

MINUTES

EAST SIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2003 CENTENNIAL ROOM, VICTORIA INN WINNIPEG MB

PARTICIPANTS

Leslie Anderson	Jim Johnson	Rod Demoline
Harold Bennett	Liz Dykman	Kristin Bingeman
David Howenter	Bob Bull	Marlene Monkman
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Beth McKechnie	Lorne Williams	Richard Gaywish
Patti Grapentine	Dale Boulette	Carl Smith
Valdie Seymour	Moses Okimaw	Caroline Bryere
Scott Kidd	Ted Pichor	Len Simpson
Garry Raven	Vince Keenan	Roger Venton
Doug Peterson	George Disbrow	Stu Jansson
Cherry White	Michael Anderson	Val Wood
Drew Gunson	Sara Peloquin	

The Advisory Committee Meeting opened with a prayer from Elder Caroline Bruyere and introduction of Committee members in attendance (participant list attached). Chairperson, Phil Fontaine, addressed the members explaining that this Committee was an integral part in the planning for the east side and participants were from local communities, First Nations, industry and environmental groups.

Mike Waldram provided background on the East Side Planning Initiative (copy of presentation attached).

- The planning initiative is due to recommendations in the COSDI report.
- There are two phases; Phase 1 involved steps, timing, process, boundaries, principles, etc. Phase 2, which is now being implemented, involves the planning on the east side.
- Present land use commitments will be honored but, no new commitments will be drawn up until the planning for the east side has been completed.
- An East Side Round Table and a First Nations Council has been established.
- Moses Okimaw has been hired to liaise with First Nation Communities.
- Timelines: March 2003 - Sept 2003 - Information Exchange
October 2003 - Sept 2004 - Draft plan
Sept 2004 - May 2004 - Plan amended
June 2004 - Plan to be submitted to Minister

Remarks from Advisory Committee:

- a) community issues, interests and resources (Inherent Rights, roads, economy, Treaty Land Entitlement) should be considered.
- b) trust needs to be established (interests of each group, common starting point).
- c) role of the Advisory Committee (how relates to other committees).
- d) information exchange (minutes in timely fashion, Internet access etc.).
- e) technical support (help for First Nations with some of the issues such as roads).
- f) Terms of Reference (some changes were suggested).

The Committee was then divided into four working groups to discuss: 1) Terms of Reference; 2) Structure/Agenda for next meeting; 3) Information Management; and 4) Process/Forums for understanding others issues/interests.

Report from Working Groups

1. Terms of Reference

- Add First Nations to the background;
- Need to develop trust by sharing information and background for positions;
- The Committee cannot work in isolation and therefore there is a need for a connection between the Committee, Council and Round Table in order to be informed;
- Time frames should be added;
- The Committee should be aware of other ongoing processes and provide comments.

2. Structure/Agenda for next meeting
 - Updates from the Round Table and First Nations Council;
 - Specific issues/presentation prior to discussion;
 - Ability to hold Workshops;
 - Requirement for information in advance.

3. Information Management
 - Require agenda and minutes (including those from other committees) in advance of the next meeting;
 - Information should be accessible (email, Internet);
 - List of all participants on other committees should be provided;
 - Presentations made at all meetings, with copies of presentation attached to the minutes;
 - Other existing land use plans be available.

4. Process/Forums
 - Consultation with the communities must be a two way process;
 - A communication strategy for communities, as well as the youth, needs to be put in place;
 - All parties should be educated as to the issues;
 - Tension between the global community and First Nations as to resource ownership;
 - A community liaison person is required for each community;
 - Partnerships need to be explored;
 - Plan is required to provide information to citizens of the City of Winnipeg;

There was discussion as to whether a co-chair should be appointed. Phil Fontaine informed the committee that his mandate was to Chair all three committees established under the east side planning initiative but, if the committee felt that they required a co-chair, he was not adverse to it. The committee decided not to elect a co-chair.

Next Steps:

- Begin the process of information out. The essential information will be forthcoming first.
- Updates from other groups will be arranged eg: Hydro.
- The next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.
- The Round Table will be brief on this meeting and direction will be sought.

Actions Required:

- The Terms of Reference to be finalized with the Committee ratifying next meeting;
- List of participants from other east side committees.
- Update presentation arranged.

Information Provided at Meeting:

1. Brochure entitled Round Table Terms-of-Reference
2. Brochure entitled Broad Area Planning Initiative, Phase 1, Preliminary Discussions, Final Report.

Prepared by: East Side Secretariat

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