

**Minutes  
Lake Winnipeg East Side Roundtable Meeting  
June 27, 28, 2002  
Place Louis Riel – Selkirk Room**

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**Day 1 – June 27, 2002**

**Member Attendees:**

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| Phil Fontaine | Paul Chief                  | Cherry White     |                     |
| Jim Ticknor   | Ken Ellison                 | Ed Huebert       | Peter Miller        |
| Al Benoit     | Sherry Dangerfield          | Don Sullivan     | Don Courchene       |
| Gilbert Knott | Peter Kinew                 | Dr. David Punter | Chief Vera Mitchell |
| Wesley Harper | Chief Nancy Whiteway        |                  |                     |
| Tom Nepetaypo | Alternate – John Yellowback |                  |                     |
| Vince Keenan  | Alternate for Mike Martel   |                  |                     |

**Special Advisor**

The Right Honourable Mr. Ed Schreyer

**Secretariat Attendees:**

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

**Regrets:**

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| Helgi Einarsson | Mike Martel |
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**Others in Attendance:**

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| Bill Watkins     | Helios Hernandez | Yvonne Beaubien | Sara Peloquin |
| Caroline Bruyere | Dr. James Ehnes  | Greg Carlson    | Wayne Copet   |

Meeting brought to order by Chair.

Prayer given by Tom Nepetaypo

Introduction of alternates done by Chair

**Minutes:**

Mike Waldram gave overview of changes to the minutes

There was some discussion with regard to consultations taking place between Hydro and First Nations. There was some question as to whether the presentations being made by Hydro to the First Nations and other communities are the same as the presentation given to the Roundtable at a previous meeting. It was felt a discussion should be held on this at the next meeting. Hydro should be present at the next Round Table meeting in order to make a decision with regards to Hydro consulting with First Nations.

**ACTION – put this item on future agenda for the Roundtable – Chair asked that it to be a first discussion item at the next meeting**

It was moved to accept the minutes with corrections as noted previously. Move was seconded – **CARRIED**

Question by alternate from Pine Falls whether alternates are allowed to participate in meeting or not. Explanation by Chair about what has happened in the past with regards to alternates. Also noted that this is an agenda item for today and a decision will be taken with regard to this issue at that time.

#### **GAP ANALYSIS – ENDURING FEATURES PRESENTATION:**

**Bill Watkins/Helios Hernandez**

Overview of Enduring Features Analysis and Areas of Special Interest given by Bill Watkins

**ACTION: Copy of presentation to be made available to all present.**

The presentation brought up connectivity as being a large part of the planning process. East/west migration is something which needs to be taken into consideration in the planning area and north/south migration may be an issue due to climate change.

Discussion took place around the issue of fire occurrence in the area and fire management in the forested areas regarding ecological issues of the area.

There was discussion about the Protected Areas and Ecological Reserves surrounding the Brokenhead Reserve. An overview was given of what is happening in the area surrounding the Brokenhead Reserve. The steps that need to be taken in these cases were also explained to the RT membership. Mr. Hernandez distributed a brochure explaining Ecological Reserves to RT members.

Recommended by one of the members that there is a need for education on the designations and the implications of these designations to the communities. Need to have definitions of Parks, Protected Areas, Special Interest areas made available to First Nations because there seems to be a misconception of what these designations mean to the First Nations with regards to their hunting and fishing areas etc. Also the question arose as to who makes the decisions on what designation is given to what areas. Mr.

Hernandez gave overview of what individual designations mean and how the designations have been arrived at.

**ACTION: Parks Branch to prepare short background document on definition and process for establishing ASI's, Park Reserves Ecological Reserves and Parks. Relationship to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.**

BREAK

**BOREAL FOREST ECOLOGY PRESENTATION – Dr. James Ehnes**

Overview of Boreal Forest generally in Manitoba as well as the Boreal Forest more specific to the East Side of Lake Winnipeg given by Dr. Ehnes.

Question period occurred and generated questions about the difference in importance between old growth forest and new growth forest in terms of forest ecology issues. What happens to plants and animals native to that forest structure when there is a fire or cutting – do the species change with the growth of forest?

The presentation also generated some discussion about First Growth (intact forest) and not Old Growth in the area. It was felt much of the East Side (approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of planning area) is part of the First Growth. There was also a question about what exactly is the definition of Old Growth

**ACTION: Copy of presentation will be made available to membership. If member has a special request for a CD copy of the presentations – it should be made known to the Secretariat to ensure distribution of it.**

LUNCH

**Draft TOR/Protocols – Mike Waldram**

**TOR**

Mike Waldram explained all changes and/or additions to the TOR and then it was opened up to the Table for comment. The following points are items that were brought about in the discussions following.

