

# TGIRT-EIJB Valcanton Villebois FMU 85-51

## Minutes of the **SEVENTEENTH MEETING**

Held on December 12, 2019 in the conference room of the Villebois municipal building



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

**APPROVED ON: DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

# ATTENDING

## Delegates:

Mrs.	Claudine Desgagné	-	Locality of Valcanton
Mrs.	Sylvie Mailhot	-	Local Economic Development
Mr.	Guy Lamoureux	-	RYAM
Mr.	Félix Guay (by telephone)	-	Norbord
Mr.	Johnny Dubé	-	Silviculture businesses group
Mr.	Noel Bergeron	-	Vacationers group

## Observers:

Mrs.	Isabelle Fortin	-	MFFP
Mrs.	Johanne Morasse (from 10:40 AM)	-	EIJBRG
Mr.	Martin Fillion (animator)	-	EIJBRG

## Guests:

Mrs.	Elaine Cyr (planner)	-	MFFP
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## SEVENTEENTH MEETING

### 1. Call to order, introductions

The meeting begins at 10:05 AM. The animator welcomes all participants and asks them to introduce themselves. After, he reminds the procedure to access the members section of the EIJB website.

### 2. Reading and approval of the agenda

The animator reads the agenda. It is asked to remove the item regarding the mixed stand management strategy and directions on the wildlife habitats since this item applies specifically on the territory subject to the Paix-des-Braves agreement. It is asked to add an item under Miscellaneous:

- Maintenance of a protection strip along the watercourses

*On a motion by Mrs. Claudine Desgagnés, duly seconded by Mrs. Sylvie Mailhot, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda with the requested modifications.*

### 3. Operational rules – Approval of the minutes

The animator informs the members that, from now on, the observers and delegates will be able to propose and second the approval of the minutes of a previous meeting, at the condition of being present at that meeting. The animator takes advantage of this item to inform the members that the operational rules will be updated after the Holidays. This can be clarified in the new operational rules. An observer states that a priority will be given to the delegates. The members ask to have this added in the operational rules of all TGIRTs.

*List this new clause regarding the approval of the minutes in the operational rules of all TGIRTs.*

### 4. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on June 20, 2019

The animator reviews the minutes and pays a particular attention to the decisions and follow-up items. The animator takes advantage of this item to announce the implementation of a regional technical committee for the development of an access road management plan according to a request from the Matagami TGIRT at the last meeting. A delegate asks to consider in this committee the work in progress regarding the Détour herd. The observer asks for the addition of an item “Caribou forum” to establish a link with this item.

*At item 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> line and in the acronyms, it is requested to replace “UQAC” by “UQAT”. At item 9, first line, it is requested to replace “bridge” by “culvert”. The same correction is requested at the 4<sup>th</sup> line. On a motion by Mr. Guy Lamoureux, duly seconded by Mr. Félix Guay, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes with the requested corrections.*

### 5. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on August 29, 2019

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

*On a motion by Mrs. Isabelle Fortin, duly seconded by Mrs. Elaine Cyr, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.*

### 6. Correspondence

There is no correspondence for this meeting.

## **7. Follow-up on the issues**

The animator states that it is a statutory item. He displays the latest update and reviews the various issues. The issue of territorial equity could become obsolete following the anticipated announcement of a proximity forest further in the agenda. It is the same for the issue to recognize the distinctive nature of the Abitibi Ouest CRM as a PRAU. Regarding the public health issue, the animator mentions that the Lebel-sur-Quévillon and Waswanipi TGIRTs also wish to register in the actions agreed and taken to this day. Regarding the terms of execution of the return to production work, the issue was well developed and actions were undertaken with Rexforêt. The questions asked to the State corporation and the MFFP were answered to the satisfaction of the TGIRT members. A delegate mentions that the topic is very relevant and very important. In fact, the discussions occur regularly at the operational tables. The safety and economy aspects are highly important. The animator asks the delegates if they wish to work on some issues of the grid during this meeting. At the request of a delegate, the animator explains the color codes, namely the yellow boxes that are proposed wordings waiting to be approved. For example, at the last issue, at the request of the animator, the delegates agree to approve the yellow box.

