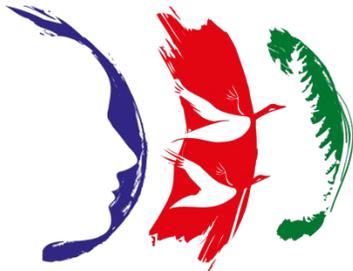


TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi FMU 26-65, 87-64, 86-66, 87-63

Report from the
EIGHTEENTH MEETING

Held on December 8, 2020 by videoconference using Microsoft Teams



Gouvernement régional
d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James
Eeyou Istchee James Bay
Regional Government

APPROVED ON: JUNE 8, 2021

ATTENDING

Delegates:

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| Mrs. | Julie Laberge | - | Entreprise Alain Maltais |
| Mrs. | Julie Fillion | - | Produits forestiers Résolu |
| Mrs. | Marlene Sam | - | Waswanipi economic development |
| Mr. | Jean-Sébastien Roy | - | Waswanipi-NabakatukLand Corporation |
| Mr. | Yannick Claveau | - | Fédération des clubs de motoneigistes du Québec |
| Mr. | Johnny-Paul Picard | - | Produits forestier Nabakatuk |

Observers:

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| Mrs. | Amélie Dusseault | - | Cree-Quebec Council on Forestry |
| Mrs. | Johanne Morasse | - | EIJBRG |
| Mr. | Éric Labelle | - | MFFP |
| Mr. | Martin Filion | - | EIJBRG (animator) |

TGIRT-EIJB WASWANIPI EIGHTEENTH MEETING

1. Call to order, introductions

The meeting is called to order at 9:30 AM. 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 Mrs. Julie Laberge, duly seconded by Mrs. Marlene Sam, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.

3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on December 11, 2019

The animator reviews the minutes and pays a particular attention to the decisions and follow-up items.

On a motion by Mr. Johnny-Paul Picard, duly seconded by Mrs. Julie Fillion (by email after the meeting), it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.

4. Correspondence

A notice regarding mining exploration work was received at the EIJB RG from SOQUEM on September 22, 2020. This notice was regarding work planned around Opawica Lake between the end of October and mid-November 2020.

5. Follow-up on the issues

The animator displays the issues grid on the screen and brings the attention of the members to a new need regarding the issue of conservation of wildlife habitats. He verifies with the delegates present at the previous meeting if the need to maintain the beaver habitat and the related means are correctly worded based on the discussions. He also explains the colour code used, the yellow boxes being suggestions from the animator and the white boxes being statements approved by the TGIRT. A delegate present at the last meeting asks to take time until the next meeting to examine the yellow boxes and propose their approval with or without amendments at the next meeting.

a. Water quality issue – proposed recommendation

The animator displays a proposed recommendation developed at the Lebel-sur-Quévillon TGIRT following the meeting of February 12, 2019. The general goal was then to ask the relevant ministries for this file to perform a follow-up on the water quality of certain lakes in the TGIRT territory. It was asked to prepare a proposed recommendation to this effect. It was also suggested to verify if the members of the Waswanipi TGIRT wish to add their voice to this proposed recommendation, which would also include the lakes of the territory of this TGIRT.

A file regarding the water quality was added in the members section of the Waswanipi TGIRT. It includes the proposed recommendation prepared during the meeting of the Lebel-sur-Quévillon TGIRT that was held the day before, a study completed in 2012 as part of a knowledge acquisition program regarding twenty bodies of water in the James Bay region along with a link to a consumption guide for the freshwater sport fishing fish on the MELCC portal.

Major clarifications will need to be made to the proposed recommendation, including which awareness activities we want the government to pursue with the population. We must also add in the appendix the follow-

up chart that is the subject of an update request. Finally, we must specify which lakes in the territory of the two TGIRT should be the subject of a follow-up on the water quality. Therefore, the proposed recommendation cannot be approved by the TGIRT during this meeting. However, the delegates are invited to specify which lakes should be listed, in addition to the main lakes that were covered by the study. In the territory of the Waswanipi TGIRT, the main lakes are Waswanipi Lake and Goéland Lake.

The animator asks the delegates if they want the Waswanipi TGIRT to add its voice to this proposed recommendation. He also asks if there are other clarifications to add besides those requested at the Lebel-sur-Quévillon TGIRT meeting the day before. A delegate wishes to add one lake to those covered by the study. The animator will submit the revised proposed recommendation at the TGIRT well in advance of the next meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Johnny-Paul Picard, duly seconded by Mrs. Julie Fillion, it is unanimously agreed that the Waswanipi TGIRT adds its voice to the Lebel-sur-Quévillon TGIRT to submit the proposed recommendation regarding a follow-up on the water quality.

b. Respect of the forests with a high conservation value and the high conservation values established during the forest certification

A proposed letter from the Chapais-Chibougamau TGIRT is submitted to the Oujé-Bougoumou and Waswanipi TGIRT along with a proposal for these TGIRTs to add their voices. The proposed letter is sent by the Director General of the EIJBRC to the Regional Director of the MFFP and represents a request that the FHVC and HVC established during the forest certification be respected completely during the forest certification process. A presentation document on the FHVC and HVC produced by Barrette Chapais serves as mapping and supports the proposed letter. It includes namely a FHVC around Cavan Lake, which is part of the territory of the Waswanipi TGIRT. This is the reason why this TGIRT is called upon.

