

EAST SIDE LAKE WINNIPEG ROUND TABLE MEETING

Minutes

May 14 and 15, 2002 - Riel Room – Holiday Inn Airport West

Tuesday – May 14, 2002

Member Attendees:

Phil Fontaine; Paul Chief; Cherry White; Gilbert Knott; Wesley Harper; Chief Nancy Whiteway; Chief Vera Mitchell; Jim Ticknor; Sherry Dangerfield; Al Benoit; Don Courchene; Mike Martel; Ed Hubert; Don Sullivan; Ken Ellison; Helgi Einarsson; Tom Nepataypo; Peter Miller

Special Advisor:

The Right Honourable Mr. Ed Schreyer

Secretariat Members:

Mike Waldram; Bill Anderson; Dan McNaughton; Joann Hebert; Paulette Delaquis

Others in attendance:

Minister Oscar Lathlin; Serge Scrafield; Ron Missyabit; Caroline Bruyere; Scott Kidd; Bill Barto; Blair McTavish; Wendy Creed; Judith Harris; Doreen Smith

Regrets:

Peter Kinew - Elder

As well as the above mentioned individuals there were several presenters in attendance.

Opening:

The meeting opened with a welcome extended by Mr. Phil Fontaine, Chairman of the East Side Lake Winnipeg Roundtable to the Minister of Conservation, Mr. Oscar Lathlin, the Members, and others in attendance. The Minister was then asked to address the meeting.

Minister Lathlin welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for their support and participation in the exercise at hand. Mention was made that the task would be a complex one but the Minister felt the varied background that members bring with them to the table would make the job easier. Minister Lathlin relayed best wishes on the task ahead.

Members were then introduced individually.

Following these remarks, the Chairman gave a warm welcome to The Right Honourable, Mr. Ed Schreyer for his participation as Special Advisor to the exercise.

Presentation #1

**Blair McTavish, Director
Sustainable Resource Management
Manitoba Conservation**

“Draft East Side Lake Winnipeg Summary of Comments and Recommendations from Phase I Discussions”

and

“Draft East Side Round Table Terms of Reference”

Mr. McTavish gave an overview of the Summary of Comments and Recommendations from the Phase 1 discussions as well as the Terms of Reference.

Questions came from the table regarding the reason the Terms of Reference are still in draft form. Consensus was that the TOR need further development prior to being adopted by the Roundtable. It was felt to be critical that everyone know and understand the process and therefore a full discussion on the role and responsibilities of participants at the Roundtable need to be discussed prior to finalizing of the Terms of Reference.

Comments were made with regard to the number of presentations planned over the next two days. Individuals felt there were too many presentations and not enough planning.

Mr. Fontaine explained this was more of an orientation meeting in order to get new members familiar with the issues at hand as well as to provide information on previous work done on this exercise. Therefore the decision was made to proceed with the presentations in order to ensure all participants have the same information and understanding.

Copies of the presentation documents were included in the member information packages.

Presentation #2

**Mr. Ed Sawatzky, Director
Community Planning Services
Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs**

Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation (COSDI)

Mr. Sawatzky provided a review of COSDI

Presentation #3

**Mr. Gordon E. Hannon, Crown Counsel
Manitoba Justice**

Treaty and Aboriginal Rights

Mr. Hannon's presentation gave a quick overview of Section 35 of the *Constitution Act 1982*, as well as some important legal decisions with regards to Treaty and Aboriginal Rights.

ACTION: A copy of this presentation is being attached for circulation with minutes

Presentation #4

**Mr. Warren Mitchell, Director
Resource Planning Branch
Government of British Columbia**

British Columbia Broad Area Land Use Planning

Mr. Mitchell gave an overview of a similar land use planning process, which has taken place in British Columbia.

There was much discussion from this presentation, i.e., how was development of lands handled in the B.C. process as well as what the process was with regard to protected areas.

ACTION: The Secretariat will get a copy of this presentation and make it available to members.

Presentation #5

**Mr. George Smith
National Conservation Director
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society**

CPAWS Presentation on Broad Area Planning in B.C.

Discussion items from this presentation were in regard to there being a high priority on GIS support in order for people to visualize land use options. Members mentioned the great need for consultation in the First Nation communities.

Mention was also made that the Boreal Forest is the last natural ecosystem left in the world.

Some members felt there is a need to have Protocols in place at the table.

