING

Held on June 16, 2021, remotely by Microsoft Teams



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Regional Government

APPROVED ON: NOVEMBER 17, 2021

ATTENDING

Delegates:

Mrs.	Kim Regimbald	-	Huile essentielles nordic
Mrs.	Mireille Gravel	-	Nibiischii
Mrs.	Pamela McLoed	-	Mistissini Cree Environment Adm.
Mr.	Hubert Petawabano	-	Mistissini Cree community dev.
Mr.	Jean-Pierre Boudreault	-	Chantiers Chibougamau
Mr.	Matthew Longchap	-	Joint Working Group
Mr.	Patrick Wapachee	-	Economic Division
Mr.	Pierre Leblond	-	Chantiers Chibougamau
Mr.	Thomas Neeposh	-	Cree Council of Mistissini
Mr.	Vincent Lapointe	-	FaunEnord-PFNL

Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBRG, animator
Mrs.	Amélie Dussault	-	Cree-Quebec Council on Forestry
Mrs.	Justine Drolet	-	MFFP
Mrs.	Patricia Girard	-	MFFP
Mr.	Sébastien Leduc	-	MFFP
Mr.	Serge Bergeron	-	MFFP
Mr.	Stephan Ouellet	-	Cree Nation Government

Guests:

Mr.	Paul Maxime Otye Moto	-	MFFP
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TGIRT-EIJB MISTISSINI NINETEENTH 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.

On a motion by Pierre Leblond, duly seconded by Kim Régimbald Bélanger, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.

3. **Comments, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on November 25, 2020**

As indicated in the invitation email to the nineteenth meeting of the Mistissini TGIRT-EIJB, the members were asked 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 Pierre Leblond, duly seconded by Patrick Wapachee, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.

4. **Correspondence**

No correspondence. After verification, a representative from the MFFP confirms that the Barrette-Chapais FHVC issue does not apply to the Mistissini TGIRT-EIJB.

5. **Presentation of the mixed stand management strategy (MFFP)**

A representative of the MFFP gives a presentation on the “Mixed stand management strategy”. This document is available on the MFFP website. The MFFP developed this strategy in cooperation with the CNG. A member asks if the tallymen know the harvest thresholds in their trap lines. The MFFP representative explains that the thresholds listed in the strategy, which is in effect since 2018, were established in cooperation with the tallymen. Other consultations are planned to allow the tallymen to identify the most important mixed stands in their trap lines. The MFFP or the CNG will provide a follow-up on these consultations at the next panel meeting. An observer notices that the thresholds in FMU 26-61 and 26-62 of the Mistissini TGIRT-EIJB have very few mixed stands. This strategy will therefore be used to protect a large part of these stands. A member asks to add the protected zone limits, such as the Assinica Park, on the threshold map. The MFFP will add this information on the map.

6. **Follow-up on the issues**

The animator presents the issues grid for the Mistissini TGIRT-EIJB.

The issue “Nibiischii visual landscape” is pending a location map of the sites deemed strategic for tourism – “North Road” in order to define the terms of protection and to implement them. The Nibiischii representative explains that the VOIC has not evolved since the last meeting. However, Nibiischii remains in close contact with the forestry companies. A member confirms that the tallyman was consulted and approved this logging. Besides this situation, everything is going well and there will not be any map produced for the strategic sites since the three main tourist sites of Nibiischii

are already protected visually. While the territory covered by Nibiischii is very vast, she will still ask Mrs. Éline Cyr from the MFFP about the method used at the Valcanton-Villebois TGIRT-EIJB to develop the visual protection map that translated into a VOIC. The MFFP representative informs the members that the visual landscape protections of all resort sites are already listed on the forestry maps. The Nibiischii representative also deplores the fact that she was not informed of activities of some territory users, such as mining exploration companies and Hydro-Quebec, which can be disturbing for tourism. The animator informs the members that the EIJB posts on its site all the notices of work that it receives from mining companies and from Hydro-Québec. The Mistissini economic development representative confirms that he is also informed of all the mining and Hydro-Québec work on the Mistissini trap lines. Several members confirm that, in general, these companies are very open to discussion. The Nibiischii representative will contact Patrick Wapachee (Mistissini) and Patrick Compertino (Hydro-Québec) to obtain more information on this issue and will inform the members on the development of this issue at the next meeting.

The issue “Water quality and integrity of the aquatic habitats” is pending a follow-up on the work of the technical committee that handled this file. A representative of the MFFP explains that the results of a major study led by FaunENord on ten strategic lakes raised few concerns regarding the quality of aquatic habitats and it was the same for the similar study led by the MFFP. This issue will be taken into consideration through the instructions regarding wildlife habitats. The MFFP will provide a follow-up on this issue at the next meeting. The report (Phase I) of the technical committee will be sent to the members and a verification will be made regarding the removal of this issue for a VOIC.

The issue “Conservation of wildlife habitats” was taken into consideration through the mixed stand strategy and the next instructions on wildlife habitats. A follow-up on the issue will be presented by the MFFP at the next meeting.

The issue “Access to the territory” – “Limiting the expansion of the road network” and “Reducing the redundancy of the road network” was taken into consideration by the MFFP by sending the road construction proposals map to the CNG. The representative of the CNG will do a follow-up on this issue at the next meeting.

7. Road closure request regarding FMU 026-61

The MFFP representative takes over the animation of the meeting while the animator tries to reconnect following an electrical outage. He presents a map showing the location of the road closure application in the territory of FMU 026-61. This roughly 15 km road will be dismantled and the mineral soil will be mixed with the organic soil and the watercourses will be stabilised. The road right of way will then be reforested with young grey pine and alder plants. This project is experimental as part of the caribou protection plan. The tallyman was consulted and agrees with the project. The BGA representative was informed and will cooperate in the implementation of this project with the company Eenatuk. The consultation period on this road closure project will conclude at the end of August 2021 and the comments will be accepted through the MFFP website.

8. Presentation of the regional wood production strategy (MFFP)

A representative of the MFFP gives a presentation on the “regional wood production strategy”. The animator proposes to omit the unclaimed wood section since it does not apply to the panel. This strategy aims to increase the production of softwood and will be integrated in the 2023-2028 PAFIT. The document is available on the MFFP website with a period of 30 days to accept the comments.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 24, 2021 at 1:15 PM.

10. Miscellaneous

No topic.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 12:00 PM.

On a motion by Mireille Girard, duly seconded by Vincent Lapointe, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
COMEV:	Evaluation committee (responsible for studying the preliminary information provided by a project developer located in the territory covered by 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
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