

TGIRT-EIBJ Valcanton Villebois

FMU 85-51

Minutes of the **SIXTH MEETING**

Held on March 13, 2017, in the conference room of the municipal offices of
Beaucanton



Eeyou Istchee James Bay
Regional Government

APPROVED ON: JUNE 5, 2017

TGIRT-EIJB VALCANTON VILLEBOIS

SIXTH MEETING

DATE:	March 13, 2017	ATTENDING	ORGANISATION
TIME:	12:13 PM	BOULIANE, Stéphanie	CRM of Abitibi-Ouest
PLACE:	Conference room of the municipal offices of Beaucanton	ANCTIL, Lucienne	Hecla Québec- Mine Casa Berardi
		JÉGOU, Michel	Pajegasque Lake cottage owners association
		GUAY, Félix	Norbord
		BRODEUR, Alain	Gestion Cyclofor
		PHILIPPON, Cécile	Mayor of Valcanton
		DUBÉ, Johny	COOP Abifor
		MAILHOT, Sylvie	Valcanton Development Corporation
		GUAY, Félix	Norbord
		LAMOUREUX, Guy	Tembec GRF-AO
OBSERVERS		FORTIN, Isabelle	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs - Forest
		SECOND, Julien (Tel.)	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs - Wildlife
		FILION, Martin (Tel.)	James Bay Regional Administration
		CYR, Éline	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs - Forest
GUESTS		SIGOUIN, Marie-Ève	Tembec GRF
ANIMATOR		MORASSE, Johanne	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government

ITEMS	RESULTS OR DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS
1. Call to order	The meeting is called to order on March 13 at 12:13 PM.	On a motion by Mr. Michel Jégou, duly seconded by Mrs. Sylvie Mailhot, it is unanimously agreed to call the meeting to order on March 13, 2017 at 12:13 PM.
2. Reading and approval of the agenda for March 13, 2107.	Mrs. Morasse reviews the items on the agenda.	On a motion by Mrs. Cécile Philippon, duly seconded by Mr. Félix Guay, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as read.
3. Reading and approval of the minutes of December 5, 2016.	Mrs. Morasse reviews the minutes. The following amendments are requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace Tembec La Sarre by Tembec GRF for Marie-Ève Sigouin and Tembec GRF Abitibi-Ouest for Luc Michaud; - Remove "Harricana Nord" next to Éline Cyr's name. 	On a motion by Mr. Michel Jégou, duly seconded by Mr. Félix Guay, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as presented with the requested amendments.
4. Follow-up on the meeting held on December 6, 2016	Mrs. Elaine Cyr presents the new variance grid for the PAFI-O. It includes 8 consultation elements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commercial silviculture work — Addition of a response sector or expansion of a response sector outside the consulted SIPs having an area of at least equal to 10 ha; - Non-commercial silviculture work — Addition of a response sector or expansion of a response sector outside the consulted SIPs having an area of at least 25 ha; 	On a motion by Mrs. Lucienne Anctil, duly seconded by Mr. Guy Lamoureux, it is unanimously agreed to approve the new variance grid for the PAFI-O as presented by the MFFP.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change of processing if the logging is more intense; - Amendment of a harmonisation measure; - Road construction or improvement – Construction or improvement of a road longer than 50m outside a response sector; - Displacement of a planned road – Displacement by more than 200 m of a planned pathway outside a response sector; - Bridges and culverts – Addition of a bridge on a new road portion; - Addition of a forestry camp (permanent or temporary). 	
5. Correspondence	The MFFP forwarded the information regarding the bearing capacity of the bridge over Boivin River that corresponds to 57,500 kg according to the truck configuration.	
6. Presentation by TEMBEC	Mrs. Marie-Ève Sigouin presents a planned winter road closure project that will be built in the Fénélon township (near Rouquette River), in the Algonquin trap line No. 13. The work will take place from March 31, 2017 to the fall of 2018. The Balmoral mine that is currently performing exploration operations in the area has been consulted. The process will include consultations with the natives at the beginning, followed by the TGIRT-EIJB VVB and the MFFP public consultation. This project aims to meet a FSC specific need aiming for a return to a productive area.	
7. Local issues, concerns and VOICs of the TGIRT-EIJB VVB	<p>The VOIC summary chart of the TGIRT-EIJB VVB is reviewed by the members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective 2.102 to “Maintain the productivity of forest ecosystems subject to paludification” was discussed by the regional working committee of the MFFP and the report from this work will soon be sent to Quebec for an analysis. <p>In the absence of representatives from the Joint work group, their VOIC will be reviewed at another meeting. It was indicated however that these VOIC are only related to the residual 25% of the Paix des Braves and FMU 85051, and completely outside the PDB even though the northern portion includes Cree trap lines.</p> <p>A question was raised asking if the 1% of wetlands is added to the compensations for the loss of wetlands, when a mine is implemented. There is a need for coordination between the MFFP that identifies the 1% and the measures taken by the HECLA mine to compensate the loss of wetlands that was dedicated to research at the UQAT. The MFFP will provide an answer at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The softwood and hardwood beneficiaries of supply 	

