

# TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish

FMU 85-62

## Minutes of the **NINTH MEETING**

Held on November 7, 2017 in the Conference room of the Cree Trappers  
Association of Waskaganish



Eeyou Istchee James Bay  
Regional Government

**APPROVED ON: NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

# TGIRT-EIJB WASKAGANISH NINTH MEETING

<b>DATE:</b> November 7, 2017 <b>TIME:</b> 10:18 AM <b>PLACE:</b> Conference room of the Cree Trappers Association of Waskaganish	<b>ATTENDING</b> HESTER, Barbara WEISTCHE, Pearl WEISTCHE, Brenda STEVENS, Thomas MICHAUD, Luc(Tel.) TREMBLAY, Jean-François SIGOUIN, Marie-Ève (Tel.) MORASSE, Johanne	<b>ORGANISATION</b> Cree Nation of Waskaganish Land and Environment Waskaganish Cree Women Association Cree Nation of Waskaganish Community Development Cree Nation of Waskaganish Natural Resources Office Tembec GRF Abitibi-Ouest Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs - Forest Tembec GRF Abitibi-Ouest Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
<b>OBSERVERS</b> <b>GUESTS</b> <b>ANIMATOR</b>		

ITEMS	RESULTS OR DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS
1. Call to order	The meeting is called to order at 10:18 AM on November 7, 2017.	On a motion by Mr. Luc Michaud, duly seconded by Mrs. Pearl Weistche, it is unanimously agreed to call the meeting to order on November 7, 2017 at 10:18 AM.
2. Reading and approval of the agenda for November 7, 2017.	Mrs. Morasse reviews the items on the agenda.	On a motion by Mr. Luc Michaud, duly seconded by Mrs. Brenda Weistche, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as read.
3. Reading and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on September 5, 2017.	<p>Mrs. Morasse reviews the minutes of the meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish held on September 5, 2017. The following corrections are requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the attendance list, replace the first name “Caroline” by “Karalynn” and “Waskaganish Cree Environment Authority” by “Cree Nation of Waskaganish Land and Environment”;</li> <li>• At item 4, replace the name “Caroline Dixon” by “Karalynn Blackned” and completely remove the third paragraph of page 3. Also replace “at the next meeting” by “at a future meeting” in the Decisions column of page 3.</li> <li>• At item 9, replace “26-64 and 26-62” by “85-62”.</li> </ul>	On a motion by Mrs. Pearl Weistche, duly seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hester, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as presented with the requested amendments.
4. Follow-up of the meeting held on November 30, 2016	<p>Mrs. Caroline Dixon submitted to Mr. Thomas Stevens the request from the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish regarding the GPS location of some very cumbersome pilings of logging debris. The MFFP needs this information to analyse the feasibility of reducing these pilings by burning or other methods.</p> <p>Mrs. Johanne Morasse informs the participants that the work to replace culverts in the A4 trap line are completed and that the clearing work on a section of R-1036 road leading to the Samson River remain to be done.</p>	<p>Mr. Thomas Stevens will send the GPS location of the cumbersome pilings of logging debris to the MFFP before the next meeting.</p> <p>The EIJBRCG will complete the clearing work on a section of R-1036 road before the end of February 2018.</p>

