

TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi

FMU 26-65, 86-66, 87-63 and 87-64

Minutes of the **NINTH MEETING**

Held on November 1, 2017 in Room 233 of the Cree First Nation building in Waswanipi



Eeyou Istchee James Bay
Regional Government

APPROVED ON: FEBRUARY 14TH, 2018

TGIRT-EIJB WASWANIPI NINTH MEETING

DATE:	November 1, 2017	ATTENDING	ORGANISATION
TIME:	10:11 AM	DIXON, Paul	Cree Trappers Association of Waswanipi
PLACE:	Room 233 of the Cree First Nation building in Waswanipi	FILLION, Julie	Produit forestier Résolu
		RAICHE, Julie	Métanor
		BLACKSMITH, Georgette	Joint Working Group
		BÉCHARD, Amélie	Eacom
OBSERVERS		AZEGUE, Rostand	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs - Forest
		LEMIEUX, Nicolas	Cree Nation Government
		FILION, Martin (Tel.)	James Bay Regional Administration
		SECOND, Julien	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs – Wildlife
GUESTS		ARÈS, Michel	Cree Trappers Association of Waswanipi
		DALLAIRE, Sophie	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs – Forest
ANIMATOR		MORASSE, Johanne	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government

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1. Call to order	The meeting is called to order on November 1, 2017 at 10:11 AM.	On a motion by Mrs. Julie Fillion, duly seconded by Mrs. Julie Raiche, it is unanimously agreed to call the meeting to order at 10:11 AM on November 1, 2017.
2. Reading and approval of the agenda for November 1, 2017.	Mrs. Morasse reviews the items on the agenda.	On a motion by Mrs. Julie Raiche, duly seconded by Mrs. Julie Fillion, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as presented.
3. Reading and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on August 28, 2017.	Mrs. Morasse reviews the minutes. It was asked to add an "I" to the surname of Mrs. Julie Fillion. It was also asked to add the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph of item 4: "The members agree that the other 2 affected TGIRT-EIJB (Matagami and LSQ) will be consulted on this issue."	On a motion by Mrs. Georgette Blacksmith, duly seconded by Mrs. Julie Fillion, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as amended.
4. Follow-up on the meeting held on August 28, 2017.	Mrs. Morasse reviews the items of the minutes that required a follow-up: Mr. Nicolas Lemieux informs the panel that Mr. Steven Blacksmith will prepare a memo to ask for a resolution of the Council of the Cree Nation of Waswanipi regarding the proposal not to move the FMU 86-66 toward the TGIRT-EIJB Matagami, but instead to move FMUs 86-64 et 86-65 of that panel toward the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi along with FMU 87-62 of the TGIRT-EIJB Lebel-sur-Quévillon. This will ensure the participation of the members of the community of Waswanipi in the meetings of the panel near Waswanipi. This request will be submitted to the	The proposal from the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi regarding the allocation of FMU 86-64, 86-65 (TGIRT-EIJB-Matagami) and FMU 87-62 (TGIRT-EIJB Lebel-sur-Quévillon) to the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi, will be discussed at the next Council meeting of the Cree Nation of Waswanipi. Mr. Nicolas Lemieux will give a follow-up on this file at the next meeting of the panel.

