

TGIRT-EIJB Matagami

FMU 86-52, 86-64 and 86-65

Minutes of the

ELEVENTH MEETING

Held on May 17, 2018 in the conference room of the EIJB RG in Matagami



Gouvernement régional
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APPROVED ON: NOVEMBER 22, 2018

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Présences aux rencontres du 17 mai 2018

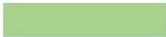





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Délégué	Présence	Substitut	Présence
René Dubé		Real Dubé	
Amélie Béchard		Alexandre Giard	
Guy Lamoureux		Patrick Paiement	
Félix Guay (jusqu'à 12h00)	x	Alain Shink	
Yan Bernard	x	Roch Plusquellec	
Patrick Bourque			
Julie Fillion		Simon Beaudoin	
Valérie Moses		Patrick Taylor	
Sylvain Ayotte			
Paul Dixon			
Johny Cooper			
Allan Saganash	x		
Daniel Cliche			
Mathieu Séguin		François Cossette	
Claude Brousseau		Vital Corriveau	
Mira Godbout		Mathieu Pichette	x
Christine Gagné			
Daniel Champagne			
Daniel Cliche			
Marie-Claude Brousseau			
Nancy Gagné		Janie Brassard	
André Bonenfant			

Observateur, invité	Présence
Martin Fillion (animateur)	x
Johanne Morasse	x
Isabelle Fortin	x
Dave Levasseur	x
Julien second	
Stéphane Ouellet	x
Valérie Guindon	x
Michel Arès (invité)	x
Jennifer Skean (invité)	x

Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence	
Présence par téléphone	
Présence par visioconférence	
Absence	

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ITEMS	RESULTS OR DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS
1. Call to order, introductions	The meeting is called to order at 10:05 AM. The participants introduce themselves.	
2. Reading and approval of the agenda	The animator reads the agenda. A delegate asks for the addition of an item regarding the extension of the Canada-Québec watercourse crossing program.	On a motion by Mr. Mathieu Pichette, duly seconded by Mr. Yan Bernard, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda with the requested changes.
3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on February 22, 2018	<p>The participants present at the meeting on February 7, 2018 take a few moments to review the minutes. The animator does a follow-up on the decisions.</p> <p>The EIJB observer mentions that she was present in person at the last meeting.</p> <p>An amendment is requested in the composition – replace Simon Beaudoin by Francis Perrault in the alternates.</p> <p>As a follow-up, the observer explains briefly the actions that followed the consultation of the TGIRT and the ATV club regarding the ATV and multi-purpose trails during the meeting on February 22. The agreement was renewed with the snowmobile club and the discussions continue with the government authorities. No return is anticipated at the TGIRT.</p>	On a motion by Mr. Yan Bernard, duly seconded by Mr. Félix Guay, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes with the two changes requested.
4. Correspondence	There is no correspondence.	
5. Issues grid	<p>The animator introduces the revised issues grid. He reused the content of the minutes of the March 2017 meeting. Other elements regarding the means and actions were taken from the minutes of the June 2017 meeting. The delegates are invited to approve the issues grid in its current form, more specifically the portion including the first five columns. The last three columns are follow-up elements that must be reviewed.</p> <p>Two observers mention that a change was made to the issue regarding the marten and small game population. The need or objective should read “Maintaining or increasing the population of marten and small game”.</p> <p>A guest asks if the information regarding the sensitive sites designated by the Cree is used in the mapping that is used to establish the issue of the moose population. The CNG observer provides clarifications regarding the continuation of this issue by the joint working group and the MFFP.</p> <p>The animator expresses an expectation that the issues grid be approved in its current form.</p>	On a motion by Mr. Mathieu Pichette, duly seconded by Mr. Yan Bernard, it is unanimously agreed to approve the issues grid in its current form.

