

TGIRT-EIJB Valcanton Villebois FMU 85-51

Minutes of the **THIRTEENTH MEETING**

Held on November 15, 2018 in the conference room of the Villebois municipal building



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Table de GIRT Valcanton Villebois

Présences aux rencontres du 15 novembre



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

Observateur, invité	Présence
Martin Filion (animateur)	x
Johanne Morasse	
Isabelle Fortin	x
Julien Second	
Stéphane Ouellet	
Elaine Cyr	x

Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence	
Présence par téléphone	
Absence	

TGIRT-EIJB VILLEBOIS-VALCANTON THIRTEENTH MEETING

ITEMS	RESULTS OR DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS
1. Call to order, introductions	The meeting begins at 10:00 AM. The animator asks each delegate to introduce themselves.	
2. Reading and approval of the agenda	The animator reads the agenda. A delegate asks to clarify the purpose of item d. The animator mentions that the presents of a representative of Rexforêt was requested by the delegates, the animator contacted Rexforet but the representatives of the State corporation will not take part in the meeting. They explained their decision.	On a motion by Mr. Johnny Dubé, duly seconded by Mr. Mathieu Guay, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.
3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on July 12, 2018	The minutes cannot be approved without the presence of at least two delegates who took part in that meeting. The animator still provides a follow-up on the actions. A delegate asked to add a clarification regarding a response from a delegate made at that meeting. He asks to clarify "Norbord" next to the mention of the delegate from the BGA group.	<p>The animator will attempt to have the minutes approved by email with the two delegates present.</p> <p>A clarification at item 8 a: "<i>a delegate from the BGA group (Norbord) mentions that ...</i>" will be added.</p> <p>On a motion made by Mr. Johnny Dubé, duly seconded by Mr. Félix Guay, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes with the requested modification.</p>
4. Correspondence	<p>The animator asked Rexforêt to attend the TGIRT meeting regarding one of the issues. The regional director of the state corporation sent his response by email, which was shared with the members. The MFFP observer discussed with the regional director of Rexforêt and they can be present by telephone, when necessary, to answer questions from delegates. A delegate mentions that approaches made with Rexforêt also aimed to raise awareness with them. We can now let an operations season go before raising the issue again.</p> <p>The members discuss the general problem and the issues related to the maintenance of permanent roads, including a safety issue. The MFFP observer mentions the various committees currently working on the road maintenance and the actions taken as a follow-up. The delegate from the silviculture work group mentions that despite the numerous forums discussing this issue, it happens that some users no</p>	

	<p>longer know which forum to contact regarding some problems. The animator mentions that there is also a safety issue for regional organisations and the civil security stakeholders regarding the knowledge of the road conditions. Currently, the forest stakeholders such as the BGAs and the silviculture companies have an obligation to develop evacuation plans, same as for the mining exploration companies. The coordination is assured by MFFP representatives in the forest management units. It is reassuring that there are emergency measures plans in effect for the various worksites in operation on the territory. However, the animator deplors that these PMUs are not known by all. The MFFP observer mentions that there is still a large government organisation in terms of civil security, that includes all affected ministries and for the MFFP-region 10, it is Mr. Marco Trudel who sits on the provincial coordination committee. For the delegate of the silviculture work group, it remains that the members of this group still do not know who to contact for some problems. We can hope that the latest exchanges with Rexforêt and the clarifications made at the TGIRT managed to improve some means of communication. For the continuation of things, the delegates wish to let a period of operations pass before returning to the issue related to the safety of workers in the forest.</p>	
5. Follow-up on the issues	<p>The animator mentions that the issues grid is updated after each meeting and filed in the “members” section of the TGIRT on the EIJBRG website. Since the last meeting, several elements of issues have been confirmed. A delegate asks about the inter-territorial equity issue. The MFFP observer brings some follow-up elements regarding the steps taken by the Abitibi-Ouest CRM. For the time being the negotiations are being held at the top. The TGIRT is waiting for developments on this file.</p>	
a. Esthetic quality of the landscape – Mapping of sensitive sites (RYAM)	<p>The delegate from RYAM forwarded the form files and some maps in PDF format a week or two before the meeting. It was not possible to send them to the members of the TGIRT or to integrate them in an issues map but the animator still does a summary presentation. The animator will produce an interactive map from these form files.</p>	<p>The animator will produce an interactive map from the form files provided by RYAM and make it available to the delegates through the “members” section.</p>
b. Esthetic quality of the landscape – simulation of the visual impacts (MFFP)	<p>The MFFP planner briefly recaps the work completed to this day, including the identification of sensitive sites by the technical committee. She demonstrates, through a mapping, a simulation of the visual impacts on sensitive sites of the harvest operations scheduled for the next few</p>	