A member would like to see specific parallel processes and feels Roundtable should be working in conjunction with the processes that are already happening and in place right now. The possible wording could be in Specific Requirements section of the TOR

It was suggested there should be a rewording to C1 to read as follows:

**The East Side Plan & RT recommendations will acknowledge and be consistent and coordinated with existing provincial government initiatives and commitments and other land-use planning activities including but not limited to ..... the list**

It was noted the Advisory groups would tell the RT what they were in favour of or not in favour of.

It was felt other projects should not come to a stop because of the East Side Lake Planning process.

Will the Secretariat be writing to all entities that we know of - what processes are on going now. We already have knowledge from Hydro, Transportation and Forestry. Our mandate is to make RECOMMENDATIONS to the Minister - not DECISIONS. Need specific clarification of our Mandate.

**ACTION – Have a letter drawn up for all members regarding their appointment to the Roundtable and mandate and authority. Some people have letters and some had only phone calls.**

It was decided that all information being given to members at a Roundtable meeting should be distributed through the Secretariat. All information would then be distributed to members along with their packages.

**ACTION: Make sure A1b) is worded as it was decided on in the last meeting minutes.**

**ACTION: Need copies of Manitoba Water Strategy, Northern Development Strategy and Co-management Initiative and provide to Roundtable.**

**ACTION: Chair could write to the Minister recommending adoption of the TOR.**

**ACTION: Incorporate comments from today and take to Chair to have him recommend TOR.**

### **FORESTRY PRESENTATION – Greg Carlson**

Overview of Forest inventory and wood supply given during this presentation. Also there was information on commitments provided.

Discussion on forest inventory – Hayes River inventory is 30 years old with no plans for re-inventory in the near future. The central part of the planning area has an inventory approximately 20 years old. The southern portion of the planning has an inventory of less than 5 years old.

**ACTION: Copy of presentation will be made available to the members**

## **CONTINUATION - Draft TOR/Protocols – Mike Waldram**

### **Protocols**

Members were asked to read over the draft protocols prior to discussion.

### **Members – Item #1 –**

Question re whether someone might be in conflict of interest by being on this RT and also doing their work within their organization.

Response – Based on the actual definition of conflict of interest – this would not be something where a personal gain may benefit the individual sitting at the table therefore not a conflict of interest.

### **ACTION – Separate this item into two parts to read as follows:**

1a) Generally are appointed by the Conservation Minister and represent the public interest to provide their best judgement, knowledge and expertise in accomplishing their task.

and

1b) In cases where a member wishes to speak on behalf of their organization they should clearly identify this to the other members.

### **Members – Item #2 –**

Alternates should be allowed to speak and participate but not to share in the voting process. (A voice but not a vote). It was also felt there should be regular alternates appointed in order to have continuity in the process.

Consensus that members only will vote but alternates can speak and participate and collect information for the actual appointed member unless the alternate has been appointed by the Minister as well. If this is the case, then they would be there as full members with a full vote as well as a voice.

### **ACTION: Provide members with a confirmed list of appointees and alternates.**

### **Decisions**

If the quorum falls away during the meeting – Chair makes the decision to proceed.

Dissenting voice should be noted in the minutes.

All Items under this category were accepted but for Item 5 which should be taken out.

### **ACTION: - Item 5 – take out**

### **Meetings**

Item #1 – accepted

Item #2 Change to read all meetings will be closed unless a decision is made to open the meeting to the public and observers will be admitted with permission of the chair.

Item #3 – accepted

Non-members speaking order would be determined by the Chair at the time of the meeting.

Item #4 – accepted

Alternates would leave in-camera meetings but be provided with the minutes.

If a member of the public wishes to speak and not stay at the meeting – should let the Chair know ahead of time and they can make a presentation.

### **Agenda**

Accepted as is.

### **Minutes**

Accepted as is.

### **Dist of Documents**

Accepted as is.

### **Conduct**

#### **ACTION of items listed below:**

Item #1 – change respectively to respectfully

Add to this – Cell phones need to be turned off or have the vibrate options turned on

Item #2 – add curious and courteous

Item #3 – Delete

Item #4 - Delete

### **Language**

Accepted as is.

### **Media**

Accepted as is.

### **Subcommittees:**

**ACTION: Add – outside expertise should be allowed to be brought in through subcommittees.**

Suggestion by the Elder to use NCI and APTN to advertise to the public.

It was also decided that Roundtable members have an obligation to bring to Roundtable any information that they know about which might be happening in the East Side Planning area that would be relevant for the others members to be aware of.

The Chair thanked everyone for the good day and progress made on the items presented today. The meeting was then opened up for individuals to state other business they would like to see discussed at our next meetings.

A big item was that expenses are not being paid fast enough – individuals are waiting for 6 weeks before receiving their expenses for attendance at meetings. Need information on the per diem for fly in community reps – for how many days they have to be here. These issues are not all finished being discussed.