*For the issue related to the terms of execution of the return to production work, the delegates unanimously approve the means that aims to be able to be informed of the variance requests and agreements that could compromise the effective completion of the site preparation work.*

## **8. 2018-202 PAFIO modification**

The MFFP planner presents the modifications to the PAFIO for FMU 85-51. She displays her own map in ArcGIS format and details the amendments to the PAFIO that will be the subject of public consultations expected in January 2020. In fact, an information evening is scheduled for January 20. Among the modifications there is recovery work in the stands affected by the mealybug. We still cannot clarify the work that will be done and the area but we can expect to have to cut everything with reforestation in the hopes of recovering the usable wood. It is the only harvest area that is added. The planner also presents the silviculture work that is added.

## **9. Mixed stand management strategy and directions on wildlife habitats**

This item is removed from the agenda.

## **10. Modified PAFIT table of contents**

The MFFP planner summarises the modifications made to the PAFIT table of contents. She invites the members to consult the various sections of this table of contents and make their comments if any. This step is part of the consultation process which includes a consultation of the TGIRTs. It is now time to launch the public consultations on the PAFITs, starting on January 6, 2020. The PAFIT does not include maps but is listed at the strategy level. The observer provides additional information and suggests sharing the public notices related to these consultations on the EIJBORG website.

## **11. Announcement of a proximity forest**

The MFFP planner informs the members that a pilot project for a proximity forest was authorised in the Abitibi Ouest territory. As early as 2020, all the planning will be done by the CRM and the MFFP support will be given through the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region. The affected territory corresponds to the portion of FMU 85-51 located in region 8. Returning to the issues, the planner considers that the request to recognise a PRAU becomes obsolete. The forest potential for this territory will be established in the form of a determination. A fairer calculation will be established by the FEC starting in 2023. This territory will also have its own TGIRT. Regarding the forest planning, a transition will take place regarding the completion and follow-up of the silviculture work. The planner asks if the affected issues become obsolete. The animator displays the issues grid and asks the delegates if they wish to remove the two affected issues from the grid.

*On a motion by Mr. Félix Guay, duly seconded by Mr. Guy Lamoureux, it is unanimously agreed to remove from the grid the two issues that are to ensure a territorial equity and to recognise the distinctive territory of the Abitibi Ouest CRM as a PRAU.*

## **12. Proposed schedule of meetings for 2020**

The animator submits a proposed schedule of TGIRT meetings for the year 2020. For the VVB TGIRT, the three meetings are scheduled for February 20, June 18 and December 10. This is satisfactory for all members.

## **13. 2019-2020 schedule of seminars of the Canadian Forest Service**

The EIJBRG observer presents the schedule of seminars of the Canadian Forest Service. She mentions that it is now easier to remotely attend the presentations of the Canadian Forest Service. She invites the persons interested to register on the mailing list of the organisation through a web link appearing on the schedule.

## **14. Miscellaneous**

### **a) Maintenance of a protection strip along the watercourses**

A delegate asks that, during the harvest operations, the operators do not go too close to watercourses or bodies of water. The animator displays the interactive map regarding the issue of the aesthetic quality of the landscape and mentions the terms included, namely around Turgeon Lake. The planner makes some clarifications and explains the consideration of this issue in the forest planning.

### **b) Caribou forum**

The MFFP observer informs the members that there is a regional operational group to discuss the anticipated strategy for the reestablishment of the woodland caribou. The Détour herd that covers a portion of FMU 85-51 is the subject of work and discussion for the past several years in cooperation with Ryam, the community of Pikogan and other stakeholders, including some that are established in Ontario. In early December a forum was organised in cooperation with the community of Pikogan so the people from Ontario and Quebec could meet and discuss this issue. Two-thirds of the herd is in Ontario and the last third is in Quebec. The observer lists the various stakeholders involved in this forum. It brought good results with allowed to set up the foundation for a strategy to re-establish the habitat of this species. The members ask questions regarding the condition of this herd and its maintenance.

## **15. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 12:15 PM. The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2020.

*On a motion by Mrs. Claudine Desgagné, duly seconded by Mr. Johnny Dubé, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.*

## ACRONYMS

FEC:	Chief Forester
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
PAFIT:	Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PAFIO:	Operational Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PRAU:	Harvest permit to supply a mill
FMU:	Forest Management Unit
UQAC:	Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
UQAT:	Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue