

**Minutes**  
**East Side Round Table Meeting**  
**April 16, 2003**  
**Canad Inns Polo Park – Winnipeg, Manitoba**

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**Members present:**

Phil Fontaine	Paul Chief	Tom Nepetaypo	Helgi Einarsson
David Punter	Don Courchene	Wesley Harper	Vera Mitchell
Gilbert Knott	Sherry Dangerfield	Peter Miller	Cherry White
Peter Kinew	Ken Ellison	Jim Ticknor	Ed Schreyer
John Berens (Nancy Whiteway Alternate)			
Kristen Bingeman (Don Sullivan Alternate)			

**Members absent:** Don Sullivan      Mike Martel      Ed Huebert  
Al Benoit      Chief Nancy Whiteway

**Secretariat present:** M. Waldram      B. Anderson      M. Okimaw  
B. Hobson      B. Bremner

**Guests:**      Caroline Bruyere      Doug Peterson

1. The meeting opened with a prayer by Carolyn Bruyere and Chairperson, Phil Fontaine called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. Hollow Water Update:**

- Good community attendance
- Well organized and excellent meal prepared by the community.
- Presentations were well done.
- Discussion about possibly having translators for northern community meetings.
- Members expecting negative response from the meeting but received positive responses instead.
- An agenda would need to be given to community members at all other future meetings.
- Information needs to be sent before hand to prepare the communities.
- Discussion about the Natural Resource officer attending the meeting with his firearm. Explanation that he is required to carry it while on the job.
- Disappointment shared that the Chief was not able to attend the meeting.
- Need for community PR before going into the communities.
- There may be a need to call for community presentations before going into the communities.
- Discussion of the Round Table members roles and the need to let the communities know what those roles are.
- Let communities know the Round Table is not there to solve their solutions but to provide information about the process.
- There was a feeling that the meeting turned from information sharing to consultation and discussion that information sharing is a step toward consultation.
- Suggestion to have Round Table members more spread out at the meetings and to be aware of how they present themselves.
- Important to have Traditional Territories clearly marked on the maps.

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- Discussion about community attendance and people will attend because they do take an interest in what happens in their communities but to be aware of the time of season when planning the community meetings.
- Discussion of this process with the elections coming up and the Round Table carries on with this process.
- Suggestion to structure the organization chart to reflect the communities at the top and possibly having a presentation for Structure Planning. The Chair suggested Moses Okimaw provide the names of lawyers for this process.
- Need to have a better sign in process to accurately reflect the attendance.
- Hollow Water elders want to meet with Peter Kinew.
- There is a need to better utilize the media outlets to get the information out to the communities before hand and so they are aware of the meetings.
- Suggestion to develop possible questions to get the community thinking about their plans.
- Discussion about meeting with the Advisory Committee to discuss how to approach other communities for meetings.
- Question and discussion about the teams and Secretariat staff attending future community meetings.
- Further discussion about fine tuning what information would go out to the communities and the process.

**Action Items:**

- **Secretariat to develop a list of possible questions for the communities.**
- **A request was made for all Round Table members to receive copies of the Northern Development Strategy.**
- **Bruce Bremner will speak to NR officers about leaving their firearms locked in the vehicle when attending future community meetings.**

There was discussion about Round Table members missing meetings and what is considered a reasonable amount.

Discussion about the letter that was sent out by Don Sullivan but further discussion will have to wait until he is present at the meeting.

There was further discussion about the amount of time and money that goes into a community meeting. Mike Waldram not able to answer questions about the funding for the community meetings until he has met with government.

There was discussion of the need for Round Table members to declare if they have a conflict of interest.

The chair adjourned the meeting.