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	<p>guarantees present the value “Economic” to the members of the panel which has the following objectives: “Ensuring the profitability of the wood processing mills”, “Allowing harvesting operations at a better cost”, “Maintenance of the forest potential” and “Maintenance of the FSC certifications on the public lands of EIJB”. They are not looking for a consensus from the panel regarding these VOs but to share their concerns with the members. Same goes for the VOs of NORBORD: “Access to the full poplar potential”, “Recovery of the aging poplar volumes”, “Maximising the summer harvestable volumes”, “Operational forest planning to meet the needs of the mills”, “Optimising the wood production costs”, “Forest usage consultation and harmonisation process that is transparent, efficient and satisfactory for all parties” and “Planning and operations on the territory for the maintenance of the SFI certification”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The representative from the PRAU of the CRM of Abitibi-Ouest wishes to consult her organisation and come back at the next meeting with more clarification on their VO. - The Mayor of the Locality of Valcanton explains that the VO “Taking charge of the forest management by communities – Analysing the project for the implementation of a proximity forest in VVB” is still waiting for the program announced by the MFFP for the implementation of proximity forests. In the event that the localities of VVB are merged and become an independent municipality in 2019, the delegation of the management of intra-municipal and scattered lots could be transferred from the EIJBRG to VVB who could use the profits generated as a source of financing. However, verifications are required regarding the capacity of VVB to appropriately manage this management delegation. When VVB is ready, Norbord and Tembec will be there for the discussion on the potential feasibility of implementing this proximity forest project. <p>The VO “Climate – Preserving the windbreaker effect around the localities in the public forest” can be summarised by a request to avoid clear-cutting near VVB.</p> <p>The VO “Forest education – Promoting the forest education” refers to the concern linked to the capacity of regional organisations in the Nord-du-Québec region to continue to support the service offer of organisations dedicated to forest education, such as FaunENord, the Forestry associations of Abitibi Témiscamingue and Lac Saguenay-St-Jean. These training activities are greatly</p>	

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	<p>appreciated in VVB and we hope they will continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MFFP will pay attention specifically to the VO “Climate of agreement with the other users – Consider the concerns of all users in a clear consultation process” and will do a presentation on the consultation and analysis process of the VOICs at the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Valcanton Villebois. - The VO “Conservation of the caribou habitat – Analysis of the potential of road closure and reforestation” will be discussed as part of objective 1.10 on the caribou habitat. - The recreational tourism VO “Esthetics of the landscape – Maintaining an acceptable quality of landscape for recreational tourism activities and maintaining a dominant forest cover in the landscape of sensitive areas” will be discussed by the technical committee made up of Mrs. Éline Cyr, Mr. Michel Jégou, Mr. Guy Lamoureux and Mrs. Sylvie Mayotte. The Josée Paquette method will be used to guide the work to select the sensitive sites. The objective “Ensuring the conservation of a forest atmosphere along the canoe camping routes” will also be discussed by the recreational tourism technical committee. - The VO “Public health – Protection of the wildlife habitat – aquatic” will first be analysed by the representative of the MFFP-Wildlife Mr. Julien Second who will come back at the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Valcanton Villebois with the information on mercury levels in Turgeon Lake. The objective “Soil protection” relating to the request for the protection of a 60m riparian strip for resort lakes will be discussed by the recreational tourism technical committee. 	
8. Miscellaneous		
8.1 Local issues, concerns, VOICs of the TGIRT-EIJB VVB	<p>Mr. Félix Guay asks why there are no representatives for the category “hunters-anglers-trappers” at the TGIRT-EIJB Valcanton Villebois. The hunting and fishing association of the VVB area was invited in 2016 to take part in the meetings without receiving a confirmation of participation from them. It is recommended to forward the invitation to Mr. Fernand Savard of the trappers association to fill this seat.</p>	
9. Adjournment	<p>The members are asked to register the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Valcanton Villebois in their agenda. The meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM.</p> <p>The meeting is adjourned on March 13, 2017 as 3:23 PM.</p>	<p>On a motion by Mrs. Cécile Philippon duly seconded by Mr. Félix Guay, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting on March 13, 2017 at 3:23 PM.</p>