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	<p>Executive Director of the Cree Council of Waswanipi, Mr. Jonathan Sutherland, to be presented at the Council meeting on November 7, 2017. This resolution of the Council of Waswanipi will then be forwarded to the EIJBRG Council.</p> <p>Objective 2.102 “Maintaining the productivity of forest ecosystems subject to paludification” is currently being treated by a working committee at the MFFP.</p> <p>Regarding the VO “Optimisation of the forest road network”, a telephone meeting of the roads technical committees of the 9 TGIRT-EIJB took place as anticipated on September 15, 2017. Four themes were discussed: construction, closure and maintenance of the roads and beaver control. Regarding the road construction, this aspect is the responsibility of the MFFP through the PAFIO. While a road closure procedure is in effect, it was agreed that the future road closure requests would be addressed before they are build (ex.: during the PAFIO consultations) and mainly for winter roads. Regarding the road maintenance, it is taken over by the industries when they have work in progress. However, the members agreed to send the forest road path files that need to be maintained in good condition even in the absence of industrial work. This map of priority multi-resources roads will be presented to the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi in order to agree on the priority locations in the event of some investment program for the repair of these roads. It was also strongly suggested to agree on a long-term strategy for the control of the beaver population and their work that cause damages to the roads even before investing in the repair of these roads.</p> <p>Mr. Paul Dixon laments the fact that the tallymen receive \$40,000/year from Niskamoon for the roads on their trap lines but, since they have a lot of difficulty in using these amounts due to restrictions imposed by this program, these amounts are often unused and returned.</p> <p>For the value “Moose population” and the objective “Maintaining or increasing the moose population”, the joint working group (GTC-Waswanipi) and the TGIRT-EIJB Category II lands, in cooperation with Mrs. Sophie Dallaire of the MFFP, are currently doing a planning exercise that will be used to provide the necessary clarifications (instructions for the wildlife development) at the following steps of the VO-wildlife with the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi. The VOs approved by the panel will then be submitted to the Cree-Quebec Council on Forestry (CCQF) and included in the PAFIT.</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>At a future meeting, the EIJBRG will present a map of the roads to prioritise for their maintenance when investment programs for this type of work will be in effect. In January 2018, Mr. Michel Ares will send to the EIJBRG the road path files that Waswanipi wishes to prioritise for maintenance. Mr. Nicolas Lemieux informs the panel on the legislation regarding the control of the beaver causing damages to the forest roads.</p> <p>The TGIRT-EIJB Category II lands will hold its next meeting in mid-November 2017. During this meeting they will be discussing the development of a wildlife strategy (fish, moose, small game) with Mrs. Sophie Dallaire and this work will begin with the Category II lands. Mr. Nicolas Lemieux will ask the CNG to have Mr. Paul Dixon attend this meeting</p>

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	<p>For the value “Conservation of the fish habitat” and the objective “Protection of the spawning beds”, the CNG is continuing its work with the Joint Working Group (GTC) of Waswanipi to collect the mapping information regarding the location of the zones where forest management for the “Protection of the spawning beds” will be prioritized.</p> <p>With the absence of Mrs. Mireille Gravel, the VO proposed by the Parks and Wildlife reserves delegate “Protection of the landscape – Visual respect of the strategic sites for tourism”, “Maintenance of the quality of water – Protection of the strategic lakes and watercourses for fishing”, “Access to the territory – Identification of a strategic network, maintenance of the access lanes, optimisation of the investments on access lanes” will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>For the value “Woodland caribou population” and the objective “Conservation of the caribou”, the team at the MFFP with Mrs. Sonia Légaré continues their work and the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi will be consulted when the caribou conservation plan is produced.</p> <p>Mr. Michel Arès reiterates that the development on an area of 10 km², where there will always be a minimum of 50% of trees of 7m or more in height, continues for the VO “Development of the wildlife habitats” and “In respect of the Paix des Braves, implement the planning and response terms favouring the wildlife management within the 25% for the sable and small game”. This process is based on the study on the quality of habitat of the Bourgeois sable on the Category I lands.</p> <p>For the value “Maintenance of the quality of water” and the objective “Minimising the sedimentation caused by forestry operations”, the CNG continues its work with the Joint Working Group (GTC) of Waswanipi to collect the mapping information from the members regarding the location of the zones where forest developments to “Minimise the sedimentation” will be prioritised.</p> <p>Mr. Paul Dixon shares his concern regarding the “Controlled burning to meet the needs expressed by the Cree tallymen on their trap lines”. The members agree that this concern should be sent first to the Joint Working Group.</p>	<p>as guest. Mr. Michel Ares ask if he can also attend this meeting.</p> <p>Review work on the location of the spawning beds is in progress, according to the application of Amendment 6, Part C4, Section 18 to add them to the PAFIO.</p> <p>The VO submitted by the Parks and Wildlife reserves delegate will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Julien Second hopes to make a presentation on the caribou to the panel during the spring of 2018.</p> <p>Pending the management plan (prepared in cooperation with Université Laval) on an area of 10km² where there will always be a minimum of 50% of trees of 7m or more in height. Mr. Michel Arès will send the study on the sable habitat to the EIJB RG. This study applies only on the Category I lands.</p> <p>The PAFIO pre-consultation with the CNG and the GTC-Waswanipi continues with the work on identifying the zones where forest management to “minimise sedimentation” will be prioritized. This pre-consultation should conclude on November 15, 2017 and the PAFIO consultation will begin in November 2017. Mr. Paul Dixon will present the concern “Controlled burning to meet wildlife needs expressed by the Cree tallymen on their trap lines” at the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Category II lands. A follow-up on this topic will be presented at the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB</p>