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<p>6. Preconsultation on the PAFIT of FMU 86-52, 86-64 and 86-65</p>	<p>The PAFI coordinator of the MFFP will do her presentation by videoconference. She introduces herself and summarises her professional path that led her to the coordination of the PAFI. She briefly explains the context of the presentation and invites the members to express their concerns regarding the PAFIT. She discusses the plan of the presentation and states that it provides a portrait at the regional level. The coordinator invites the members to consult the supplemental notes for the elements at the local level.</p> <p>The coordinator touches on the territorial context with a map of the region. It shows namely the territory of application of Chapter 3 of the Paix des Braves Agreement. She explains the various land tenancy methods and other specificities related to the territorial division.</p> <p>An Anglophone delegate deplores the fact that the presentation was made in French, even though he had an English copy of the presentation document. He did not understand what was being said and therefore cannot ask any questions or make comments. The PAFI coordinator suggest to the delegate to attend a future meeting in one of the Cree communities where he can benefit from a presentation entirely in English. The animator mentions that this could be difficult since the May meetings in the Cree communities have practically all been cancelled due to the Goose Break. He suggests to the coordinator to do her presentation in French with some brief parentheses in English. This would prolong the presentation that was already over 1 ½ hours long and some members add that this is a French panel. The animator mentions that even in the Anglophone panels, there are some exchanges in French. The coordinator accepts to insert some brief parentheses in English but it is a compromise that leaves the Anglophone delegate and the other francophone members unsatisfied. The members ask to have this indicated in the minutes.</p> <p>The coordinator provides and explains some regional statistics regarding the forest cover. The data at the FMU level is included in the supplemental notes. This data includes some statistics on the users of the forest territory, namely the granted rights. She briefly touches on the territories with a particular status, including those under wildlife management. The coordinator shows an allocation map for the wood processing mills that are supplied in the region. She makes a distinction between the mills located in the region and those located outside the region but that are supplied by the region. The coordinator talks about the number and the breakdown of the various TGIRT in the region. She touches briefly on the concerns raised by the TGIRT and by the instances representing the First Nations.</p> <p>A delegate asks why the Broadback River and Mishigamish</p>	

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	<p>protected area project that was submitted by the community of Waswanipi is not part of the list. Some members explain that the issue was raised by a channel outside the TGIRT. This does not mean that it is not considered in the PAFIT. A guest mentions that the project had already been brought to the TGIRT. The animator mentions that an issue can be brought to the panel but must be approved by all the delegates to become an issue of the TGIRT. In the case of the protected area project, according to an observer, there were discussions at the TGIRT but, at the end of the discussions, it was agreed not to make it an issue of the TGIRT since it was discussed by higher instances. The animator adds that an issue can be approved at the TGIRT even if it is the subject of discussions at higher instances. A delegate mentions that this issue was event the subject of a vote and that the majority of delegates agreed not to make it an issue of the TGIRT. An observer suggests that the table of concerns raised as part of the presentation should be clarified by mentioning that they are concerns approved by the TGIRT. She also asks if there is a register of concerns raised or under negotiation but not approved. The PAFI coordinator will do verifications to this effect. A delegates suggest that the concerns raised by the delegates but not approved by the TGIRT be listed in a chart so we do not lose sight of them. The animator states that these concerns are listed in the minutes and that he will not be making a separate chart for the concerns that are not approved. In addition, he asks the PAFI coordinator where the First Nations concerns listed in the presentation document come from. The coordinator mentions that part of them comes from the TGIRT of the Category II lands and another part comes from the wildlife workshop held in 2016. There are possibly other sources. She mentions that if there is no counter opinion, she can add the protected area project in the list. The members agree that the issue should be considered in the PAFIT but, for the reasons previously mentioned, this is not a concern of the TGIRT.</p> <p>The MFFP follows some regional issues, including the ecosystem issues. The coordinator discusses the various ecological issues. The first issues presented were already discussed at the TGIRT level and also include issues that were brought to the panel for the first time. She explains the context regarding the issues of spatial organisation and mixed stands. She discusses the internal structure of young stands by explaining the mapping and the ratios of treated stands. She explains that the intensity of treatments has an impact on the small wildlife. The coordinator touches on the issue regarding riparian areas by mentioning the role that these areas play and the importance of protecting them. A delegate asks to know the width of the protection strips left in riparian areas during harvest operations. The delegate explains that the current standard of</p>	

