

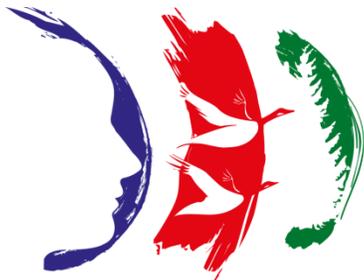
TGIRT-EIJB Valcanton-Villebois

FMU 85-51

Minutes of the

ELEVENTH MEETING

Held on May 10, 2018 in the Conference room of the Villebois Municipal Building



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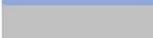
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Présences aux rencontres du 10 mai

Délégué	Présence	Substitut	Présence
Nelson Tremblay	x	Jean-François Larouche	
André Elliott		Gérard Bégin, invité	
Guy Lamoureux	x	Patrick Paiement	
Félix Guay	x	Alain Shink	
Sylvie Grenier	x	Eloïse Arès-Laprise, invitée	
Manon Luneau		Yves Aubut	
Stéphanie Crête			
Jean-Christophe Picard		Alexis Fortin	
Benoît Croteau			
Thomas Stevens			
Barbara Hester		Judith Sénéchal	
Johnny Dubé	x		
Frédéric Audet			
Wayne Cheezo			
Sylvie Mailhot		Christine Garant	
Raymonde Tremblay	x	Jacquelin Vézina	
Michel Jégou	x		
Lucienne Anctil		Alain Grenier	
Mathieu Guay		Jules Riopel	
Manon Forget		Manon Forget	
Alain Brodeur		Daniel Tardif	
Jennifer Boucher		Erika Larouche	
Manon Tremblay		Marie-Pier Desbiens	
Claudine Desgagné		Lilianne Thibodeault	

Observateur, invité	Présence
Martin Filion (animateur)	x
Johanne Morasse	x
Isabelle Fortin	x
Julien Second	x
Stéphane Ouellet	
Elaine Cyr	x
Valérie Guindon	x
Marie-Ève Sigouin	x

Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence	
Présence par téléphone	
Absence	

TGIRT-EIJB VILLEBOIS-VALCANTON ELEVENTH MEETING

ITEMS	RESULTS OR DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS
1. Call to order, introductions	The meeting is called to order at 8:30 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 upcoming certification audits.	On a motion by Mr. Michel Jégou, duly seconded by Mr. Nelson Tremblay, 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 15, 2018	<p>The participants present at the meeting on February 7, 2018 take a few moments to review the minutes. The animator provides a follow-up on the decisions.</p> <p>At item 5, 7th paragraph, first sentence, replace "... delegates representing the PRAU group" by "delegates representatives of the PRAU group". At the same item, replace "Ryam" by "RYAM".</p> <p>During the last meeting, it was asked to ask the wildlife sector representative of the MFFP to do a follow-up with the MDDELCC and the OBV Abitibi-Jamésie of the file regarding the quality of water. First, a letter with a resolution was forwarded by the Association des propriétaires du Lac Turgeon to the Locality of Villebois. The wildlife representative of the MFFP was waiting for this letter and never received it so he could not do a follow-up. The wildlife representative will contact the MDDELCC to verify if the letter was received and do a follow-up. A delegate asks if the wildlife representative of the MFFP receives the documents pertaining to the TGIRT, including the minutes, and he confirms that he receives them. A member of the panel proposes the establishment of an actions chart that states the actions and deadlines agreed and to forward an updated chart after each meeting.</p> <p>Returning to the public health issue, the RYAM guest mentions that the OBV Abitibi-Jamésie contacted them for a follow-up project on some lakes in order to obtain funding. The representative mentioned to them that there is an interest for Turgeon Lake and the representatives of the organisations stated that they would add this lake to their project of follow-up on the quality of water. The wildlife representative of the MFFP agrees to contact the OBV to confirm that Turgeon Lake is indeed part of their follow-up projects and to report on this item at the July meeting.</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Félix Guay, duly seconded by Mr. Johnny Dubé, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes with the requested changes.</p> <p>The animator will establish an actions chart stating who must complete these actions and the agreed deadlines, and forward the chart to the members during the third week of May.</p> <p>The wildlife representative of the MFFP will contact the OBV Abitibi-Jamésie to confirm that the follow-up on the quality of water in Turgeon Lake is indeed part of their projects and will report to the TGIRT during the July meeting.</p>
4. Correspondence	No correspondence was received since the last	