The animator asks the delegates if they wish to add their voice to the Chapais-Chibougamau TGIRT so Cavan Lake can be part of it. An observer asks if the MFFP considers the FHVC and HVC and how much. The animator explains that the MFFP is not obligated to consider these elements in the forest planning that they develop but they already do it when it is possible. It is simply a question of sending an official request to obtain an official commitment from the MFFP. A delegate asks in what circumstances the Chapais-Chibougamau TGIRT wanted to send the request at issue here. The animator mentions that there could be a communication problem in this case. An observer adds that the Oujé-Bougoumou TGIRT gave its support but the members asked that the HVC and FHVC be translated into VOIC in order to be considered properly in the PAFIT.

On a motion by Mrs. Julie Fillion, duly seconded by Mr. Yannick Claveau, it is unanimously agreed that the Waswanipi TGIRT adds its voice to the Chapais-Chibougamau TGIRT to send the letter.

6. Regional technical committee for the development of a road management plan

The animator reviews the context where a technical committee for the development of a road management plan was requested at the Matagami TGIRT. He mentions the members who are part of this committee and who were present at the first meeting. The minutes in French and other working documents of the committee are available in the members section, in the general portion visible for the members of all TGIRTs.

The first meeting of the technical committee was held on October 19. As part of this meeting, the members started establishing the plan structure or table of contents. A member also asked to propose an accelerated road closure procedure when it can be applied. A member suggested following an agreement reached for the Selbaie road which, for the past few years, is no longer under the responsibility of the ministère des Transport of Quebec. It was also proposed to the EIJBRC to set up a Facebook page in order to broadcast continuous information regarding the work performed on roads or when events occur that render a road unusable, for example. Finally, the members requested that Cree representatives sit on the committee so their concerns regarding the road network can be taken into consideration from the start. A delegate that is also member of the committee added that it was also requested during the first meeting to send a response on a regular basis to the TGIRTs in order to validate the work being completed. They wanted to follow

what is done in other regions and avoid reproducing the same mistakes, such as producing a document that is too large and ends up on a shelf.

A delegate asks if there is something similar in progress on the Category II lands so a linkage could be established. The animator provides some clarifications and mentions that the responsible for the Category II lands have already been called upon but we have not received a response. The members specify the persons to contact. The animator will make new inquiries with the people in charge.

7. Presentation of the public consultation reports on burn 72, the PAFIO and the PAFIT

The public consultation of the special management plan for burn 72 was held from July 2 to 29, 2020. This burn is located in FMU 26-66, near Hébert Lake. It slightly touches on FMU 87-62. The burn is located on trap line W-26. The MFFP observer mentions the comments received and the responses provided by the MFFP. As the first step, the special plan aimed to recuperate about 53,000 cubic metres of softwood.

Two comments were received during the public consultation, one from an outfitter and one from a fishermen's association. In brief, it was requested that there was no harvest of wood or that it would take place in November. Usually, the wood harvest as part of a special plan is done in the winter. Now the MFFP is examining how the return to production will take place.

Regarding the consultations on the amended PAFIO, during the consultations held in March, there was not comment for the territory of the TGIRT. The consultations of August were only related to the FMUs of the Chibougamau management unit. It includes FMU 26-65 that is part of the Waswanipi TGIRT. Only one comment was received for this FMU.

The PAFIT that were subject to the public consultations have been officialised and are available on the MFFP website and accessible through the members section. The MFFP observer resumes the comments relevant to the territory of the TGIRT.

8. State of progression of the amended 2018-2023 PAFIT

Three PAFIT are available on the MFFP website and accessible in the members section, one for FMU 26-65, one for FMU 86-66 and one for FMUs 87-63 and 87-64. The MFFP planner invites the members to consult the documents. He pays attention to the most relevant elements for the TGIRT, including the VOIC formulation. There are none at this time for the TGIRT but the observer invites the members to formulate some. At the request of the animator during the meeting of the Lebel-sur-Quévillon TGIRT held the previous day, the MFFP observer stated that the issues grid of the TGIRTs is in the PAFIT. He provides clarifications on the process to translate the issues of the TGIRT into VOICs and include them in the PAFITs.

9. Modification to the PAFIO

The MFFP observer displays a map on screen. He states that the tallymen where response areas were added are consulted specifically before the public consultations.

10. Proposed schedule of meetings for 2021

The animator submits a proposed schedule of meetings for 2021. Three dates are proposed to the members. The three dates proposed are March 1, June 21 and November 8, 2021. These three meetings would begin at 9:30 AM. This proposal is acceptable to all members present.

11. Miscellaneous

12. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 11:00 AM. The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

On a motion by Mr. Jean-Sébastien Roy, duly seconded by Mrs. Julie Fillion, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

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| FHVC: | Forest with a high conservation value |
| TGIRT: | Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel |
| EIJBRG: | Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government |
| HVC: | High conservation value |
| MELCC: | Ministère de l'environnement et de la lutte aux changements climatiques |
| MFFP: | Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs |
| PAFIT: | Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Management |
| PAFIO: | Operational Plan for Integrated Forest Management |
| SOQUEM: | Société québécoise de l'exploration minière |
| FMU: | Forest Management Unit |
| VOIC: | Value, objective, indicator, target |