

**Minutes
East Side Advisory Committee
May 9, 2003
Charter House Hotel – Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Member Attendees:

Harold Bennett	Liz Dykman	Kristin Bingeman
David Howenter	Ron Thiessen	Stu Jansson
Jerry Bilewitch	Carl Monkman	Dale Boulette
Beth McKechnie	Scott Kidd	Carl Smith
Valdie Seymour	Ted Pichor	Vince Keenan
Len Simpson	George Disbrow	Drew Gunson
Ron Funk	Al Benoit	Wade Munroe
Ed Huebert	Dawn Gratton	Fred Petrie
Anne Lindsey	Ryan Cooke	William Granger
John Sinclair	Val Wood (Garry Raven Alternate)	

Regrets:

Michael Anderson	Richard Gaywish	Leslie Anderson
Jim Johnson	Silas Sinclair	Garry Raven
Bob Bull	Marlene Monkman	Henry A. McKay
Dave Monkman	Lyle Mulholland	Glen Flett
Bob Bruneau	Lorne Williams	Patti Grapentine
Roger Venton	Sara Peloquin	Rod Demoline

Secretariat present:

Mike Waldram	Bill Anderson	Barb Hobson
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Secretariat absent: Moses Okimaw

Guests:

Caroline Bryere	Doug Peterson	Tom Nepetaypo
Cherry White	Antonio Dalpra	Ian Wight

The meeting opened with a silent prayer, Phil Fontaine called the meeting to order.

Adoption of the Minutes of February 17, 2003

- No changes to the minutes were noted.

Action Items arising from February 17, 2003

- Mike's East Side presentation attached with the information handed out.
- List of committee members from the three groups handed out with information package.

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- No copies of the COSDI Report left, provided the Website address to access the report.

A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Tom Nepetaypo and seconded by Carl Smith. Minutes adopted.

Manitoba Hydro Presentation

Wade Munroe gave a presentation on Manitoba Hydro's community meetings on the East Side of Lake Winnipeg. He announced that Manitoba Hydro has ceased all community meetings for the next couple of months to allow for the Round Table to have community meetings.

There was questions regarding the Bi-Pole 3 project and will Manitoba Hydro conduct a study of how it will affect the caribou. Manitoba Hydro is aware of the issues and will conduct studies of the caribou in the area.

Budget Update

Mike Waldram provided an update of the budget and he has requested double the amount of what was provided for the budget. The Minister is very supportive of the East Side plan and committed to ensuring the success of this initiative.

Other Items

- Dale Sobkowich was introduced as the GIS person assigned to work with this project on a half time basis.
- Interviews were conducted for a full time information person and they will begin within the week.
- The Secretariat office is now located at the VIA Rail station at 123 Main Street.
- The video will be completed in June and made available to all groups.
- Names have been submitted for the Project Managers position and the list has been short-listed.

Hollow Water Update

- Members were provided with a copy of the questions raised from Hollow Water community members. The handout will be revised to include answers and additional comments.
- The information will be made available on the Public Registry.
- Each community will be provided with a budget of \$2,000.00 for their community meeting.

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- First Nations Council members to provide a name for a community co-ordinator.
- Job description for the community co-ordinators is complete and will be made available to communities.
- Community co-ordinators will need to distribute information, arrange locations for meetings and meals and ensure the community is made aware of the meeting.
- Hollow Water trial run showed putting up posters was not enough to get the information out to the community.
- Discussion of the schedule and video for the teams to conduct community meetings.
- Community members had no idea about the COSDI Report.
- Surrounding communities invited and attended the meeting.
- Hollow Water community meeting trial run was a positive experience and the community wants to continue to be involved in the process.
- The need to get information out before hand to prepare the communities before meetings was noted
- There was a discussion about the need to hold a community meeting in Winnipeg, as well as how many Northern Affairs and non-aboriginal communities that need to be contacted.
- A question was raised about whether or not all the NGO's needed to be contacted in the same manner. A discussion followed and the following groups were asked if they required a separate meeting in each area:
 - MANITOBA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION - are willing to attend community meetings that will held in their area.
 - SNOMAN - are willing to attend meetings in their areas but ensure the information gets out to all the members.
 - MANITOBA LODGES & OUTFITTERS ASSOCIATION - Have a member that is involved as a Round Table member to ensure the information gets to all the members.
 - MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION - Locals represent the interest of the aboriginal people in their area. There was discussion on the need to work out how to deal with Aboriginal Rights.
 - MANITOBA ECO NETWORK - Willing to contact and combine all the groups for a meeting.
 - MINING ASSOCIATIONS - Yes they are willing to attend the meetings in their area.
 - FOREST INDUSTRY - They are willing to attend meetings in their area.
- A comment was made that there is a need to educate the children and youth in the area and the need to therefor have the education system and schools to become involved.

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- There is a need to educate the general public.
- A suggestion was made to have a meeting in public place to include a panel from the Round Table to discuss the East Side plan.
- Possible to take a portion out of the video to use to inform the general public of this process.
- A suggestion was made to talk to 20/20 Vision and how they conducted their community meetings and find out what did and didn't work.
- There is a need to have good maps in place to include all the updated information.

Action Items:

- **Place the maps on CD ROM format.**
- **Speak to government about what can be provided to educate the general public of this process.**
- **Find out if there is a Cottage Association that needs to be included.**
- **Research BC Initiative to find out what was successful in their plan.**

Planning Approach Perspectives Presentation

Dr. Ian Wight, an Associate Professor with the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba, gave PowerPoint presentation on different planning approaches to large area planning.

Discussion followed about the East Side process and the 1st Round is information sessions/community meetings and 2nd Round is gather all the information and process it to deliver it to government.

Elder Caroline Bruyere gave the closing prayer and the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Information distributed at the meeting:

- Planning Approach Perspectives PowerPoint Presentation
- East side Planning Initiative PowerPoint Presentation
- Hollow Water Community Meeting Draft Notes- April 15, 2003
- Manitoba Water Strategy Booklet