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	<p>The concern “Abundance of bears created by the abundance of blueberries after logging” was not discussed at the MFFP. Solutions besides silviculture (early reforestation) can be applied (sport hunting permits with an increase in capture, guiding the blueberry harvesters to these areas, etc.).</p>	<p>Waswanipi. In progress</p>
5. Correspondence	No correspondence	
6. Presentation of the report on the public consultation	<p>Mr. Rostand Azegue states that the MFFP did not receive any comment during the public consultation. Clarifications will also be made at the next meeting regarding the requests submitted by the panel during the public consultation in July 2017, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the public consultation documents are available in English; • If it is possible to ask the MFFP to not recuperate more than 50% of the burnt forest area; • To consult the tallymen for the blocks of the Bureau de mise en marché des bois (BMMB). 	
7. Presentation by the MFFP “2018-2023 PAFIO”	<p>Mr. Azegue informs the members that this item is postponed to the next meeting since the 2018-2023 PAFIO will only be presented to the Cree community next week. He mentions that he has no issues even if the next meeting is only in February 2018. Mr. Michel Arès informs the members that the PAFIO pre-consultation with the tallymen of Waswanipi raised three main concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed stands • Disturbance level in the 25% • Location of unregistered biological sanctuaries 	
8. Presentation of the new TGIRT guide	Mr. Azegue informs the members that a new guide on the TGIRT is available on the MFFP website and on the FTP site of the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi.	
9. Presentation by the MFFP on the follow-up of the “Ecological issues of the 2018-2023 PAFIT – First part”	Mr. Azegue informs the members that Mrs. Sophie Dallaire produced a table and maps that present the statistical data of the ecological issues applied to FMU 26-65, 86-66, 87-63 and 87-64. They are available on the FTP site of the panel.	
10. Approval of the 2018 schedule of meetings of the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi	The members agree to approve the schedule of meetings of the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi as presented with a change of date from May 9 to May 14, 2018.	On a motion by Mrs. Julie Raiche, duly seconded by Mrs. Julie Fillion, it is unanimously agreed to approve the 2018 schedule of meetings of the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi with the requested

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		amendments.
11. Local issues, concerns and VOIC of the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi	Mr. Paul Dixon raises the concern that the MFFP issues permits for the construction of access roads for mining drilling operations in the residual forest and the tallymen are only informed and not consulted. Mrs. Julie Raiche explains that, for several mining companies like Métanor, it is logical to communicate directly with the tallyman before starting the work. However, it is possible that smaller corporation acted differently. Mr. Nicolas Lemieux specifies that the permit request for other purposes are filed in the “Land Register” of the affected Cree communities. The latter than has ten days to consult the affected tallymen. Mrs. Morasse states that with the new law in effect since January 2016, mining exploration companies are obligated to notify the CRM and the population that will be affected by the future work through the newspapers or directly. Mr. Paul Dixon suggests the implementation of a complaints department where all the tallymen could report the issues encountered on their trap lines.	Mr. Rostan Azegue will inquire with the Quévillon Management Unit to know the MFFP’s procedure before delivering a permit for other purposes to a mining exploration company in the residual forest. In addition, Mr. Nicolas Lemieux will inquire with the Chibougamau Management Unit on the procedures to issue permits to mining companies and will signal it to the members at the next meeting of the panel. On a motion by Mr. Paul Dixon, duly seconded by Mrs. Julie Fillion, it is unanimously agreed to mandate Mrs. Julie Raiche to obtain the presence of the Association de l’Exploration minière du Québec (AEMQ) to answer questions of the delegates on the consultation procedures in regards to the mining operation in the forest.
12. Miscellaneous	None	
13. Adjournment	The members are asked to list the next meeting of the TGIRT-EIJB Waswanipi on their agenda. It will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The meeting is adjourned on November 1, 2017 at 12:50 PM.	On a motion by Mr. Paul Dixon, duly seconded by Mrs. Julie Fillion, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting on November 1, 2017 at 12:50 PM.