

# TGIRT-EIJB Valcanton Villebois FMU 85-51

Minutes from the  
**TWENTIETH MEETING**

Held remotely on December 9, 2021 by Microsoft Teams



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APPROVED ON: JUNE 9, 2022

# ATTENDING

## Delegates:

Mrs.	Claudia Larouche	-	Tourism, forest recreation, culture
Mrs.	Claudine Desgagné	-	Locality of Valcanton
Mrs.	Karine Lacroix	-	Maison des jeunes de Valcanton-Villebois
Mrs.	Marie-Ève Sigouin	-	Green First
Mrs.	Suzanne Lavoie	-	Vacationers
Mrs.	Sylvie Mailhot	-	Local economic development
Mr.	André Elliott	-	Locality of Villebois
Mr.	Claude Bergeron	-	Local trappers associations
Mr.	Guy J. Lamoureux	-	Green First
Mr.	Johnny Dubé	-	Silviculture businesses
Mr.	Samuel Fortin	-	Lessor for agricultural purposes

## Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBORG, animator
Mr.	Mario Poirier	-	MFFP
Mr.	Zlatko Blazeski	-	MFFP

## Guests:

Mrs.	Élaine Cyr	-	MFFP
Mr.	Dany Hogues	-	MFFP

# TGIRT-EIJB VILLEBOIS-VALCANTON

## 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 Marie-Ève Sigouin, duly seconded by Claude Bergeron, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.*

### 3. Comments, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on June 7, 2021

As indicated in the invitation email to the twentieth meeting of the Valcanton-Villebois 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 Marie-Ève Sigouin, duly seconded by Karine Lacroix, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.*

Following the presentation of the wood production strategy, the MFFP sent a table of the unallocated hardwood volumes for each FMU of EIJB. This table indicates that there are 1500 m<sup>3</sup> of unclaimed birch that can be allocated in FMU 85-51. In addition, the MFFP provides answers to the question raised regarding the interim measures relative to caribou and the proposed path of the road between the Fénélon mine and Route 109. Indeed, with the exception of roughly on hundred metres, the proposed path does not touch this vast proper area (VEP) for the caribou. And since this path is almost exclusively an improvement of an existing road, the environmental impact is already present. Regarding the issue of the public lands enclosed by the residual forest territory TFR-085011, this topic will be brought to the attention of the new Chairperson of Valcanton so she can provide a follow-up. The representative of Green First confirms that the issue of protection of the cross-country ski trail was settled to the satisfaction of the cross-country skiing club.

### 4. 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. A member asks what timeframe and method will be followed for the acquisition of knowledge. The MFFP adds that this step is a continuous process that is already in progress in cooperation with other ministries, research centres and universities.

## 5. Follow-up on the issues

*Esthetic quality of the landscape* – The proposed VOIC was integrated into the PAFIT-2018-2023 and is now in effect. The animator indicates that it's the first issue raised by the panel that followed the entire process up to its acceptance as a VOIC that is an integral part of the PAFIT. The MFFP representative explains that it is possible to obtain such results by ensuring a proper documentation of the issues. She also notes the importance that these issues are supported by the panel members. However, even if an issue is brought by the panel, it is possible that following the in depth documentation process, it becomes another type of solution besides a VOIC or an issue-solution sheet. This VOIC also covers Turgeon, Pajegasque, Imbeau, Boileau, Vert and Aldas lakes along with the recreational tourism sites of Mont Fenouillet campground and equestrian trail and the canoe-camping courses of Sud Boivin, Wawagotic and Turgeon River. The Valcanton representative asks if it possible to add Long and Le Domaine lakes to this VOIC. After discussion, the members agree to ask the Valcanton representative to prepare a list of lakes or sites of interest at the next panel meeting to submit them to determine if these lakes can be integrated in the VOIC.

*Conservation of the caribou habitat* – Since the BGA representative in charge of this file is absent, this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

*Public health* – The new MFFP-Wildlife representative will do a follow-up on the issue of contaminants in the meat of fish in resort lakes. The Villebois representative insists on the importance of this file being taken in charge by the various affected ministries and organisations and to proceed as soon as possible with the necessary analyses of the meat of fish to obtain information on the potential contaminant contents.

*Conditions of execution of the return to production work* – The MFFP will do a follow-up on the scarification work that took place at Turgeon Lake and that closed the road due to a damaged culvert. She will send the information to the EIJBRC to forward it to the panel members.

## 6. 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 using the link at the bottom of the page.

## 7. Presentation of the amendments to the PAFIO 18-23

The MFFP representative presents the amendments to the PAFIO 2018-2023. A first modification, following a request during the public consultations is to transform the planned logging in the Abitibi hills into a residual forest and to transform an equivalent area of residual forest, located a slightly to the south, into a logging area. There is also an area of commercial clearing that was added to the northeast of Fumerton Lake. Non-commercial silviculture work was also added in the Lemaire, Boivin, Lavergne, Vanier, Paradis and Bourque townships. As for the brush cutting work, it was added in the Joutel, Poirier and Valerienne townships.

## 8. Statistics on the respect of the landscape VOIC

A MFFP representative presents the terms that were identified for each lake of the Issue-Solution sheet (Landscape VOIC). She explains that the targets of a maximum of 15% of disturbance of the front landscape and a maximum of 25% for the medium landscape were followed for Pajegasque Lake. As for the three levels of Turgeon (wharf, Polson beach and trading post), all visual landscape targets were also followed. The other lakes on the Issue-Solution sheet were not presented since there is no logging planned nearby.

**9. Presentation of the PAFIO public consultation reports for August 2021**

A MFFP representative explains that there were no comments during the PAFIO public consultation for FMU 85-51.

**10. Proposed schedule of meetings for 2022**

The animator presents the proposed schedule for 2022.

*On a motion by Claudine Desgagné, duly seconded by Karine Lacroix, it is unanimously agreed to approve the 2022 schedule as proposed.*

**11. Miscellaneous**

A representative from Green First issues a reminder regarding safety on the Villebois-Joutel road where brush cutting work is in progress from the Wawagasic River bridge (Km 90) to the Harricana River bridge (Km 120). He suggests to the chairpersons of the localities to add their respective email addresses to the mailing list of the SDBJ for their notices of work.

**12. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2022 at 8:15 AM.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 10:00 AM.

*On a motion by Claude Bergeron, duly seconded by Claudine Desgagné, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.*

## ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
BMMB:	Wood marketing board
COMEV:	Evaluation committee responsible for analysing the preliminary information provided by the promoter 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
CRSSS:	Regional health and social services centre
CRV:	Variable retention logging
FHVC:	Forest with a high conservation value
CNG:	Cree Nation Government
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
MDDEFP:	Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement de la Faune et des Parcs
PADF:	Sustainable Forest Management Program
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
RADF:	Sustainable forest management regulations
SÉPAQ:	Société des établissements de plein air du Québec
SOPFEU:	Société de protection des forêts contre le feu
TGIRT:	Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel
UQAC:	Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
VHR:	Off-road vehicles
VNR:	Non-harvested volumes
VO:	Value, objective
VOIC:	Value, objective, indicator, target
ATV:	All-terrain vehicle