

TGIRT-EIJB Valcanton Villebois FMU 85-51

Minutes of the **FIFTEENTH MEETING**

Held on June 20, 2019 in the conference room of the Villebois municipal offices



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d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James
Eeyou Istchee James Bay
Regional Government

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Présences à la rencontre du 20 juin 2019



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Délégués et substituts

Groupe d'utilisateurs	Délégué	Présence	Substitut	Présence
Chef de la communauté et/ou maire et/ou président de localité	Nelson Tremblay	x	Claudine Desgagné	
	André Élliott			
BGA	Guy Lamoureux	x	Marie-Ève Sigouin	
	Félix Guay	x		
PRAU	Sylvie Grenier		Stéphanie Boulianne	
	Manon Luneau			
Pourvoirie	Stéphanie Crête			
Locataire à des fins agricoles	Jean-Christophe Picard			
Maître de trappe/Titulaire de permis de piégeage/Associations locales de trappeurs	James Cananasso			
	Thomas Stevens			
Environnement et Eau	Barbara Hester			
Entreprises sylvicoles	Johnny Dubé			
Travailleurs forestiers (usine)	Frédéric Audet			
Travailleurs forestiers (forêt)				
Groupe de travail conjoint	Wayne Cheezo			
Développement économique local	Sylvie Mailhot			
Produits forestiers non ligneux				
Véhicule hors route	Raymonde Tremblay			
Villégiateurs	Gérald Racine	x		
Industrie minière exploitation	Lucienne Anctil			
Industrie minière exploration				
Tourisme/récréation en forêt/culture				
Chasseurs/pêcheurs/observateurs faunique				
Énergie/biomasse	Alain Brodeur			
Groupes jeunesse	Jennifer Boucher			
Groupes de femmes	Manon Tremblay			
Goupes aînés	Claudine Desgagné			

Observateurs, invités

Organisme	Observateur, invité	Présence
GREIBJ	Martin Filion (animateur)	x
	Johanne Morasse	
MFFP-Forêt	Isabelle Fortin	x
MFFP-Faune	Julien Second	
Gouvernement de la Nation Crie	Stéphane Ouellet	
Administration régionale Baie-James		
MFFP-Planificatrice	Elaine Cyr	x
MFFP	Sonia Légaré (point 6)	x
Rayonier advanced materials	Patrick Paiement	

Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence	
Présence par téléphone	
Absence	

TGIRT-EIJB VILLEBOIS-VALCANTON FIFTEENTH MEETING

1. Call to order, introductions

The animator welcomes all participants to this fifteenth meeting of the Valcanton-Villebois TGIRT-EIJB. He asks the participants to introduce themselves.

2. Reading and approval of the agenda

The animator reads the agenda. At items 7 and 8, it should state that it is Mrs. Isabelle Fortin who does the presentations and not Mr. Gabriel Rheault.

On a motion by Mr. Félix Guay, duly seconded by Mr. Guy Lamoureux, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda with the requested correction.

3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 2019

The animator review the minutes and pays a particular attention to the decisions and follow-up items.

The MFFP guest asks for her name to be corrected at several locations. A delegate considers the minutes too long to read. The MFFP observer notices that her name appears several times in the minutes when it was not the case in the previous ones. The animator explains the rule to determine when to write the name of the people in the minutes and when not to. He will remove the names of the members in some locations of the minutes and will pay a specific attention to this in the future.

On a motion by Mr. Félix Guay, duly seconded by Mr. Guy Lamoureux, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes with the requested changes.

4. Correspondence

a) Resignation of Mr. Michel Jégou from the seat of delegate of the vacationers group

The animator presents the letter of resignation from Mr. Michel Jégou. He will be replaced by Mr. Gérald Racine as delegate of the vacationers group.

b) MFFP mapping showing the closure of a bridge on Trudelle Lake

The observer provides some details on the closure of a bridge which can no longer support the loads and has deteriorated. The animator will add it to the interactive map of the roads.

c) EIJBURG resolution on the water quality of Turgeon Lake

The animator mentions the decision items and provides some clarifications who will take the various concrete actions. The EIJBURG will send several letters in the near future.

d) MDDEFP correspondence to Johanne Morasse regarding the water quality of Turgeon Lake

The animator provides a context for this correspondence. A question at the origin of this letter was to know who should inform the population, i.e. the CRSSS, the MDDEFP or the ministère de la Sécurité publique. The delegates wonder who should do the studies mentioned in this correspondence and where do the funds come from? Several organisations who should be involved are passing the buck and the file is not advancing. The delegate from the vacationers group suggests that the Turgeon Lake cottage owners group should take the lead on this file. The question remains where the funds would come from. The other delegates support this initiative. The delegate from the vacationers group will produce specifications to establish the cost of such a study and return to the TGIRT with more details to this effect. The delegates express a sense of urgency that the file advances. A connection between the various ministries and organisations is necessary. Meanwhile, the animator will ask the Director General of the EIJBRC to send a letter to the Regional Director of Wildlife at the MFFP to ask for the completion of such a study. To get back to the contamination of the meat of the fish, a delegate mentions that this contamination is mostly present in the large fish but not in the small ones. However, according to the rules imposed by the MFFP, we are forced to eat the most polluted fish.

e) Report on mining exploration and sampling at Turgeon Lake

At the request of Mr. Michel Jégou at the last meeting of the TGIRT, the animator mentions a mining exploration report prepared at Turgeon Lake. However, there is not link between this report and the public health issue discussed previously.

