

TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish FMU 85-62

Minutes of the **THIRTEENTH MEETING**

Held on November 20, 2018 at 1:00 PM



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d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James
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Table de GIRT de Waskaganish

Présences aux rencontres du 20 novembre



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Délégué	Présence	Substitut	Présence
Darlene Cheechoo		Brenda Weistche	X
Guy Lamoureux		Patrick Paiement	
Gilbert Diamond		Karilynn Blackned	
Elvis Moar			
Thomas Stevens			
Barbara Hester	X		
Wayne Cheezo	X		
Hugo Hester			
Darin Wagner	X		
Charles J. Hester			
Ryan Erless	X	Bert Moar	X
Conrad Blueboy		Mélissa Whiskeychan	
Jamie Jacob			
William T Hester			

Observateur, invité	Présence
Martin Fillion (animateur)	
Johanne Morasse	
Isabelle Fortin	X
Julien Second	
Stéphane Ouellet	
Marie-Ève Larouche	X
Mario Masson	X

Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence	
Présence par téléphone	
Absence	

TGIRT-EIJB WASKAGANISH THIRTEENTH MEETING

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1. Call to order	The meeting is called to order at 1:25 PM. The animator welcomes the participants. The members discuss the composition of the TGIRT. An update is required. Some corrections have been made in this session. Mrs. Brenda Weistche represents the community as the alternate. Mr. Hugo Hester is no longer employed by the community as representative of the local economic development. It was asked to replace him with Mr. Sherman Salt. Mr. Ryan Erless represents the first responders. The members propose adding a “public safety” seat. The coordinator will bring this request to the EIJBRC Council for approval.	On a motion by Mr. Wayne Cheezo, duly seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hester, it is unanimously agreed to ask for the addition of a seat to the “Public safety” group and to submit the name of Mr. Ryan Erless to act as delegate of this group. The animator will follow up on the request to add a seat to the composition of the TGIRT, make the requested changes and forward the updated composition to the members for confirmation.
2. Reading and approval of the agenda	The animator reads the agenda. There are no changes to the 2018-2023 PAFIO to submit to the TGIRT. The item “Amendment of the 2018-2023 PAFIO” is therefore removed from the agenda.	On a motion by Mr. Bert Moar, duly seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hester, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as amended.
3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on November 7, 2017	The animator reviews the minutes of the meeting held on November 7, 2017.	On a motion by Mrs. Brenda Weistche, duly seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hester, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 7, 2017 as presented.
4. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on August 9, 2018	The animator reviews the minutes of the meeting held on August 9, 2018 with a special attention to the decisions and follow-up elements. A delegate mentions that he had discussed the condition of a bridge on Route R-1027, crossing the Kitchigama River. The animator locates the bridge on the online interactive map of multi-purpose roads. He takes the opportunity to explain how to propose amendments on the map using the drawing tool. No amendment has been requested to the minutes of the meeting held on August 9, 2018.	On a motion by Mr. Bert Moar, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Cheezo, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 9, 2018 as presented. A follow-up is requested regarding the refurbishing of the Kitchigama River bridge.
5. Correspondence	There is no correspondence for this meeting.	
6. Mining exploration by helicopter (Mario Masson of Midland Exploration)	Mr. Mario Masson mentions the mining exploration work being done on the territory, including those by helicopter. He also mentions the consultations held	

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	<p>in the past and the people who were consulted. He explains the reasons that motivate the use of helicopter surveys. The helicopter is used to transport the equipment from one site to the other but also to perform geo-physical surveys. He mentions the several occasions over the last few years when the helicopter was used to complete geo-physical surveys. He mentions that the affected tallymen were consulted before performing such exploration campaigns on site. The delegate representing the mining exploration group adds information and mentions that the stakeholders have a concern to cause a minimum level of disturbance, considering the time of the year to perform such operations and the flight altitude. He asks the delegates to mention other concerns if any so that the mining exploration stakeholders can consider them. A delegate mentions that helicopters have already been seen at a very low altitude and following some rivers. Mr. Masson does not see why the pilots would perform such manoeuvres. He mentions that helicopter operations are very costly and there is a concern to perform these operations in the most cost-effective manner possible for mining exploration purposes. The mining exploration delegate mentions that the pilots must follow very strict instructions, including maintaining a certain flight altitude. Manoeuvres such as the one mentioned by the delegate of the hunters, fishermen and wildlife exploration group are considered unacceptable by the delegate of the mining exploration group and he invites the delegates to mention it to him if they witness it again. The representative of the mining exploration group mentions that there are actually no exploration projects in the direct environment of the main rivers. A delegate asks if helicopter operations are the subject of tracking. The delegate of the mining exploration group mentions that the flight plans are established but there is no actual tracking of the flight itineraries. A delegate asks that the affected tallymen be consulted before the helicopter operations in order to accomplish operations that cause a minimum level of disturbance to wildlife and trapping operations.</p>	

