

# TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish FMU 085-62

Minutes from the  
**TWENTIETH MEETING**

Held remotely on November 15, 2021 by Microsoft Teams



Gouvernement régional  
d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James  
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Regional Government

APPROVED ON:      JUNE 8, 2022

# ATTENDING

## Delegates:

Mrs.	Marie-Ève Sigouin	-	Green First
Mr.	Ryan Erless	-	Waskaganish Security
Mr.	Samson Weistchee	-	Cree Council of Waskaganish

## Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	Animator, EIJBRG
Mr.	Mario Poirier	-	MFFP
Mr.	Stephan Ouellet	-	Cree Nation Government
Mr.	Zlatko Blazeski	-	MFFP

## Guests:

Mrs.	Sonia Légaré	-	MFFP
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## 1. Call to order, introductions

The animator welcomes all participants and asks them to introduce themselves. Some members ask to add their email address to the mailing list or to make changes.

## 2. Reading and approval of the agenda

The animator reads the agenda.

*On a motion by Marie-Ève Sigouin, duly seconded by Ryan Erless, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed*

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

As indicated in the invitation email to the twentieth meeting of the Waskaganish TGIRT-EIJB, the members were invited 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 Ryan Erless, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes with the requested change.*

The delegate from Green First Forest gives a brief summary of the visit she made to Waskaganish in the summer of 2021 with Pascal Trudeau Cananasso. This was the opportunity to discuss the proposed protection measures for the caribou habitat with Mrs. Barbara Hester, Mr. Bert Moar and Mr. Wayne Cheezo among others. She informs the panel that funding was added to continue the work with the users of the territory in the community. It is now necessary to find how the data collection on the traditional knowledge can help improve the caribou habitat protection plan. A follow-up on this work will be presented by the delegate of Green First at future meetings. A member of the panel reports that, about ten years ago, the migrating caribou travelled to the south of Waskaganish. When they headed back north, the woodland caribou that were there joined this herd and headed north. The animator raises the issue regarding the capacity of developing the territory to encourage both the protection and development of the caribou and moose at the same location. A member explains that the caribou and moose feed differently and each will find its own source of food in the territory. This concern regarding the moose population is not considered in the process to develop caribou protection measures. The delegate from Green First takes note of this and adds it to her comment collection.

## 4. Follow-up on the issues

*Protection of the fish spawning beds* – The MFFP will give a presentation at the next panel meeting regarding the sections of the RADF that discuss the measures to take regarding the protection of the fish spawning beds. In addition, the MFFP is also developing a document regarding the “instructions on the wildlife habitats”. Mrs. Sonia Légaré will do a follow-up on this work at a future meeting regarding this document that will be tabled in December 2023. *Maintaining or increasing the woodland caribou population* – The delegate from Green First does a follow-up on this issue at item 3 of this meeting.

*Establish onsite conditions to protect the bear dens* – The MFFP representative presents the response from Guillaume Szor. The MFFP will forward the email to the members. After discussion, the members agree that, due

to the great variation of dates observed for the period of occupation of the dens for the hibernating bears in the territory of FMU 85-62, the BGAs will apply an operational harmonisation measure that includes a protection of 60 m when a forestry company finds an occupied bear den, for the entire duration of the hibernation period.

*Quality of the water and the fish habitat* – The MFFP will do a follow-up on the project to analyse the meat of fish in certain lakes of the region.

*Cohesiveness of the division of the territory* – The MFFP representative will ask Christine Morin to analyse the feasibility of including the trap lines located south of the FMU 85062 in the Waskaganish TGIRT-EIJB.

*Safety of users* – The link to “S.O.S. BRACONNAGE” will be sent to the Waskaganish TGIRT-EIJB members.

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

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

## **6. Presentation of amendments to the PAFIO 18-23**

The MFFP representative explains that there were no changes.

## **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. She 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.

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

The animator presents the proposed schedule of meetings of Waskaganish for 2022.

*On a motion by Ryan Erless, duly seconded by Marie-Ève Sigouin, it is unanimously agreed to approve the proposed schedule for 2022 with the following change, which is to move the meeting of December 15, 2022 to November 28, 2022.*

## **9. Miscellaneous**

No item was added under the Miscellaneous section.

## **10. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2022.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 11:29 AM.

*On a motion by Marie-Ève Sigouin, duly seconded by Ryan Erless, 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 promoter of a project located in the territory covered by the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) and locate 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