



East Side Planning Initiative

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Broad Area Planning

Minutes

East Side First Nations Council Meeting

Monday, December 13th, 2004

CharterHouse Hotel, 330 York at Hargrave, Winnipeg, MB

Members Present: E. Wood, J. Jack, C. Black, T. Crane, H. Moneas, Chief M. Okimaw, J. Cromarty, E. Hudson, Chief F. Harper, Chief J. Wood, Chief J. Harper, D. Markham, Dr. P. Miller, J. Ticknor, Chief D. Harper, P. Kanabee

Opening Prayer – Elder Thomas Crane

- 1. Introductions** – E. Wood – Associate Chairperson asked everyone to introduce themselves and the organization they are representing.
- 2. Status Report Recap** – E. Wood
 - Continuing with Protocol Negotiations with the Province.
 - The new East Side First Nations Council (ESFNC) will be made up of the 16 First Nations chiefs on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and/or their representatives and five (5) members including representatives of four (4) stakeholder organizations and one (1) seat for the Métis representative resident on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.
 - Minister Struthers will be joining us today to indicate what recommendations the province is moving forward on.
 - There is continual optimism; the most important element is working together and moving forward on the East Side Planning Initiative recognizing the different needs in the different areas/regions on the east side.
 - Nominations for the 5 members to the ESFNC have been put forward to the Minister and the Minister is considering them.
 - Once the ESFNC has been finalized, we are suggesting a Planning Coordination Committee similar to the Protocol Negotiating Team be formed to develop a strategic plan on where to go from here – planning, research, issues such as boreal forest, etc.
 - We also need to establish what quorum will be; how the decision making process will be undertaken and a new terms of references must be developed.
 - The Status Report has been delayed by printing problems but will be out late December or early January to all ESRT, FNC, ESAC and to the general public.

3. Response to Status Report - Minister Struthers

- Mr. Wood introduced Minister Struthers, mentioning that the minister had received the Status report with recommendations on Nov 16, 2004.
- Indicated to the minister that ESFNC appreciated his commitment and ongoing support of the East Side Planning Initiative and the Province's commitment to the process as well.

Minister Struthers' Comments – please see attached news release.

4. Terms of Reference / Discussion on Next Steps

- B. Wood distributed a draft of the terms of reference to be reviewed and discussed.

- 1) **Quorum - Motion:** Moved that a Minimum of 12 members present for quorum; 9 of the 12 must be First Nation representatives.
M/S/C.

- 2) **Independent Chairperson**
Phil Fontaine is continuing as Chairperson.

Motion: Moved that Mr. Ed Wood and Phil Fontaine be appointed as co-chairs of the ESFNC.
Ticknor/Black M/S/C.

- 3) **Planning and Coordinating Committee**

- Need a planning committee similar to the Protocol Negotiating Team to address how to proceed with Broad Area Plan.
- Have to ensure accountability.

Motion: Moved that the East Side First Nations Council establish a Planning and Coordinating Committee of five (5) ESFNC members to include the following individuals: Chief Fred Harper, Dr. Peter Miller, Henry Moneas, Joan Jack and the Métis appointee pending. Chief Wood / Chief Okimaw M/S/C.

Motion: Moved that that written records and minutes of the Planning and Coordinating Committee meetings be provided to the ESFNC.
Chief Wood / Chief Okimaw M/S/C.

- 4) a) **Priority Issues**

- Planning and Coordinating Committee to prioritize and report back.

- b) **Funding**

- Already spent 1.2 million.
- Budget – Department of Conservation has committed to \$400,000 annually.
- Budget – ESPI to provide budget to ESFNC.

- c) **Terms of Reference** – Planning and Coordinating Committee to review and recommend.

d) Independence of the Process

- Want to be arm's length from government.
- Need assurance from government.
- Ed Wood to follow up with government.

6. Expense Claims Presentation – P. Williamson, ESPI staff

Handouts – ESPI Expense claims Power Point Presentation, Guidelines on Expense Claims, Sample Expense Claim, Blank Expense Claims.

7. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

NEXT MEETING of ESFNC

February 10 and 11th, 2005
CharterHouse Hotel, Winnipeg

Planning Coordination Meeting

January 5 and 6th, 2005
CharterHouse Hotel, Winnipeg
February 9, 2005
CharterHouse Hotel, Winnipeg

ESFNC List of Motions:

2004-12-13-001 Quorum

Motion: Moved that a minimum of twelve (12) members present for quorum;
Nine (9) of the twelve (12) must be First Nation representatives.
M/S/C.

2004-12-13-002 Independent Chairperson

Motion: Moved that Mr. Ed Wood and Phil Fontaine be appointed as co-chairs of the East Side First Nation Council. Ticknor/Black M/S/C.

2004-12-13-003 Planning and Coordinating Committee Membership

Motion: Moved that the East Side First Nations Council (ESFNC) establish a Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) of five (5) ESFNC members to include the following individuals: Chief Fred Harper, Dr. Peter Miller, Henry Moneas, Joan Jack and the Métis appointee pending. Chief Jack Wood / Chief Moses Okimaw M/S/C.

2004-12-13-004 Planning and Coordinating Committee Minutes and Records

Motion: Moved that that written records and minutes of the Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) meetings be provided to the ESFNC.
Chief Jack Wood / Chief Moses Okimaw M/S/C.