

TGIRT-EIJB WASWANIPĪ

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

Minutes of the **TWELFTH MEETING**

Held on July 11, 2018 in Room 233 of the Cree First Nations in Waswanipi



Gouvernement régional
d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James
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Table de GIRT de Waswanipi

Présences aux rencontres du 11 juillet 2018



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Délégué	Présence	Substitut	Présence
Marcel Happyjack			
Amélie Bécharde		Alexandre Giard	
Félix Guay		Félix Guay	
Yan Bernard		Roch Plusquellec	
Julie Fillion		Francis Perreault	
Valérie Moses	x	Patrick Bourque	
Frédéric Laliberté		Pascal Morissette	
Denis Chiasson		Julie Boilard	
Julie Laberge		Sylvain Maltais	
Jean-Sébastien Roy	x	Derrick Neeposh	
Jean-Claude Villeneuve		Derrick Neeposh	
		Nicolas Lemieux	
		J-Claude Villeneuve	
Mireille Gravel			
Paul Dixon	x		
Johny Cooper			
Sydney Ottereyes	x		
Eli Moore			
Julie Raiche		Steven Mayrand	
Kiril Mugerman			
Pascal Tremblay			
Ryan Trapper			
Louise B. Saganash			
Jonathan Sutherland			

Observateur, invité	Présence
Martin Filion (animateur)	
Johanne Morasse	
Éric Labelle	x
Julien Second	
Stéphane Ouellet	
Marlene Ketchen	x
Mylène Forget	x

Confirmation de présence ou d'absence

Présence	
Présence par téléphone	
Absence	

TGIRT-EIJB WASWANIFI TWELFTH MEETING

ITEMS	RESULTS OR DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS
1. Call to order, introductions	The meeting is called to order at 10:15 AM.	
2. Reading and approval of the agenda	The animator reads the agenda.	On a motion by Mrs. Valérie Moses, duly seconded by Mr. Jean-Sébastien Roy, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.
3. Reading, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 2018	The minutes of the February 2018 meeting cannot be approved without the presence of at least two delegates who took part in that meeting.	The approval of the minutes of the meeting held on February 14 is postponed to a later meeting.
4. Correspondence	<p>A delegate mentions a complaint that was lodged by a trapper during the consultations held in the Abitibi region regarding FMU 084-62. The MFFP observer will verify with the MERN to determine who the delegate can contact regarding this complaint.</p> <p>The animator mentions the correspondence received namely the one from the Town of Chapais regarding a request from the ATV club Lynx du Nord to federate some trails. He explains the context of this correspondence.</p> <p>He also mentions some correspondence regarding planned mining exploration work on the TGIRT territory.</p> <p>Mr. Paul Dixon joins the meeting at 10:30 AM.</p>	
5. Issues grid	<p>The animator presents the issues grid. He mentions that this grid only groups the elements of issues that were raised by the delegates and approved by the TGIRT. He explains the colour codes and invites the delegates to approve the element in the yellow boxes if they are satisfied with the suggestions they contain or to propose something else.</p> <p>The animator touches on the first issue of the grid, which was raised by the BGA group regarding the competitiveness of the forestry industry. A delegate from the BGA group expresses her agreement with the wording of the issue. A delegate from the trappers group expresses his discomfort with the issue as a whole. He considers that the forestry industry, sustained by monetary interests searching for profits, causes serious prejudice to the forest, to wildlife and to</p>	<p>List a new issue to the grid: Balance between the economical and ecological aspects.</p> <p>The animator will reactivate the technical committee on roads with the mandate of developing a road management plan. He will add Mr. Paul Dixon on the technical committee along with Mr. Jean-Sébastien Roy. He will invite Mr. Francis Perreault. He will verify what was completed by the technical committee on the Category II lands and try to establish a linking between the two technical committees. He will</p>