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<p>7. Follow-up on the issues</p>	<p>The animator reviews what was asked at the last TGIRT meeting and the follow-up actions taken. He mentions that a meeting of the technical committee was requested to discuss the issues of water quality and integrity of the aquatic habitats and the access to the territory. This meeting was scheduled for the day before this meeting, i.e. November 19 at 3:00 PM, but it could not be held since no delegate was present. A delegate mentions that the months of November and December are very busy. It would be more appropriate for the members present to hold this meeting toward the end of January or early February.</p> <p>The animator reviews the other issues. Regarding the need to protect the spawning beds, it was asked to do an inventory of these. However, a delegate adds that the information must remain confidential and explains the reasons. At the request of the animator, he clarifies the means as follows: "The MFFP must maintain the information confidential or obtain the consent of the tallyman before sharing it."</p> <p>During the last meeting, another concern was expressed regarding the winter roads. This must be discussed at the technical committee. At the next meeting of the technical committee, the animator proposes working the issues from an interactive map, which is appropriate for all members.</p> <p>The delegates ask to review the division of the territory in consideration of the trap lines since a good part of these are located to the south, in forest management unit 085-51, which is not subject to the Paix des Braves agreement. The members suggest amending the limits of FMU 085-51 and 085-62 in order to include the Cree trap lines in the latter. The MFFP planner states that this is a highly political issue. The delegate of the mining exploration group restates some context elements that have led to the division of the territory subject to the Paix des Braves agreement and the legal value of this division. The animator asks the delegates to confirm their ultimate expectation, which would be to review the limit between FMU 085-62 and 085-51, so that it coincides with the southern limit of the Cree trap lines. The delegates confirm it. The animator mentions that to accomplish this, the first step would be for the Chairperson of the EIJB RG to submit a</p>	<p>Delay the technical committee meeting to discuss the issues of water quality and integrity of aquatic habitats along with the access to the territory to the end of January or early February.</p> <p>Add a means in the issues grid for the need related to the protection of spawning beds: "The MFFP must maintain the information confidential or obtain the consent of the tallyman before sharing it."</p> <p>During the next meeting of the technical committee, work on the issues from an interactive map of the territory and include the limits of the trap lines.</p> <p>Add a new issue related to the delimitation of the forest management units which do not coincide with the limits of the Cree trap lines. Add a need that is the inclusion of trap lines located south of FMU 085-62 in the territory of the Waskaganish TGIRT. The means includes asking the EIJB RG Chairperson to forward an official request to the Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks.</p>

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	request to the Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks. It is necessary to establish a need and one or more means that are the subject of a consensus. The animator will propose a wording for the issue, the need and the means by the next TGIRT meeting.	
8. 2018-2023 PAFIT (MFFP)	<p>The animator presents the PAFIT that is accessible from the “members” section of the website. The documents are available in French and in English in the respective sections. The members are invited to consult the PAFIT and to forward their comments, if any, to the animator by November 30. Afterward, it will still be possible to send comments as part of the public consultations. The MFFP observer briefly explains the typical content of a PAFIT.</p> <p>A delegate mentions a concern regarding the PAFIT. He mentions that there are currently no follow-up device for the long term impact of industrial activities on the environment and resources, namely in relation with climate change. He would like to see such device established and followed as part of the PAFIT. Other members present share this concern. The animator will send this concern in writing to the MFFP observer. The members do not have any other concerns at this time.</p>	Forward in writing to the MFFP observer the comment issued by the delegate representing the joint working group to the effect there should be a follow-up device for the long term effects of industrial activities on the environment and resources.
9. 2019 schedule of meetings	<p>The members agree on the most favourable dates in 2019 to hold four meetings of the TGIRT. The members choose June 4, September 4, February 5 in Matagami and November 19.</p> <p>The members review the list of delegates and make some adjustments and corrections. It would be necessary to add some categories to include some members in the composition, including a public safety representative according to what was agreed upon at the beginning of the meeting (item 1).</p>	
10. Information items and delegate requests		
11. Adjournment	The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5 in Matagami, at the new head office of the EIJBRG. A meeting of the technical committee is planned in the morning and the TGIRT meeting will be in the afternoon.	On a motion by Mrs. Barbara Hester, duly seconded by Mr. Bert Moar, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

TGIRT	Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel
EIJBRG	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MFFP	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
PAFIO	Organisational plan for integrated forest management
PAFIT	Tactical plan for integrated forest management
FMU	Forest management unit