5. Aesthetic quality of the landscape – Response from the technical committee

As planned, the technical committee held a meeting and the objectives of this meeting were reached. The mapping was clarified and the interactive map available in the members section was updated. The members can consult the report and the proposed VOIC sheet. The mapping is displayed on screen and the animator makes some links with the conditions proposed in the VOIC sheet. The members pay attention to the location of the sites of interest on the interactive map, especially Polson beach and the Turgeon Lake station.

Despite a persisting ambiguity regarding the exact location of the station, the delegates consider this clarification rather good and agree to keep the interactive map as it is. However, analyses have already been made on slightly different locations but the delegates agree not to change anything. On a motion by Mr. Gérald Racine, duly seconded by Mr. Nelson Tremblay, it is unanimously agreed to approve the mapping of sensitive sites and the proposed VOIC sheet and that these elements be the subject of a VOIC sheet on the quality of landscapes as part of the PAFIT 2018-2023.

6. Access lane management plan

- a) Values mapping**
- b) Regional technical committee**

Mrs. Sonia Légaré, biologist at the MFFP and person in charge of the regional files related to the woodland caribou and the access management. Mrs. Légaré mentions the objective of her presentation. She explains that the development of the road network has the largest impact on the woodland caribou habitat, namely because it helps predators travel and locate their prey. She mentions the steps to be anticipated in the work of the regional technical committee, i.e. establishing the values related to the roads and then establishing

the criteria that could justify the road closures. We could also establish a zoning based on the road closure needs and then propose the closure of some roads. They wish to solicit the participation of delegates and identify the people who could take part in order to cover as broadly as possible all the territories of the TGIRT and all the different groups of users and stakeholders. It is not necessary to have an expertise in the forestry field to be part of the committee. They are aiming for a maximum of 10-12 members in order to optimise the discussions and complete the mandate. The persons interested are invited to mention it to the animator by the end of the summer. They are expecting to start the work in the fall. We can expect that the technical committee will report on a regular basis to the TGIRTs since, if there are actions to take, they will be taken by the TGIRTs.

7. Follow-up report on the comments of the PAFIO public consultation from January 28 to February 22, 2019

This item is discussed before item 6. The MFFP guest mentions that a public consultation was held in January 2019 and that a report was produced. Regarding the territory of FMU 085-51, two comments were received. One was issued by the UQAT to ensure that the research devices. Another comment was issued by a resident and includes three requests. The MFFP will contact the resident directly to agree on certain measures. In regards to a request from the resident and the public health issue, a delegate asks to pay a particular attention to the harvest operations near lakes and watercourses. However, for the time being, we do not have the knowledge about the causes of the contamination of Turgeon Lake. The future studies will have the purpose of targeting the causes but, at this time, the MFFP will not apply more restrictive measures than what is already included in the RADF.

8. Variance management grid

The MFFP observer mentions that a request was submitted to the MFFP by a BGA from Chibougamau to add an element in the variance management grid. She mentions that the request is to state that the road closure process on all the permanent watercourses where there is no harmonisation issue can be part of the variance management grid in order to facilitate the closure of roads that must follow the public consultation procedure. This would have the effect of exempting the road closure from the TGIRT consultations and the public consultations. The members discuss the more specific and operational aspects of this request. The animator mentions the benefits and disadvantages of this request. For the MFFP observer, while the TGIRT could be comfortable with this request, there will be discussions at the MFFP before following up on this request.

A delegate suggests submitting this type of request to the technical committee since it is related to the closure of roads. Another delegate considers that such a request should be considered in a broader context and not only slipped into a variance management grid. However, he sees a benefit to reducing the restrictions and delays related to the use of removable structures. Another delegate agrees.

9. Miscellaneous

a) Signage around km 60 on the Selbaie Road regarding a bridge washed out by flooding

A delegate would like to discuss the situation at Km 63 of the Selbaie Road where a culvert was washed out by flooding. He asks if it would be relevant to put some signage to notify the users. The MFFP observer mentions that the SDBJ is planning to put some signage. A culvert with a capacity of 1500 will be installed instead of 1200 like the former culvert. In addition, the Rexforêt corporation will be mandated to take care of the beaver since the break of a beaver dam would be the cause. The installation of the new culvert could benefit from a program aimed at the mining sector.

b) FSC monitoring audits

A delegate informs the members that the monitoring audits begun on June 10.

10. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 12:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on August 29, 2019 in Beaucanton.

On a motion by Mr. Félix Guay, duly seconded by Mr. Guy Lamoureux, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
BMMB:	Wood marketing board
COMEV:	Evaluation Committee responsible for examining the preliminary information provided by the promoter of a project located in the territory under the jurisdiction of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) and located south of the 55 th parallel
CRSSS:	Regional health and social services centre
CRV:	Variable retention logging
FHVC:	Forest with a high conservation value
CNG:	Cree Nation Government
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
MDDEFP:	Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement de la Faune et des Parcs
PADF:	Sustainable Forest management Program
PAFIT:	Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PAFIO:	Operational Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PFNL:	Non-wood forest products
PRAN:	Annual scheduling
PRAU:	Harvest permit to supply a mill
RADF:	Sustainable Forest Management Regulations
SÉPAQ:	Société des établissements de plein air du Québec
SOPFEU:	Société de protection des forêts contre le feu
TGIRT:	Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel
UQAC:	Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
VHR:	Off-road vehicles
VNR:	Non-harvested volumes
VO:	Value, objective
VOIC:	Value, objective, indicator, target
ATV:	All-terrain vehicle