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	<p>the traditional Cree way of life. Tourism would also be inconvenienced by this development model greatly conditioned by the forestry industry. In his opinion, it would be necessary to review our true respective needs and to balance the economical and environmental issues. The animator makes a distinction between profit and profitability, which was mentioned in the first need and could cause some confusion. The delegate from the trappers group agrees with the legitimate need of the wood processing mills to remain alive. However, he mentions the destructive nature of industrial activities and the bad faith of some political stakeholders who will neglect the implementation of protective measures for the woodland caribou, which are listed in the protection plan of this species. He hopes to see a better balance of the various usages since, at this time, he considers this balance nonexistent. The animator asks if such an issue, i.e. the balance between the economical and ecological aspects could be added to the grid. The delegate from the trappers group expresses his agreement and this seems to satisfy all the delegates. A representative from the BGA group mentions that there are already some wildlife and environment-related issues in the grid. She states that there is already a certain balance. The idea is not to favour some issues over others but that each element in the grid must be fully taken into consideration. The animator asks the delegate if they are satisfied with the issue regarding the competitiveness of the forestry industry as worded. All delegates are comfortable so this issue goes from yellow to white.</p> <p>The animator reviews the other issues of the grid. The delegates express their agreement with what is suggested in the yellow boxes regarding the visual landscape issue. The delegate from the trappers group mentions that there should have been an evaluation of the wildlife and habitats. He mentions that these are two separate elements. Among other things, it would be necessary to reassess the impact of management operations on the wildlife and habitats on the trap lines and the Cree sites of interest (1%). The delegate could observe a degradation of some habitats, including the moose habitat, caused by some management</p>	<p>call a meeting before November.</p>

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	<p>operations. For example, the mature wood piles left after harvest have an area that is too limited to meet the needs of a group of six moose. The animator adds that there is currently an issue being developed regarding the conservation of wildlife habitats. At first, it was only related to the moose. The animator suggests making it a broader issue regarding wildlife in general. The delegates agree. This box will therefore become white. The delegates also agree with the three means suggested. The delegate of the trappers group expresses a certain discomfort about promoting sites such as the spawning beds to ensure their protection. In his opinion, promoting a site to be protected has the indirect effect of attracting more users and causing its degradation. This is a major issue in his opinion. The animator suggests the introduction of a “buffer zone” or protective strip around the sites to protect in order to protect them without revealing their exact location. This idea is interesting for some delegates. There is however a question in knowing if the protective strip is an integral part of the site to protect and if there could still be forest management activities there. Clauses would have to be included to be able to perform forest management activities in the protective strip without revealing the location of the site to protect. A delegate suggests that the site to protect should only be known by the MFFP and that the management activities be planned according to the protection needs. The proposed solution leaves the delegates wondering and does not bring them to a solution that is acceptable to all. The animator proposes to leave the means in yellow for the time being, which seems to please the delegates.</p> <p>The animator touches on the issue regarding the quality of water and the integrity of aquatic habitats. Regarding the means suggested, the delegate from the trappers group mentions that the information is not yet available since the issue has not been addressed at this point. The boxes will remain yellow for now.</p> <p>The animator discusses the access to the territory issue. He mentions the latest developments regarding the work of the regional technical committee. There is now a preliminary mapping available and he will wait for a sign from the delegates before continuing the</p>	

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	<p>work. He repeats the various elements related to this issue. The delegate of the trappers group mentions that there is still no road management plan. He explains some of the various impacts of roads on wildlife, especially between predators and prey. The roads often tend to facilitate the travel of predators and to reduce the chances of survival of the prey. He mentions some examples, including the one of a large lake near which some major changes were observed in the behaviour of some wildlife species and in the dynamics of the populations. The animator asks the delegate if he wishes to be part of the technical committee. The delegate accepts the invitation. He wishes that the various stakeholders, including the BGAs, clearly understand the impacts of the road network development on wildlife. Therefore, there is a desire to reactivate the technical committee on multi-purpose roads and to address the issue discussed previously. The technical committee will include the TGIRTs of Waswanipi and Lebel-sur-Quévillon. A delegate asks if the committee was not already active and if there are other working groups that are processing this issue. The MFFP observer mentions that there are not internal technical committees to discuss the roads specifically but that there are committees on other issues, including the caribou, where the development of the road network development is mentioned. However, there is a committee to discuss the roads on Category II lands, on which there are some representatives of the CNG and the MFFP. This committee works namely on a VO regarding the redundancy of the road network. The animator proposes establishing a linking between the technical committee discussing the issue of roads on Category II lands and the technical committee of the TGIRT. A delegate asks if the winter roads are considered. He comes back on the impact of the development of the road network on wildlife and some major changes observed during the 20th century, including the increase of moose and the disappearance of the woodland caribous. These days, we even started seeing the first white-tailed deer. In his opinion, the changes noticed resemble a true revolution. He mentions that an increased use of the winter roads compared to permanent roads could be a possible</p>	

