

# **EAST SIDE LAKE WINNIPEG PLANNING INITIATIVE**

## **MINUTES**

**March 11, 2002 - Delta Winnipeg - Victoria Room**

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### **Item 1.**

Opening welcomes were extended by Mr. Phil Fontaine, Chairman of the East Side Lake Winnipeg Round Table, to Members, staff in attendance and the Minister of Conservation. (see list) Mr. Fontaine invited the Minister of Conservation, Oscar Lathlin to address the meeting.

### **Item 2.**

Minister Lathlin welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for their support and participation in the exercise. In his remarks the Minister related the government's intent with regards to the East Side planning exercise.

### **Item 3.**

Following Minister Lathlin's remarks, the Chairman requested introductions of members around the table. Each member provided a short self-introduction and provided an explanation of their affiliations.

Members and alternates in attendance were as follows:

Helgi Einarsson; Ken Ellison; Dr. Peter Miller; Jim Ticknor; Sherry Dangerfield; Cherry White; Dr. David Punter; Tom Nepetaypo; Paul Chief; Stan Manoakesick; Ed Huebert; and Alfred Everett.

Mr. Mike Waldram introduced himself as the Project Manager for the East Side planning exercise.

Also at this time, members of the East Side Planning Secretariat were introduced. They were as follows:

Bill Anderson - Natural Resource Planner; Joann Hebert - Geographic Information Systems Specialist; Dan McNaughton - Federal Liaison; and Paulette Delaquis - Administrative Assistant

Others in attendance were:

Serge Scrafield; Blair McTavish; Jane Grey; Bruce Bremner; Ron Missyabit; Bill Barto - Senior Planner - all associated with Manitoba Conservation

### **Item 4. [Presentation on the East Side Planning Initiative](#) - Blair McTavish**

Discussion Items arising from presentation:

- Integration of the Round Table's work with Provincial Policy Development
- Integration of former planning exercises affecting East Side Lake Winnipeg
- Overlap of Round Table's work with Aboriginal Treaty Rights/Constitutional Consultation Requirements/Treaty Land Entitlement negotiations
- Integration of individual activities ie., trapping, wild rice, etc. as well as what level of information needs be brought to the Round Table with regards to the cumulative effects of these activities

- Integration of existing project proposals with the East Side Planning exercise, ie., forestry etc.
- Integration of international environmental issues to the exercise, ie., global warming, NAFTA
- Discussion about the all weather road and the possible routes being looked at
- Concern about completed studies on this issue and how this exercise will proceed - need for due diligence
- A need to coordinate and integrate planning activities into any on-going consultations, ie., with Manitoba Hydro developments, Mining explorations, highway development, etc.,
- Concerns were raised about a need for stronger First Nation representation around the table
- Information was shared about a 3-day workshop hosted in January by South East Tribal Council at which there was extensive discussion around the East Side issues
- Discussions regarding the role of the Round Table in relation to the Province in dealing with identification of, and infringements to First Nations person's rights
- Background was provided on the COSDI (Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation) Report
- Emphasis was put on the Round Table being in control of the process and that responsibility for decision making should lie with it
- Representatives of Manitoba Conservation extended appreciation to members of the Round Table for their commitment to the exercise and assurance of full provincial support to the Round Table initiatives.

#### **Item 5. East Side Secretariat**

- Introductions to and the backgrounds of members of the Secretariat were provided
- Background on roles and responsibilities of Secretariat and its members was provided
- Comment on need for First Nation representation in Secretariat membership - possibly in a communication capacity, was raised by the Round Table

#### **Item 6. Review and discussion of the Round Table's Terms-of-Reference**

- An overview of Terms-of-Reference was presented - copies of overheads were distributed
- **Consensus** was achieved around the Table that the Terms of Reference provided were only "draft". All agreed that the Draft Terms of Reference would be used for guidance in the interim for working and establishing final Terms-of-Reference for the Round Table
- Discussion arose regarding appointment of members to the Round Table. Also, concerns about having alternates attend on behalf of Round Table members was discussed.
- **It was agreed** that Blair McTavish would provide to the Round Table Members a brief written statement of explanation regarding their appointment
- Clarification was sought regarding the roles and membership of all the bodies associated with the East Side Planning exercise.
- There was discussion on procedures for the keeping of minutes of the meetings. Reference was made to page 3, item E in the Draft Terms of Reference and discussion ensued on whether the terms were acceptable to the members.
- **It was agreed** that the procedures described in the draft T's of R. around minutes were acceptable.

#### **Item 7. Next Steps**

- Discussion of Round Table procedures regarding the use of a facilitator to develop a Work Plan etc. took place
- **It was agreed** the sessions would not be facilitated unless issues arose toward which the Round Table felt the need for a facilitated resolution
- Clarification was sought around the budget that had been established for the Round Table exercise

#### **Brainstorming with regard to Work Plan Elements.**

The list of items below was developed as key Work Plan topics:

- Schedule of Events
- Time Frame
- Milestones i.e., have Advisory Committee in place
- Draft Table of Contents
- Priority Issues
- Background Briefings, i.e., prior reports, COSDI paper, etc
- Consultation Plans
- Communication Plan
- Research Plan
- Round Table Organization Plan, i.e., sub committees etc,
- Budget
- Allocation & Policy Instruments
- Legal Framework
- Development of Vision; Objectives; Goals
- Round Table Visioning and Understanding
- Developing recommendations to facilitate community based planning
- Evaluation Plan

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- Have executive summaries of old land-use plan; as well as existing data available in order to have discussion around these reports
- Have summary presentations by: Hydro; Highways; Forestry; Mines & Minerals; Protected Areas; etc, for a duration of 20 minutes and questions for 10 minutes
- Suggestion that next meeting be two days duration
- Date and place to be announced later

Closing remarks by Chair

Meeting adjourned

Draft Minutes by: Paulette Delaquis  
Date: March 14, 2002