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	<p>20 metres to protect the quality of water is insufficient to protect the wildlife habitats. At the MFFP, there is a strong concern to this effect and a team is currently working on the development of instructions regarding other aspects such as the maintenance of wildlife habitats. Regarding the integrity of the aquatic ecosystem, there is an issue of identification of the spawning beds and their registration in the MFFP databases. The spawning beds registered in the database currently benefit from a protection. For the spawning beds that are not registered, the tallymen are invited to mention it to the MFFP when road work is getting closer to them. The PAFI coordinator explains the notions of coarse filter and fine filter that establish two classes of issues. The application of the fine filter provides more limits areas that are well located while the application of the coarse filter translates into large areas whose location can vary. She mentions eagles' nests as an example where the fine filter is applied and the feeding areas of the moose as an example of a coarse filter. She discusses the various wildlife issues, including the woodland caribou. The action plan for the management of the woodland caribou was announced in April 2016. It is a balanced approach aiming to concentrate the protection efforts on the most sensitive elements of the caribou habitat.</p> <p>The meeting is adjourned at 12:00PM and resumes at 12:45PM.</p> <p>Two forest productivity issues are discussed as part of the presentation, namely the paludification phenomenon. A map illustrates the locations that are most affected by the paludification process. She also discusses the phenomenon of invasion by heaths.</p> <p>The management of access roads is also the subject of a follow-up. The development of an access road management plan will consider a series of related values. She presents a map of the roads deemed strategic.</p> <p>The PAFIT will also integrate some local issues, including the sensitive landscapes, the PFNL and the trails of interest. Regarding the sensitive landscapes, the PAFI coordinator invites the members of the TGIRT to examine the existing tools including the approach developed by Josée Pâquet.</p> <p>The proposed management strategy is based on some essential elements, starting with the maintenance of the forest potential. The Chief Forester who ensures a follow-up will apply the reductions regarding the restrictions and with some issues discussed earlier. Regarding the breakdown of the harvest per operational characteristic, the 2013-2018 summary is discussed briefly with a mention that the targets are reached.</p> <p>The management strategy includes commercial and non commercial silviculture work and includes targets for these two work groups. The coordinator mentions the various types of</p>	

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	<p>commercial work and the large non-commercial work groups.</p> <p>The coordinator mentions targets as part of the management strategy. For the 2013-2018 period, the targets were reached in the case of progressive logging and variable retention logging. However, the summary for the same period presents a result under the target for commercial clearing. For the 2018-2023 period, the variable retention logging will see its target go from 20% to 40%. Regarding non-commercial work, the target is reach in terms of site preparation and reforestation but not reached in the case of stand education work.</p> <p>An observer asks what happens when a target is not reached. The MFFP planner explains that the strategy for the following period is adjusted.</p> <p>The PAFI coordinator discusses the various forest follow-ups, including the compliance and efficiency follow-ups. The evolution of the process will lead to the approval of the next PAFIT.</p> <p>In conclusion, the coordinator mentions the success of integrating the local concerns in the PAFIT, which depends on the TGIRT. We must consider the instructions coming from Quebec but we are also listening to the TGIRT.</p>	
7. Information items and delegate requests		
a. Coordination committee	<p>The animator announces that a coordination committee will soon be implemented for all the TGIRT coordinated by the EIJB RG. Its role will be to analyse and improve the current operation of the TGIRT. The coordination committee will be made up of representatives of the MFFP, the animator and two members of the TGIRT (delegates or observers). The animator invites the delegates interested in being part of the committee to demonstrate their interest. Mr. Stephan Ouellet reiterates his interest. An observer asks where the meetings would take place. The more centralised locations will be preferred for the meetings, depending on the participants.</p>	
b. Extension of the Canada-Québec agreement on the watercourse crossings	<p>The Canada-Québec on watercourse crossings was extended. Mrs. Morasse mentioned it to the BGAs. A delegate from the BGA group asks Mrs. Morasse to notify all the delegates through the animator. The EIJB RG observer states that the idea was not to exclude the other users from the process. She explains the context of application of the program from the previous year and the requests that have been submitted to this day. The objective to send the chart only to the BGAs was to validate the requests that were already sent and the repairs that were already made. She will forward the chart to the animator who will send it to the members of the TGIRT. The observer states that the program at issue here does not include the multi-purpose roads. The BGAs</p>	<p>The information on the extension of the agreement will be forwarded to the members of the TGIRT.</p>

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	<p>have their own envelope. She mentions the documents required and the conditions to meet for a bridge or culvert to be eligible. In the case of a culvert, the program only covers the cost of the materials.</p>	
8. Adjournment	<p>The meeting is adjourned at 1:35 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM.</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Mathieu Pichette, duly seconded by Mr. Yan Bernard, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.</p>

ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
COMEV:	Evaluation Committee (in charge of analysing the preliminary information provided by a project promoter located in the territory administered by the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) and located south of the 55 th 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 programming
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