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	<p>solution. He believes that forestry operations should be stopped at night due to the noise. There should either not be any harvest on mountains. For him, some stakeholders have a short-term vision based on the search for profit. We must adopt a longer term vision for the good of generations to come. The development of the road network also favours other activities such as the sport hunting, which also has a considerable impact on wildlife. The animator asks if other delegates wish to be part of the technical committee on multi-purpose roads. A delegate from the BGA group mentions that PF Résolu should be a part of it. The delegate representing the Waswanipi-Nabakatuk Landholding Corporation also wishes to be a part of it. The animator will send an invitation to the members interested in a future meeting before the November meeting. He will also verify what has been done at the technical committee on the Category II lands with an attempt to link both technical committees.</p> <p>The animator discusses the issue of the harmonisation of various uses. He takes advantage of the first means listed in the grid to pass item 10. The second means listed in the grid refers to an important question for the delegate of the trappers group. He fears some consequences if some sensitive usages and sites of the territory that are maintained or used by the Cree are made public. As an example, he mentions the spawning beds. He does not wish to put this information on a map. The delegates believe that the second means should be removed from the grid. The Cree have their own means of consultation with the front line stakeholders, including the BGAs regarding sensitive sites. However, there could be a need to raise awareness among the users of the territory.</p> <p>The delegates do not have any other changes or additions to make to the issues grid.</p>	
<p>6. Presentation of the public consultation report for January and February 2018</p>	<p>The MFFP planner informs the members that the consultation report is currently available. He mentions that most comments received are related to FMU 086-66. The comments refer mostly to the areas of the Broadback and Mishigamish valley. He mentions some of the comments received with the response from the MFFP. There were no comments related directly to forest planning. The delegate from the trappers group</p>	

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	mentions that the BGAs still plan to harvest in the projected protected area. He mentions that if the BGAs operate in the area, the members of his community will block the roads and establish camps if necessary. To him, this is a major issue whose result could have historic impacts on the relations with Quebec.	
7. Consultation on the national wood production strategy	The MFFP observer briefly mentions that a public consultation is in progress regarding the project for a national wood production strategy. He mentions the ultimate goal of increasing the forest potential and states that the idea is not to harvest greater areas. He gives some indications on how to express comments as part of this consultation.	
8. Public consultation on the PAFIO 2018-2023	The MFFP observer mentions the previous steps of the consultation process and that the 5-year plan has already been presented. He mentions that FMU 87-63 and 87-64 will be the subject of a consultation process with the tallymen on July 17-18, 2018. He proposes holding a consultation at the TGIRT if the members wish to do so. He mentions the main changes made including some whose purpose is to meet the certification requirements.	
9. Information items and delegate requests		
a. Schedule of operations	This item was covered at item 5.	
b. Website	The animator mentions that the various TGIRT of EIJB each have a web page in French and in English on the EIJB website, along with a general page for all TGIRTs.	
11. Adjournment	The meeting is adjourned at 12:00 PM.	On a motion by Mr. Paul Dixon, duly seconded by Mrs. Valérie Moses, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
CNG:	Cree Nation Government
EIJB:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay
TGIRT:	Integrated of resources and land management
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MERN:	Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
FMU:	Forest Management Unit
VO:	Value, objective