	meeting.	
5. Issues grid	<p>The animator introduces the revised issues grid by stating that the white boxes correspond to elements that have already been approved by the panel. Some elements of the grid can be discussed and/or clarified during the meeting. The animator expresses an expectation that the issues grid be approved in its current form.</p> <p>Besides the issues of the esthetic quality of the landscape and the conditions of execution of the return to production work, the recognition of the distinct nature of the Abitibi-Ouest CRM was the subject of discussions. A delegate from the PRAU group provides a context to this issue and mentions two specific needs regarding this issue, i.e. the reduction of the logging area and limiting the logging agglomerations over time. The delegate states that these needs are related specifically to the portion of the FMU that corresponds to the Abitibi-Ouest CRM's territory. The representatives of the MFFP explain the context of the planning of the harvest areas using the ecosystem approach. The observer mentions that the direct stakeholders are currently looking for solutions, namely through the operational tables. The animator asks all delegates if they share these specific needs. Some delegates express their disagreement regarding the approval of something so specific. The need expressed in its more general form is deemed legitimate by the members. A means currently implemented consists in treating the need at the operational table. A member adds that a follow-up on the discussions of the operational table on this issue should be done at the TGIRT. The solutions considered could bring a change to the PAFIO. The animator repeats the need in its general form and suggests a means: "Treating the need at the operational table, anticipate a return to the TGIRT". The delegates agree. The animator suggests leaving the indicator in the chart by adding that is an element that has not been approved. This element can be clarified following the work of the operational table.</p> <p>At the end of this item, the animator asks the delegates to approve the issues grid in its current form, more specifically the boxes and elements agreed upon regarding the issue of recognising the distinct nature of the Abitibi-Ouest CRM.</p>	On a motion by Mr. Guy Lamoureux, duly seconded by Mr. Michel Jégou, it is unanimously agreed to approve the issues grid in its current form.
a. Esthetic quality of the landscape (report from the technical committee)	Regarding the issue of the esthetic quality of the landscape, the MFFP planner reports from the technical committee. She touches on the method used	The RYAM guest will forward to the animator the form files of the sensitive sites so that he can produce a map.

	<p>to allocate a level of awareness to the recreational tourism sites, using the approach developed by Josée Paquet. She reveals the results of the analysis.</p> <p>The MFFP planner explains the manner in which the levels of sensitivity were established at the various sites submitted to the work of the technical committee. She uses Turgeon Lake as an example. A delegate opens a side bar to state what led to the development of the guide, i.e. the work in the Bas-St-Laurent region. She mentions the reliability and strictness of the method included in the guide. Adjustments can be made based on the specific context of the various regions but we can consider that our context resembles a lot the one of the Bas-Saint-Laurent region. The MFFP planner resumes her presentation by explaining the rating given to the some of the evaluated sites. Without discussing all the sites, she mentions the three sites with the highest sensitivity levels: Turgeon Lake, Pajegasque Lake and Mount Fenouillet. In conclusion, she mentions the contribution of some local groups. A delegate from the BGA group mentions the measures taken by the BGAs to take into account the vacationers expectations. A delegate from the BGA group mentions that two consultation meetings were organised by the two BGAs present in the territory and held respectively in Villebois and Valcanton. The participants in these meetings could review the maps of the future work and the schedule of operations. The BGAs also met with Mr. Gérald Racine, representative of the vacationers of Turgeon Lake. Regarding the follow-up of the issue, the animato returns to the means listed in the grid. Regarding the first means, the delegates deem it appropriate to complete a mapping of the sensitive sites. The MFFP planner mentions that these sites are currently part of the allocations layer. The guest from RYAM mentions that the maps already exist. The animator asks to forward him a form file so that he can produce a map. The animator repeats the second means which is to define the terms of protection and apply them. The guest from RYAM mentions that there are several options. Coming back to the proposed terms, the visual impact simulations were completed without considering the forest cover. A delegate from the BGA group expresses his discomfort with such an approach and the terms that could result from it, when considering the flat nature of the territory's topography. The animator proposes to review the two needs during the next meeting. The members should then have a map of the sensitive areas and the members of the technical committee can present the analysis</p>	<p>The animator will produce a map of sensitive sites for the July meeting.</p> <p>The members of the landscape technical committee will present the results of their simulations of visual impacts from the harvest operations during the meeting in July. They will also show the criteria and tools used in these simulations.</p>
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	<p>completed during the work of the technical committee. In conclusion and at the request of the animator, the delegates confirm the two means suggested in relation with the two needs related to the esthetic quality of the landscape.</p>	
<p>b. Conditions of execution of the return to production work (new issue)</p>	<p>The delegate of the silviculture companies group explains an issue that he brings to the table regarding the conditions of execution of the return to production work. He mentions that the issue regarding the harvest residues that affect the safety of workers and the efficiency of the return to production treatments is not really present in Region 10. He raises this element of issue as a preventive measure. Another delegate from the BGA group confirms that a distinction must be made between regions 08 and 10. Regarding the first need expressed, related to the gravelling of winter roads, he mentions that there is a profitability issue. He mentions that the safety is a primary concern but the BGAs must make commitments for the gravelling of winter roads. The Rexforêt corporation sometimes does the gravelling of winter roads but sometimes after the scarification work is completed. The members say that there seems to be a communication and coordination problem between Rexforêt and the other stakeholder on the field. The problem is strongly related to the question of safety of the workers, namely regarding the walking distance to the return to production work site. Several committees, including the operational tables express strong concerns regarding the workers' health and safety. However, there remains a coordination problem that creates inefficiency situations when completing some management work. Currently, Rexforêt plays a major role in the planning and allocation of silviculture work. The corporation has a budget envelope which allows them to gravel some winter roads. As a summary, the animator mentions that it is not planned to gravel the winter roads. However, if a stakeholder decides to do it for some roads, it would be appropriate for all stakeholders to benefit. The delegates propose to invite the representatives from Rexforêt at the next TGIRT meeting to present their planning procedures and the way they coordinate the allocation of the various mandates. The members can then discuss with the representatives of Rexforêt of the possible options to improve the work coordination regarding the expressed need.</p> <p>The delegates agree to maintain the issue and the two needs as worded in the issues chart. They also agree to word the first need as follows: "Improving the</p>	<p>Maintaining the issue and both needs as worded. Rephrase the first means as follows:</p> <p>"Improving the communications and coordination with Rexforêt, through the various committees, including the operational tables".</p> <p>Suggest a wording for the second need.</p> <p>The animator will invite representatives from Rexforêt to the July meeting to present their planning procedures and the method of coordinating the allocation of various mandates and to allow members of the TGIRT to discuss with them regarding the potential avenues to improve the work coordination.</p>