ACTION:

- Need to do a GAP analysis of the environment
- Secretariat to produce Draft Protocols for the table
- Need to have a workshop on Consensus

Presentation #6

**Mr. Evan Simpson, Senior Planner
Northwest Region
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources**

Ontario Lands for Life Planning Process

ACTION: Secretariat to gather inventory information as well as maps of important features re – caribou, parks, parks use near the Ontario/ Manitoba border

Ontario presentation to be made available to RT members

Need for automated GAP analysis

Close of Day 1

At the end of the day of presentations the Chair summed up the days activities and restated that this is not going to be an easy process and this is only one piece of the puzzle.

First Nations feel they have been left impoverished from all the industry and some leaders are struggling to make a future for their communities. Because of this, there is a need to engage the First Nations communities in the process in order to make sure their views are known and interests are protected.

The process needs to be kept open and transparent in order to achieve success. Mr. Fontaine feels very confident in the abilities brought to the table by the membership.

There was a break to dinner.

DAY TWO – MAY 15, 2002

Opening Prayer by Caroline Bruyere – Elder, Sagkeeng

Opening remarks by Phil Fontaine. Also, the Chair made mention that the presentation of Dr. James Ehnes scheduled for the previous evening was postponed and will be rescheduled for a later meeting.

Presentation #7

**Mr. Gordon A. Jones, Director
Parks and Natural Areas Branch
Manitoba Conservation**

Protected Areas

After the presentation, people at the table had questions on how to protect their areas. Specifically mentioned was the Pigeon River and the protection of the sturgeon in that area.

There was some discussion surrounding the Memorandum of Understanding with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) regarding designated requests by the communities of Paungassi and Little Grand.

It was felt that the TOR for the Roundtable and what the Parks and Protected Areas initiative specifies are contrary to each other. Also, the Terms of Reference need to reflect what is happening in Areas of Special Interest as well as timelines.

ACTION: Need for a copy of the agreements mentioned in the presentation to be made available to the members

Presentation #8

**Mr. Don Norquay, ADM and
Policy and Regulation Divisions
Manitoba Transportation & Government
Services**

Transportation Development

Discussion from this presentation mostly focused on the feeling from the First Nation people that the road is not about economics but rather about access for health, safety and humanitarian reasons. There is also a need for the people to have timelines regarding the road. Questions were raised about how to incorporate TEK in the plan.

Mention was made of a Protocol Agreement signed regarding Hayes River Study.

Some felt there was a Northern Road Strategy Report and want to know what it is as well as where it is.

It was felt there was a need for a Functional Engineering Study to be done for the access from Manigotagan to Berens River

ACTION:

- Copy of Report to be distributed
- Approval by East Side Roundtable was requested to provide advice on the proposed Manitoba Transportation Assessment Workplan which will include planning, consultation, and upgrading.

Presentation #9

**George Kemp, Interim President
First Nation Limited Partnership (FNLP)
And
Paul Barnard, Special Projects Manager
Tembec Paper Group
Pine Falls Operations**

[TEMBEC/FNLP](#)

Gave a presentation on the proposed partnership between TEMBEC and the First Nations

ACTION: Presentation to be made available to RT members.

Presentation #10

**Mr. Wade Munro
Senior Environmental Assessment Officer
Manitoba Hydro**

Hydro Development

Discussion from this presentation with regard to how many transmission lines are in the planning. Also has Hydro considered the placement of transmission lines, ie., overland or underwater. Has any consideration been given to running roads and lines together to minimize effects.

ACTION:

Presentation to be made available to RT members

Hydro to provide a map of all generating station locations in Manitoba – Measel Map

Hydro to provide copies of any maps relative to the planning area

Manitoba Conservation**Mr. Serge Scrafield, ADM**

Mr. Scrafield gave background on the Draft Terms of Reference from Government and noted that as a draft, comments from Roundtable would be accepted on TOR and Phase 1 Draft report.

ACTION:

A one day facilitated meeting to be held to review the TOR.

Presentation #11**Mr. Ric Syme, Director
Manitoba Geological Survey
Manitoba Industry, Trade & Mines****Mineral Status and Potential**

ACTION: Copy of presentation to be made available to members

Closing comments by Chair**NEXT MEETING – May 30, 2002
Fort Garry Hotel**

Note: Meeting date subsequently changed to May 31, 2002