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	<p>Mr. Jean-François Tremblay informs the members that an experimental device was implanted in FMU 85-51 in order to find solutions to the paludification problem. This device includes a larch plantation. The members indicate that the larch is use by some craftspeople of the Cree community of Waskaganish and that an experimental plantation of larch in FMU 85-62 would be welcome. The craftspeople of Waskaganish also use other tree species such as the black ash and the white birch that are difficult to find around the community. Thus, the members ask if the MFFP could plant larch, black ash and white birch near Waskaganish. Mr. Jean-François Tremblay specifies that Waskaganish is not located in the commercial forest under development and that a special project would be required for the MFFP to invest in a plantation outside the FMU near Waskaganish. Nevertheless, the members propose to ask the MFFP to plant these three species in the northernmost portion of the commercial forest along the James Bay Highway, namely where there were recent forest fires.</p> <p>Regarding the commitment of the MFFP to perform a follow-up with the panel when the wildlife terms are applied in FMU 85-62, Mr. Jean-François Tremblais informs the members that the verifications were made using aerial photographs from 2010 and the riparian strips of the logging blocks near Roger Lake respects the width of 20m.</p> <p>Regarding the VO "Optimisation of the forest road network", a telephone meeting of the technical committees – roads of the 9 TGIRT-EIJB was held as planned on September 15, 2017. Four themes were discussed: road construction, closure and maintenance and beaver control. Regarding the road construction, this aspect is taken in charge by the MFFP through the PAFIO. While a road closure procedure is in effect, it was agreed that future road closure requests should be addressed before they are built (ex.: during the PAFIO consultations) and mainly for winter roads. Thus, Mr. Luc Michaud states that the PAFIO 85-62 consultation, scheduled on the agenda, would be the appropriate time to submit a request for road closures included in the plan. Regarding the road maintenance, it is taken over by the industries when they have work in progress. However, the members agreed to send their forest road path files that are important to maintain in good condition even in the absence of industrial work. This map of priority multi-resources roads will be presents at the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish to agree on the priority locations in the event of some investment programs for the repair of these roads. It was also strongly suggested to agree on a long-term strategy to control the beaver population and its work that cause damages to the roads before even investing in the repair of roads.</p>	<p>The MFFP will inform the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish on the follow-up of this experimentation on paludification as soon as it is possible to do so. On a motion by Mrs. Pearl Weistche, duly seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hester, it is unanimously agreed to ask the MFFP to add an experimental larch plantation site near Waskaganish or in FMU 85-62. In addition, on a motion by Mrs. Pearl Weistche, duly seconded by Mrs. Brenda Weistche, it is unanimously agreed to ask the MFFP to reforest burnt sites along the James Bay Highway with larch, black ash and white birch.</p> <p>(Continuous) The MFFP will do a follow-up at the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish when the wildlife terms are applied in FMU 85-62.</p> <p>At a future meeting, the EIJB RG will present the map of roads to prioritise for their maintenance when investment programs for this type of work is in effect.</p>

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	<p>The Joint Working Group and the TGIRT-EIJB Category II lands, in cooperation with Mrs. Sophie Dallaire of the MFFP, are currently performing a planning exercise that will be used among others to provide the necessary clarifications (wildlife management guidelines) for the following steps in the analysis of the wildlife VOs with the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish. The VOs approved by the panel will then be submitted to the Cree Quebec Forestry Board (CCQF) and included afterward in the PAFIT.</p> <p>Mrs. Marie-Ève Sigouin informs the members that the caribou conservation plan was presented to the Council of the Cree Nation Government and will be presented to the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish as soon as possible. However, The main elements of the woodland caribou plan will be added to the 2018-2023 PAFIT of FMU 85-62 and will be able to be consulted online on the MFFP website.</p> <p>In the absence of Mr. Julien Second of the MFFP, the follow-up on the moose aerial inventory report in FMU 85-62 is postponed to the next meeting.</p> <p>Following the request from the panel, the MFFP produced the statistical data charts regarding the ecological issues applies to FMU 85-62. Maps showing the limits of the trap lines were also added to the document. The members reiterate the request that the limits of the trap lines be also added to the PAFIO and PAFIT maps.</p>	<p>The TGIRT-EIJB Category II lands will hold its next meeting in mid-November 2017. During this meeting the development of a wildlife strategy (fish, moose, small game) will be discussed with Mrs. Sophie Dallaire and this work will begin with the Category II lands.</p> <p>Tembec will present the caribou conservation plan at a future meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish.</p> <p>The MFFP Wildlife will do a follow-up on the moose aerial inventory report in FMU 85-62 at the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish.</p> <p>A request will be made to Mrs. Christine Morin of the MFFP so the lines marking the limits of the trap lines are added to the PAFIO and PAFIT maps. In addition, Mr. Jean-François Tremblay will send the map form files to Mrs. Barbera Hester.</p>
<p>5. Correspondence Information      Wetlands project</p>	<p>Mrs. Marie-Ève Sigouin informs the members about a knowledge acquisition project on wetlands that is currently presented by TEMBEC in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited Canada and searchers from several Canadian universities. The goal of this project is mainly to better understand the operations of the wetlands in order to adapt human interventions, such as road constructions, in order to minimise the impact on the environment. A better understanding of what defines each type of wetland (ex.: shrub or treed bog) can be important for the choice of location of planned roads to last a long time while avoiding a disturbance of sensitive wetlands. The members ask if Cree trappers took part in the data collection on wetlands. Mrs. Sigouin responds that up to this point, there has been no involvement from the native communities but that they would be very open to start discussions regarding the traditional knowledge about wetlands.</p>	<p>A representative of the Cree Trappers Association of Waskaganish will send the contact information of tallyman for trap line N8, Mr. Charly Diamond, to Mrs. Marie-Ève Sigouin for the collection of traditional information on wetlands.</p>