**ACTION: Need to check out the options available to speed up the money issue. Possibly put on Agenda for next meeting.**

**ACTION: Make copies of the presentations done at the previous meetings available to members as promised.**

Question about whether a decision has been taken on the request to have Harry Cook as an elder for the Berens/Poplar area present at the Roundtable. It was suggested that there might be a possibility of having a Council of Elders for this planning initiative.

Meeting closed for the day at 4:30

## **Day 2 – June 28, 2002**

Meeting opened by Chair and Prayer given by Elder

The Chair welcomed everyone back for another day and commented on yesterday's meeting. It was felt that the meeting had gone quite well with a fair amount of work being accomplished. Everyone was thanked for their participation in the previous day's work.

It was decided by the Chair that the Draft Information Distribution Plan would be referred as info item for today as unfinished business from yesterday.

### **ACTION – to be put on agenda for next meeting**

#### **DRAFT CONSULTATION PLAN – Mike Waldram**

Mike advised the other two committees – Advisory Committee and First Nations Council are not in place yet.

#### **ACTION - Bill Anderson to get a list of communities/organizations to receive letters re these two committees to be distributed to RT members by email or mail ASAP**

Hand out of the presentation was made available to the attendees prior to the presentation. Mike then gave an overview of the different options noted in the presentation. The following are some discussion points, which took place from the overview.

Members asked if money is an issue with regards to the options listed by Mike in the handout. Process is important and Roundtable members felt a need to know if money is available in order to make a decision on what the best process might be. It would be unfortunate if lack of funds makes the Roundtable do what is most cost efficient but not necessarily the best option. There is a need to have timelines for these options made available.

Members wanted to know what is the Roundtable going into the community for – to present a draft goals and objectives or are we going in to gather information from the community. It was felt the first visit should be to get input from the community. Also it was felt to be very important that the Roundtable should have the proper representation going in to the community – not someone who the community would have no respect for. Some suggestions about who would make good representation were Mr. Schreyer and the Chair. Also have some people from the First Nations represented at the RT to go out along with them so they would be represented in the communities to explain what this is all about. First Nation's people feel if they are represented in the community visits that the people will want to take more ownership. Also if Mr. Schreyer goes out to the community – people will feel that it is a more legitimate process. Have Serge Scrafield or

Minister Lathlin travel along with the committee to put out the Government stand on the issue.

If a consultation were to be successful, evening meetings would work better because people would attend those rather than a day meeting. It is also important to have a Notice that the forum is coming to the community and this is the community's chance to let people know how they feel and what they would like to see done. As important as advertising is translation. This must be kept simple in order to have it work. If people are going into the isolated communities - they should plan on being there at least 4 hours in order to do any kind of consultation.

Where do the First Nations communities fit in to the flow chart in the Executive Summary on Page 6. Good info to share with the community on page 6 and 7 of the Exe Summary.

Scheduling will be a problem for Ed and Phil. Is it possible to have Phil and Ed put aside a week each month for this purpose? Important to go into the communities in both winter and summer to get the full perspective of things in the area.

Is it possible to have the Advisory Committee doing the work and report back to the Roundtable. Then the Roundtable would deal with the communities that are not on the advisory committee.

The Chair also stated he and Mr. Schreyer may not have the time to be in all the communities but they will certainly try. He also suggested there should be an elder present.

**ACTION – Members want a list of all the communities included in the study area.**

It was suggested to strike a sub-committee to help the Secretariat with input on the Consultation Process options.

**ACTION - Al Benoit, Peter Miller, Gilbert Knott, Ed Huebert, and Paul Chief to be part of the subcommittee to work with the Secretariat to come up with the draft plan of the consultation. A meeting date for the sub-committee will be set after the close of this meeting.**

**TOURISM/TOURISM POTENTIAL PRESENTATION - Wayne Copet**

**ACTION: Copy of this presentation will be circulated.**

**Next Meeting:**

The original date decided on is not good because of Assembly of First Nations gathering at that time. Possibility of new date being on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Other option would be July 29 and July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Suggestion to have the meeting elsewhere than Winnipeg – Indigenous Games are on at that time in Winnipeg.

## **AGENDA**

Please let Secretariat know of items you would like to have on the agenda. Some suggestions so far are listed below:

1. Intergovernmental working group for planning exercise – Al Benoit
2. Defer GIS presentation to next meeting.
3. Presentation on the Poplar River, Paungassi, Little Grand Rapids Park –about 3 people to present. Title of presentation – **Protected Area – Traditional Territory re: Accord of Pikangikum First Nations** Chief to call with names of presenters.
4. **MONEY – EXPENSES – VERY IMPORTANT**  
-Have a cheque ready for the members when they get here prior to the meeting.
5. BC/Ontario presentation not urgent – mostly to meet people and come back with findings to the roundtable – send 1 or 2 people – will likely be in August some time.

## **Closing Prayer by Elder**

Meeting closed at 12:30