

TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi  
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Minutes from the  
**TWENTIETH MEETING**

Held remotely on November 29, 2021, by Microsoft Teams

**APPROVED ON: JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2022**

# ATTENDING

## Delegates:

Mrs.	Lydia Pedneault	-	Eacom Matagami
Mrs.	Maryline Picard	-	Chantiers Chibougamau, intern
Mr.	Jean-Sébastien Roy	-	Mishtuk
Mr.	Steve Gaudreault	-	Bonterra Resources

## Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBRG, animator
Mrs.	Christine Morin	-	MFFP
Mr.	Éric Labelle	-	MFFP

## Guests:

Mrs.	Sonia Légaré	-	MFFP
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# TGIRT-EIJB WASWANIPI TWENTIETH MEETING

## 1. Call to order, introductions

The meeting begins 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 Lydia Pedneault, duly seconded by Jean-Sébastien Roy, 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 8, 2021

As indicated in the invitation email to the twentieth meeting of the Waswanipi TGIRT-EIJB, the members were invited to read the minutes before the meeting and to make their comments at the item approval and follow-up of the minutes of the previous meeting.

*It is unanimously agreed to postpone the approval of the minutes of the Waswanipi TGIRT-EIJB meeting of June 8, 2021 to the next meeting.*

As a follow-up to the question during the meeting of June 8, 2021 regarding if the recommendations proposed in the document "Funding hypothesis of the network of multi-purpose roads – 2013" were used by the MFFP, the MFFP representative explains that several of these recommendations are part of the RADF and others are being analysed to see if they are still current. Also, a representative of the MFFP confirms that no comments were received following the presentation of the national wood production strategy.

## 4. Follow-up on the issues

The following comments were raised as follow-up on the issues:

- **Visual landscape** – The MFFP and Nibiischii held a meeting to identify the landscape observation points to analyse the 3D visual impact. Since there is no infrastructure from the Assinica wildlife reserve in traplines W5B, W10 and W10A, there are no proposed observation points at this time.
- **Quality of the water and the integrity of the aquatic habitats** – FaunENord submitted a report on the water quality of 10 strategic lakes located in the Nibiischii wildlife reserve. This report mentions a habitat disturbance level much lower than the maximum acceptable threshold of 50%, with between 5 and 15% of disturbance only. This issue will remain in the issues chart in the event that other strategic lakes would be studied. The report was tabled on the members website.
- **Conservation of wildlife habitats** – The document Mixed stand management strategy, presented to the panel in February 2021, is in response to the need to maintain hardwood and mixed stands. This issue will remain on the issues chart during the evaluation to determine if this strategy truly meets the need.

- **Access to the territory** – The MFFP representative explains that an agreement between the MFFP and the Conseil de l'industrie forestière du Québec, makes it as such that the Government of Quebec agreed to follow the terms of certification of all companies, including the current case of Barrette Chapais.

## 5. FHVC presentation

This item was processed under the follow-up on the issues.

## 6. Schedule of SCF-CFL conferences

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

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

The representative of the mining sector asks if the forestry companies have responsibilities regarding the need to apply dust control on the sections of multi-resources roads near localities like Desmaraisville. The MFFP representative explains that the amount of multi-resources roads used for the transportation of wood is much too large to use dust control. However, the representative of Interfor (Eacom) mentions that when similar situations occur, it is relevant to implement a harmonisation measure with the occupants affected by the dust generated by the transportation of wood near the inhabited zones. The panel agrees to add to the issues chart that the MFFP adds the 100-metre section of the "Chemin de la mine" near Desmaraisville, to the harmonisation measures in order to notify the BGAs of the dust issue generated by the transportation of wood. The mining representative will forward the form file or a map of the road portion affected by the harmonisation request to the EIJBRC so they can forward it to the panel participants. The representative of the mining sector also asks about the forestry work planned in the PAFIO 2018-2023 that will take place in their drilling sector to forward this information to the geology people.

## 8. 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. The representative of the mining sector adds that the mining industry already cooperates with this type of strategy through the Association minière du Québec.

## 9. Proposed schedule of meetings for 2022

The animator presents the proposed schedule of meetings in Waswanipi for 2022.

*On a motion by Lydia Pedneault, duly seconded by Jean-Sébastien Roy, it is unanimously agreed to approve the proposed schedule for 2022 as presented.*

A members suggests sharing this schedule with the natural resources responsible of the Waswanipi Cree Nation in order to minimise the risks of schedule conflicts with the persons called upon by the forest planning issues.

## 10. **Miscellaneous**

The animator informs the panel that bridge H-087010 crossing the Du Plessis Brook on the multi-resources road leading to the Waswanipi Lake campground was the subject of an inspection by engineers who recommend its closure. At the request of the users, the EIJBRG submitted a project to demolish and rebuild this bridge through the "Watercourse crossing repairs" program of the MFFP. The project was accepted for a reimbursement of the cost of the work. The other portion of the reimbursement is covered by the CNG. The work to rebuild the bridge will take place at the end of January 2022.

The mining representative informs the panel that the project to use the multi-purpose roads linking the Métanor mine to the Barry site will not be completed before a year and a half to two years.

## 11. **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

## 12. **Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 11:18 AM

*On a motion by Steve Gaudreault, 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 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)
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