	<p>communication and coordination with Rexforêt, through the various committees, including the operational tables”.</p> <p>Regarding the second need, the ideal situation would be to wait one year or two after harvest to do site preparation work. The means initially worded consisted in limiting the logging residues, which the delegates are not all pleased with. The delegates state the problem related to the need, namely the cases that occurred mainly in Témiscamingue and the recovery cases following the passage of the spruce budworm. These cases do not truly occur on the territory of the TGIRT but the need is still raised as prevention. The problem can occur in other situations. The delegates wish to maintain the need as worded. Regarding the means, a delegate proposes instead to be informed of the requests for variation and agreements, in other words, to have a signal to react when needed. The animator will suggest a complete wording for what is proposed here.</p>	
<p>6. Pre-consultation on the PAFIT for FMU 85-51 and 86-51</p>	<p>The PAFI coordinator at the MFFP introduces herself and summarises her professional journey that led her to the coordination of the PAFI. She states that the PAFIT presentation that was made to the TGIRT presents a regional portrait. The coordinator invites the members to refer to the additional notes for the elements at the local scale.</p> <p>The coordinator touches on the territorial context with the help of a regional map. It illustrates, among other things, the territory of application of chapter 3 of the Paix des Braves Agreement. The coordinator provides and explains some regional statistics regarding the forest cover. The data at the FMU level is indicated in the supplemental notes. This data includes some stats on the users of the forest territory, including the rights granted. She briefly touches on the territories with a special status, including those under wildlife management. The coordinator shows a map of the allocation of the wood processing mills that obtain their supplies in the region. A guest wonders about the proportion of wood that leaves toward the Saguenay region. The animator provides some clarification regarding the net results of the wood movement and mentions analysis done a few years ago that indicated that about 75% of the rights from the region were processed in the region. The coordinator adds some clarification regarding some specific rights.</p> <p>The MFFP follows some regional issues, including the ecosystem issues. The coordinator discusses the various ecological issues and makes some</p>	

clarifications to the presentation. She mentions that the ecological issues included in her presentation were already present during previous meetings of the TGIRT. She removed the slides regarding the terms of the Paix des Braves Agreement, since FMU 085-51 is not subject to this agreement. The MFFP observer puts a damper on the mixed stands. There is an issue regarding the composition of stands that affects the TGIRT but the one presented on slide 13 of this presentation refers specifically to the terms of the Paix des Braves. The coordinator discusses the internal structure of the young stands regarding the impacts on the small wildlife. Regarding the issue of riparian environments, she mentions the work in progress at the MFFP. Regarding the integrity of the aquatic ecosystem, there is an issue of identification of the spawning beds and registration in the MFFP databases. An observer asks if the various regulations regarding the wetlands complement each other. A delegate makes some clarifications. The regulation on wetlands applies on private land while the RADF applies on public lands. The questioning comes from the mining operations representatives.