	<p>years. There are some impacts that can be expected but they remain below the established tolerance thresholds. The delegate from the mining exploration group asks how the tolerance thresholds were established. He mentions that the mining sector stakeholders face similar problems, namely with the refuse dumps. The MFFP planner refers to the work from Josée Paquet, which are available online. One of the sectors could have an impact above the tolerance threshold. For this sector, the planner anticipates choosing another harvest block as replacement. She reminds the fact that working in 2-D without considering the vegetation cover but only the relief, which is rather flat, increases the visual impact. This concludes the work regarding the analysis of the visual impacts. The only thing left to do is analyse. The on-site analysis of the main sites considered sensitive but not corridors such as VHR trails or canoe-camping routes. The planner mentions that there are already some legal dispositions regarding the road corridors but no recreational corridor has been included in the analyses. Some members mention that it would not be possible to consider all recreational roads, considering the impact on the allocations. A delegate mentions that we must use common sense on an individual basis, namely with the harmonisation measures following the public consultations. The initial question raises discussions regarding the consideration of recreational corridors in the visual framework issue, namely the resort roads. For the time being there are not actions planned or to undertake regarding these corridors.</p>	
<p>c. Public health – Proposed resolution</p>	<p>During the May meeting, the members of the TGIRT reviewed the actions taken and to take regarding the situation of the abnormally high levels of contaminants in the Turgeon Lake fish population. The animator reminds the context of the study at the time of the CRRNTBJ, the need to notify the population about the problem and who should start such action. The members also review the more recent concerns including the update of the initial study and the resolution produced by the Association des propriétaires du lac Turgeon. The animator submits a proposed solution resuming the main lines, the elements of the resolution by the Turgeon Lake property owners. The proposed resolution includes the completion of periodical follow-ups on the rates of contaminants. An observer asks about the role of the EIJBRG regarding the information of the population and the follow-up on the rates of contaminants. The members clarify the content of the proposed resolution. They hope that it would be addressed to the EIJBRG who</p>	<p>The animator will make the requested changes to the proposed resolution and forward it.</p> <p>The animator will forward the web link to the study completed in 2012 to all members of the TGIRT.</p> <p>The MFFP observer will verify with Mr. Julien Second, regarding the progress of the initiative he committed to take a few meetings ago.</p>

	will take the necessary measures to this effect. Concretely, the members ask that the population be informed and that the study be updated. A delegate mentions that the wording of the proposed resolution is complete enough and that the only thing left is to indicate the recipient of the resolution, i.e. the EIJB RG and to add an action to inform the population. The animator will amend the proposed resolution and forward it. In the meantime, the MFFP observer will consult Mr. Julien Second to find out his progress on the initiative that he committed to take a few meetings ago.	
d. Conditions of execution of the return to production work (Rexforêt)	The topic was discussed under the “correspondence” item.	
6. Map of the multi-purpose roads including bridges	The animator presents the interactive map of multi-purpose roads and explains how to submit an amendment.	
7. 2018-2023 PAFIT (MFFP)	The members review the 2018-2023 PAFIT for FMU 085-51. The delegates are invited to submit their comments, if any, by November 30, 2018.	
8. 2018-2023 PAFIO amendment (MFFP)	Amendments will be made to the 2018-2023 PAFIO. Consultations will be held in January.	
9. 2019 schedule of meetings	The 2019 schedule includes 4 series of meetings. The animator asks the participants to choose one week in each series that seems more appropriate. The members mention some restrictions, especially at the end of June, which corresponds to the beginning of school and early September which corresponds to the back-to-school period. The animator notes the limitation and will present a proposed schedule after consulting all TGIRTs.	
10. Information items and delegate requests		
11. Adjournment	The meeting is adjourned at 12:30 PM.	On a motion by Mrs. Sylvie Mailhot, duly seconded by Mr. Guy Lamoureux, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiaries of a supply guarantee
TGIRT:	Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
CRM:	County Regional Municipality
PAFIO:	Operational Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PAFIT:	Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PMU:	Emergency Measures Plan
FMU:	Forest Management Unit