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6. Presentation by the MFFP 2018-2023 PAFIO	Mr. Jean-François Tremblay presents the 2018-2023 PAFIO of FMU 85-62. He specifies that the members have until November 17, 2017 to send their comments or harmonisation requests to the EIJBRG.	The members have until November 17, 2017 to send their comments or harmonisation requests to the EIJBRG.
7. Presentation of the new TGIRT guide	Mr. Jean-François Tremblay informs the members that the new TGIRT guide is available on the MFFP website in French only for the time being.	Mr. Jean-François Tremblay will verify with the MFFP to know if there exists an English version of the new TGIRT guide and will inform the panel on this issue at the next meeting.
8. Presentation by the MFFP, follow-up on the "Ecological issues of the 2018-2023 PAFIT".	Mr. Jean-François Tremblay presents the amendments made to the "Ecological issues of the 2018-2023 PAFIT for FMU 85-62" following the comments made by members of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish during the presentation by Mrs. Sophie Dallaire on September 5, 2017. He presents the statistical and mapping data of the ecological issues applied to FMU 85-62.	
9. Local issues, concerns, VOIC of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish	No other issue was raised besides the supply of black ash, larch and white birch near Waskaganish or in FMU 85-62.	The MFFP will analyse this request and inquire if it can be translated into a VO.
10. Approval of the 2018 schedule of meetings of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish	The members agree to approve the schedule of meetings of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish as presented with a change of date from May 1 to May 31, 2018.	On a motion by Mrs. Barbara Hester, duly seconded by Mrs. Pearl Weistche, it is unanimously agreed to approve the 2018 schedule of meetings of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish, as proposed.
11. Miscellaneous		
11.1 Project to build a campground near Waskaganish	Mrs. Brenda Weische presents, with the assistance of a map and a resolution from the Cree Council of Waskaganish the project to build a campground near Waskaganish. The proposed site is located north of km 22 of the Waskaganish road.	On a motion by Mrs. Brenda Weistche, duly seconded by Mrs. Pearl Weistche, it is unanimously agreed to support the project to build a campground at km 22 of the Waskaganish road.
11.2 Contaminated drinking water - R1A	The members raise a concern regarding the contaminated drinking water site located in trap line R1A near km 324 of the James Bay Highway.	Mr. Jean-François Tremblay will do a follow-up on this file at the next meeting.
11.3 Repair of the Muskuchii road	Mr. Thomas Stevens informs the panel that Nikamoon may be interested in participating in the repairs of the Muskuchii road.	The EIJBRG will contact Mr. Ernest Moses about the possible participation of Niskamoon in the Muskuchii road repair project.
12. Adjournment	The members are asked to list the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Waskaganish on their agenda. It will be held on February 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM.	On a motion by Mr Luc Michaud, duly seconded by Mr. Thomas Stevens, it is unanimously agreed to

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	The meeting is adjourned on November 7, 2017 at 1:15 PM.	adjourn the meeting on November 7, 2017 at 1:15 PM.