She explains the notions of coarse filter and fine filter that establish two classes of issues. She discusses the different wildlife issues, including the woodland caribou. Two forest productivity issues are also considered, including the paludification phenomenon that affects a large part of FMU 085-51. She explains the phenomenon. The MFFP observer discusses the work in progress at the MFFP to draw the clearest picture possible and find solutions. The committee is very active and the work progresses.

The management of access roads is also the subject of a follow-up. The animator discusses the work of the technical committee on multi-purpose roads. He mentions the work completed to this day, what they will contribute to and specifies that the committee is on hold for the time being until a mandate is given by the TGIRT. The MFFP observer asks where the roads listed on the map come from since there seems to be some errors. The form files were sent by some BGA before the Holidays. The MFFP observer and a delegate mention some of the errors to correct. The animator asks the members to circle the errors on the paper maps, to specify the corrections to make and to give him the maps so he can make the corrections. For the MFFP, a management plan of the access roads is being developed, with the progressive contribution of the various interest groups and the public. The

	<p>management of the woodland caribou habitat greatly conditions the management plan of the access roads. A map of strategic roads to maintain and build is presented to the members. The local issues raised by the TGIRT are already considered in the development of the PAFIT. It includes namely the sensitive landscapes, the non-wood forest products (PFNL) and the trails of interest.</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 the follow-up, applies the reductions in relation to some restrictions and to some of the issues discussed previously. Regarding the breakdown of the harvest by operational characteristic, the 2013-2018 summaries is briefly presented with a mention that the targets are reached. A guest asks if the targets are only for the BGAs. In the opinion of a delegate, it should also include the BMMB. The management strategy includes commercial and non-commercial silviculture work with targets related to these two work groups. For the commercial work, there is an objective to increase the variable retention logging and the commercial clearing. The MFFP observer mentions that there would be areas appropriate for the commercial clearing in the Manzarin sector. The delegates mention that there is an interest in doing such treatment but there remains a problem to have adapted equipment and the workforce to complete this type of treatment.</p> <p>The coordinator discusses the various forest follow-ups, including the compliance and efficiency follow-ups. The evolution of the process leading to the approval of the next PAFIT. The development of the PAFIT is based on a complex process that involves various stakeholders and parties and involving several levels of consultation and cooperation.</p> <p>In conclusion, the coordinator mentions the excellent work done by the TGIRT, and that this one is the most experienced. A guest mentions that at other TGIRTs of Abitibi, some concerns follow the VOIC path while others follow different paths. She wishes to see the same thing for the TGIRT of Region 10. The MFFP observer confirms that is the way the TGIRT currently operate, namely those where she participates. The TGIRT do not cease to exist after the PAFIT. They remain preferential communication means between the MFFP and the local areas. The animator mentions that this is also the vision of the EIJBGR.</p>	
7. Information items and delegate		

requests		
a. Coordination committee	The animator announces that a coordination committee would 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 from the MFFP, the animator and two delegates. The animator also invites the delegates interested in being a member of the committee to demonstrate their interest. Mr. Guy Lamoureux of the BGA group expresses his interest.	
b. FSC Audits	The guest from RYAM mentions that there will be a FSC audit from June 4-7. She mentions that an auditor may contact them soon and invites the delegates to play an active role in this audit.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting is adjourned at 1:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2018. A delegate asks to come back to the map of roads during the next meeting.	On a motion by Mr. Félix Guay, duly seconded by Mr. Michel Jégou, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

BMMB:	Wood marketing board
BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
FSC:	Forest Stewardship Council
TGIRT:	Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MDDELCC:	Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte aux Changements climatiques
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
CRM:	County regional municipality
OBV:	Watershed organisation
PAFIO:	Operational Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PAFIT:	Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PFNL:	Non-wood forest products
PRAU:	Harvest permit for other purposes
RADF:	Sustainable forest management regulation
TBE:	Spruce budworm
UA:	Forest Management Unit