

# TGIRT-EIJB Matagami FMU 86-52, 86-64 and 86-65

## Minutes from the **TWENTIETH MEETING**

Held remotely on December 1, 2021 by Microsoft Teams



Gouvernement régional  
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Regional Government

**APPROVED ON:      MAY 31, 2022**

# ATTENDING

## Delegates:

Mrs.	Anabelle Simard	-	Scierie Landrienne
Mrs.	Laura Landreville	-	SADC Matagami
Mrs.	Lydia Pedneault	-	EACOM Matagami
Mr.	Alex Lessard	-	Matériaux Blanchet
Mr.	Réal Dubé	-	Town of Matagami
Mr.	Yan Bernard	-	Matériaux Blanchet

## Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBRG, animator
Mrs.	Christine Morin	-	MFFP
Mr.	Dave Levasseur	-	MFFP
Mr.	Frédéric Lemelin	-	MFFP
Mr.	Mario Poirier	-	MFFP

## Guests:

Mr.	Dany Hogues	-	MFFP
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# TGIRT-EIJB MATAGAMI TWENTIETH 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 Yan Bernard, duly seconded by Réal Dubé, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as presented.*

## 3. Comments, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on June 9, 2021

As indicated in the invitation email to the twentieth meeting of the Matagami TGIRT-EIJB, the members were asked to read the minutes before the meeting and to make their comments at the follow-up and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting item. The panel members agree to approve the minutes by email.

*On a motion by Lydia Pedneault, duly seconded by Valérie Moses, by email, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.*

## 4. Follow-up on the issues

- *Maintaining or increasing the moose population:* The implementation of the “Mixed stand management strategy” presented to the Matagami TGIRT-EIJB on June 9, 2021 is a means to meet this issue. This issue will remain in the table until the members can have a follow-up from the MFFP to know if the application of the Strategy appropriately meets the maintenance or increase of the moose population. The MFFP representative proposes assessing the efficiency of the measures in place as part of this Strategy regarding the moose inventories results that are already online, by completing a portrait based on a habitat quality index (IQH). He will make clarifications at the next meeting regarding this portrait of the moose IQH for the FMUs of the panel. He also adds that the moose inventories are made for each hunting zone and that the inventory results for zone 17 are available online on the MFFP-Wildlife website and he will send the link to the panel.
- *Conservation of the fish habitat:* The MFFP, in cooperation with the joint working group (GTC) was due to produce the “Guidelines on the wildlife habitats” in 2021 in order to meet this issue. Changes made to the composition of this committee forced the postponement of the tabling of this document to December 2023. The person in charge of this file at the MFFP, Mrs. Sonia Légaré, will do a follow-up on the progress of this issue at the next panel meetings.
- *Conservation of the woodland caribou:* A presentation of the Caribou habitat conservation strategy was due to be presented to the panel by the MFFP, as a follow-up on this issue. The presentation of this Strategy was however postponed to a later date and was replaced by the *Independent commission on woodland and mountain caribou with regional public hearings*. The MFFP will forward the web link to participate in the public hearings.

- *Maintaining or increase the marten and small game populations:* The production of the “Guidelines on wildlife habitats” is a means to meet this issue. The person in charge of this file at the MFFP, Mrs. Sonia Légaré, will provide a follow-up on the progress of this issue at the next panel meetings.
- *Maintenance of the water quality:* A presentation on the RADF in regards to the water quality issue was presented to the panel by the MFFP at the June 9, 2021 meeting. This issue will remain on the grid but will only be discussed when new elements are brought by the panel members.
- *Management of the road network:* A verification will be made by the MFFP to determine if the shore stabilisation in the resort zones must also be submitted to the MELCC to be compliant with the REAFIE (Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact) in addition to the MFFP-Wildlife legislation to respond on the fish habitat. The MFFP will send this information to the EIJBRG to be forwarded to the members.

## **5. Schedule of SCF-CFL conferences**

The animator presents the 2021-2022 schedule of CFL conferences. The members who wish to attend one of these presentations can do so by following the link at the bottom of the page.

## **6. Presentation on the amendments to the 2018-2023 PAFIO**

The MFFP representative presents the map of changes that will be made to the three FMU of the panel. They are mainly those located in FMU 86-52, where several logging areas were added to the south of Matagami and on road R1000. There is a potential for forestry work in the northern portion of road R1027. This could bring the beneficiary of this supply to make improvements on this road used by several users. Several silviculture areas are also added to the south of FMU 86-64 and some in FMU 86-65. These changes will also be the subject of a public consultations from January 24 to February 17, 2022.

## **7. Presentation of the public consultation on the Climate change forest management and development adaptation strategy**

A representative of the MFFP gives a presentation on the Climate change forest management and development adaptation strategy. He explains that the main changes could have impacts on the forest potential, the composition of stands, the regeneration accidents after forest fires, the duration and seriousness of insect epidemics, the appearance of invasive exotic species, the wildlife habitat and the integrity of the infrastructures and multi-purpose roads. Thus, the Strategy aims to develop the knowledge on the effects of climate change with an eye on the adaptive risk management, to promote the adaptation measures that will mobilise the ministries and partners and to expose the action plan to adapt the forest management and development practices to the effects of climate change. The members are invited to consult the Strategy document on the MFFP website and to issue their comments on the form designed for this purpose. The animator advises the members who are interested to provide their comments online that the form is automatically deactivated after 30 minutes. Therefore, since the MFFP cannot extend the online response time, it is suggested to copy the questionnaire and to return to the online form with the comments written in advance.

## **8. Proposed schedule of meetings for 2022**

The animator presents the proposed schedule of meetings for 2022.

*On a motion by Anabelle Simard, duly seconded by Lydia Pedneault, it is unanimously agreed to approve the 2022 schedule as proposed.*

## **9. Miscellaneous**

- *Project to improve the Fénélon multi-resources road - Route 109:* The representative of the Town of Matagami explains that due to the announced closure scheduled for June 2022 of the only mine in operation in Matagami (Glencore), the Town of Matagami deployed lots of efforts to find another mining site near Matagami where workers could go work while maintaining their residences in Matagami. Discussions were held with the mining company Wallbridge regarding the Fénélon project located west of Matagami. It would be possible to considerably reduce the distance between Matagami and Fénélon by making improvements to a former multi-resources road located a mile marker 80 of Route 109 instead of using the Joutel road. The project includes the improvement of this portion of forest road, over 24 to 25 km, until the junction of the paved Joutel road. The paved portion of this road would also be upgraded. The project is estimated to 6-7 million dollars with a financial partnership that includes the Government of Quebec, the Société du plan Nord and the SDBJ. The main contractor of this project is the Société de développement de la Baie-James (SDBJ) that is currently holding discussions with the community of Pikogan to clearly explain the project. This project to upgrade the Fénélon-Route 109 road should be completed in 2022. The MFFP representative explains that they have yet to receive a permit application to repair this road but that discussions were held with the people in charge of this project to provide more clarifications regarding the regulations to follow to increase the class of this road. A follow-up on this issue will be given at the next meeting.

## **10. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on May 31, 2022 at 8:15 AM.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 9:30 AM.

*On a motion by Anabelle Simard, duly seconded by Lydia Pedneault, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.*

## ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
COMEV:	Evaluation committee (responsible for analysing the preliminary information provided by the developer of a project located in the territory covered by the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) and located south of the 55 <sup>th</sup> 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