

**RECORD OF DECISIONS
ROUND TABLE BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, December 4, 2003
Canad Inns Polo Park**

Participants:	Phil Fontaine Dan Benoit (Alternate) Helgi Einarsson Peter Kinew Peter Miller Cherry White	Ed Wood Don Courchene Ken Ellison Gilbert Knott Tom Nepetaypo	Ed Schreyer Sherry Dangerfield Wesley Harper Mike Martel David Punter
Regrets:	Paul Chief Jim Ticknor	Vera Mitchell Nancy Whiteway	Don Sullivan

1. RECORD OF DECISIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Round Table approved the previous minutes of October 8, 2003, noting that Tom Nepetaypo was in attendance.

The Chair proposed that Agenda Item Number 9 – Establishing Issue – Focused Working Groups added to this agenda as time constraints prevented this item from being considered by the joint Round Table and First Nations Council Meeting. The Round Table members approved the agenda as amended.

**2. Agenda Item 9 RT/FNC Joint Meeting
ESTABLISHING ISSUE – FOCUSED WORKING GROUPS**

The Executive Coordinator introduced a power point presentation providing options for the creation of Round Table/First Nations Council Working Groups. He proposed that the purpose of the working groups would be to give on-going and in-depth consideration of the major issues which are to be incorporated into the Broad Area Plan and report back to the full Round Table / First Nations

Council with recommendations. It was understood that the working groups would be informed by community input and public commentary and suggestions on the various issues.

The Round Table considered the options identified in the power point presentation and discussed a number of alternative approaches to managing the issues and information. After lengthy discussion, the Round Table struck a committee mandated to meet within the week in order to refine the options and present recommendations on the way forward prior to the next meetings of the Round Table and First Nations Council.

3. FOLLOW UP ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Action Item 1: Pine Dock Consultations

The Executive Coordinator reported that the community of Pine Dock was included in the East Side of Lake Planning Initiative because of their traditional trap lines are located on the East Side of Lake Winnipeg.

Action Item 2: A letter of thanks was sent to the Chief and Council of Berens River First Nation for their donation of food to the traditional feast held after their ESPI community visit.

4. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The Executive Coordinator reported that a courtesy visit was made to Hollow Water First Nation and the community of Bissett while the community visit teams were in the area. ESPI plan to return to all communities with a draft broad area plan at a later date for community input.

Northern Association of Community Council and ESPI are planning to hire a consultant to visit each community to help them develop their submissions to ESPI. This contract is pending.

It was suggested that more advertising in the local communities be undertaken before the next round of community visits to create more awareness of the ESPI and encourage more participation from the communities.

The Advisory Committee is made up of approximately 50 members and should have been notified about their community visits. The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be convened after the RT and FNC meet again in January of 2004 as they will be invited to participate in the issue – focused working groups.

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4. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS continued...

A summary of survey results from the questionnaire by Dr. Sinclair (U of M) involving RT and the Advisory Committee was distributed for the RT's information.

The Round Table discussed various locations for future meetings to help reduce costs while utilizing some native organizations' facilities.

The ESPI secretariat staff thanked the Round Table members for their participation in the successful round of community visits from September to November, 2003.

The Associate Chair expressed appreciation to all members for their contributions during the past three days and stressed the importance of the exercise in planning for future generations of the East Side of Lake Winnipeg.

5. ADJOURNMENT

HANDOUTS: ESPI Working Groups Power Point Presentation

NEXT MEETING:

Round Table Business Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2004
9 am to 12 Noon
Room 334 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB

Round Table / First Nation Council Joint Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2004
1:15 pm to 5 pm
Room 255 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB