

## MINUTES

East Side of Lake Winnipeg Round Table Meeting

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., March 18, 2003

Place Louis Riel All-Suite Hotel, Winnipeg MB

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### Members present:

Jim Ticknor	Paul Chief	Tom Nepetaypo	Nancy Whiteway
Al Benoit	Helgi Einarsson	David Punter	Don Courchene
Wesley Harper	Vera Mitchell	Sherry Dangerfield	Peter Miller
Phil Fontaine	Cherry White	G. Knott	E. Schreyer
Peter Kinew			

### Members absent:

Ken Ellison	Don Sullivan	M. Martel
Ed Huebert		

### Secretariat present:

M. Waldram	B. Anderson	M. Okimaw
B. Hobson	K. McRobbie	B. Bremner

1. The meeting opened with a prayer by Peter Kinew and Chairperson, Phil Fontaine introduced members of First Nation Council that attended the meeting to listen and observe. Also present was Mr. Al Schneider from Manitoba Hydro. Mr. Schneider, along with Minister Tim Sales, would be presenting on behalf of Manitoba Hydro later in the day.

### 2. Adoption of the Minutes of February 18, 2003

- Tom Nepetaypo requested four copies of any information for the Round Table, and asked that the handouts from the last meeting be sent to him.
- Information handed out at the meeting should be mailed to members who are not present.
- The Minutes were adopted by Jim Technor and seconded by Tom Nepetaypo.

### Action Items arising from February 18th meeting

- INAC funding - An agreement has not been reached with the Province therefore no funding has been allotted. Discussions are ongoing between the two.
- On review of the Terms of Reference for the First Nation Council a question was asked as to the First Nations Council giving direction to the Round Table as opposed to advice. It has been ascertained that the Government prefers First Nation Council to provide direction as Government recognizes the special status of First Nations due to Treaty Rights.
- Manigotagan update park reserve process was handed out.
- File/folders and journals are still being looked into.

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- There are a number of environment reports printed by The Royal Commission in Ontario. Since the specific report cannot be ascertained, a bibliography has been done.
- A question was asked as to the veto power of the First Nations Council on decisions made by the Round Table. A protocol will be developed by Moses Okimaw that will outline the relationship between the Round Table and the First National Council.

#### **Report on Deputy Minister Meeting**

- Phil, Moses, Blair and Mike met with the Deputy Minister of Conservation, Norman Brandson, regarding resources for the east side planning process. The Deputy has a good understanding of the challenges the Round Table faces. The next step is to take this information to government. Additional information:
  - financial resources of 1.1 to 1.2 million, as a minimum, are required for the next fiscal year which begins April 1st, 2003.
  - there is a requirement for a full time Information Officer and Secretary.
  - a GIS person will be on board by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Mike will not be continuing with the Secretariat and will be replaced as soon as a full time person is found.
- Space and location for the secretariat was discussed. Members of the Secretariat will all be moved to 123 Main Street, which houses MB Conservation. There was concern about the perception of an independent body being housed in government offices. It was suggested there was room at 360 Broadway, the SE Tribal Council Offices.

#### **Report of Minister's Meeting**

- Moses met with Ministers Ashton, Robinson and Lathlin to discuss with them observations and needs of the First Nation Council. Also discussed was how, and the conditions upon which, the Council will participate in the East Side Planning process. Moses will also produce a document re standards for consultation.

#### **Report of First Nation Council's Meeting**

- Terms of Reference, formally adopted at the Council's meeting, were distributed. Following are the highlights:
  - The Terms of Reference are not a draft but could change as the process develops.
  - The Round Table questioned why there was no discussion with them before adoption. Phil Fontaine stated the First Nations Council would decide how to participate and conduct themselves in the east side process. He didn't think this undermined the integrity of the Round Table.
  - It was noted that the flow chart should then be changed.
  - Moses will report directly to the Minister and be part of the Secretariat.

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- It was pointed out that there were inconsistencies in the Terms of Reference between A, 4 and 9. No. 9 will be changed to be consistent with No. 4. The First Nations provides advice to government.

### **Meeting with Manitoba Hydro**

- Moses, Bill and Mike attended the meeting. Manitoba Hydro will change its' storyboard (changes are attached) to reflect the relationship between MB Hydro and the East Side Planning process.

### **Document - Issues for Meaningful First Nations Participation in Large Area Land Use Planning**

- The above document was distributed and discussed.
- There will be a consultation protocol developed but the community meetings will go ahead while the protocol is being done.
- It was pointed out that both Metis and Aboriginals have rights. Sharing Agreements were developed and the Metis have communities also. There should be consultation of First Nations, Metis and others. There is too much focus on the First Nations. Only 30 % of all individuals living on the east side are aboriginal. All aboriginals will have to live with the document. Also, it had been agreed to at previous Round Table meetings that the word Metis would be incorporated into documents.

### **Organization for community meetings discussion**

- Hollow Water was suggested as the first community the Round Table should consult with. A member of the Model Forest Office will deal with the logistics of this meeting and a cost analysis will be done. The surrounding communities of Manigotogan, Seymourville and Aghaming will be invited to attend the Hollow Water community meeting. All Round Table members should try and attend and there will be a critiquing the next day on process and logistics. Round Table members (divided into groups) will then proceed to consult with other communities - not all Round Table members will go to all communities. Transportation will try to be arranged for the Round Table members for Hollow Water. There will be a meeting the evening before to go over the meeting.
- Information and questions to ask each community
  - Description of the East Side Planning Process;
  - Presentation and video;
  - Large Area planning definition;
  - What information do they need to engage in the planning exercise;
  - Kind of research they need to help them plan;

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- Community participation - how do you want to participate
  - Contacts in community who would plan the meetings and exchange information.
  - Coordinator who would develop internal consultation plan.
- Funding - what do you need to participate effectively;
- Human Resources - what is needed;
- Capacity building need for planning;
- Other.
- It should be expected that this information be left with the community. No decisions will be made.
- Facilitators will be needed for Working Groups and will help co-ordinators plan meetings etc.
- Questions by members:
  - Will there be job descriptions for the groups?
    - First find out what the community's needs are
  - How will we plan community meetings?
    - The co-ordinator in each community will do this. There are 16 FN communities and 10 other communities.
  - The role of the Round Table
    - Will be to make the presentations
  - What about other communities who are interested?
    - The Advisory Committee will be reconvened.
  - Timeframe for going into the communities?
    - None
  - How soon will the Round Table be meeting with Hollow Water?
    - As soon as the logistics can be worked out and the video completed.
  - Compensation for the Round Table's time at the various meetings.
    - This is covered by the per diem.

### **Minister's Remarks**

- Minister Tim Sales reiterated that MB Hydro was a partner in the planning process, their process is not a separate process. Any information gathered during Hydro's informational meetings (which have been almost been completed) would be given to the Round Table. A framework for the consultation was handed out. When Hydro has finished their preliminary studies (informational) they will then be required to do a second round of consultation meetings on the transmission line to meet the Clean Environment Commission's requirements. By then the Round Table will have completed their information meetings with the communities.
- The Round Table has support from the government in that no other province has ever tried to plan land use for such a large area and more resources will be forthcoming.

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- The Minister was asked why the community of Sagkeeng was refused to participate in the Power Smart Program in spite of the fact that they were very interested in participating. The Minister requested Al Shnyder to have someone look into why Sagkeeng was not allowed to participate and then follow up by contacting the community.

A discussion then followed on Hydro rates in the North.

### Information Provided at Meeting:

- East Side First Nations Council Terms of Reference