

**East Side Lake Winnipeg Round Table Meeting
Minutes
Friday May 31, 2002 - Fort Garry Hotel**

Member Attendees:

Phil Fontaine	Cherry White	Jim Ticknor	Wesley Harper
Tom Napataypo	Don Courchene	Mike Martel	Helgi Einarsson
Ken Ellison	Sherry Dangerfield	Al Benoit	Ed Huebert,
Dr. Peter Miller	Gilbert Knott	Peter Kinew	

Special Advisor

The Right Honourable Mr. Ed Schreyer

Secretariat Members:

Bill Anderson	Mike Waldram	Paulette Delaquis	Joann Hebert
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Others in attendance:

Sheldon McLeod	Chloe Burgess	Michele Forrest	Sara Peloquin
Caroline Bruyere	Suzanne McCrea	Blair McTavish	Jane Gray

Regrets:

Dr. David Punter	Paul Chief	Don Sullivan	Chief Vera Mitchell
Chief Nancy Whiteway			

Opening:

The meeting opened with a welcome extended by the Chair and was followed by an introduction of two new attendees, Michele Forrest and Sara Peloquin who were there as alternates for Don Sullivan who was not able to be in attendance.

First item of business was a review of the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda.

Dr. Peter Miller asked that his name be added to the minutes as well as his two colleagues, Judith Harris and Doreen Smith.

Minutes of previous meeting to be reviewed by members prior to next meeting.

Phil Fontaine advised the Round Table of his meeting on Monday with the Minister. He introduced Sheldon McLeod as the facilitator for the meeting.

Mike Waldram suggested how the Round Table should approach discussing and understanding the Draft East Side Lake Winnipeg Executive Summary and Draft Terms of Reference documents. Mike introduced who on the Secretariat was doing the minutes and the PowerPoint presentation. He also pointed out the issues raised that could not be dealt with at this meeting would be designated to the “Parking Lot” for future action.

Phil Fontaine introduced and welcomed Elder, Peter Kinew to the Round Table. A prayer was then offered in Ojibway and English.

Jane Gray arrived and was introduced. She gave a short presentation on the Draft TOR .

Jane Gray discussed the background of the East Side Plan and how the TOR were established. She went on to thank the members of the Round Table and expressed appreciation for the time and effort to make the plan work. It was stated the government felt the TOR was well captured and does not want it to be rewritten however if there are gaps, recommendations can be addressed.

She went on to say the assessments for the 12 km stretch to Bloodvein would continue during the time the East Side Plan was working and the Round Table could make recommendations to it. All other considerations for the development of all weather roads would come out of the plan to be developed by the Round Table.

Ms Gray also spoke briefly on Protected Areas. Those currently in reserve status will be subject to the current review process being undertaken by Parks and Natural Areas Branch. A Memorandum Of Understanding between the Manitoba Government, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (M.K.O) ensures that Manitoba First Nations participate in the establishment and management of new protected areas. Areas of Special Interest, or ASI's, will also be subject to the current review process but input from the Round Table will be sought. She also stated that she would clarify the status of the Wildlife and Ecological Reserve Acts (i.e. amendments) and get back to the Round Table.

Ms Gray spoke on the Hydro license and stated nothing would be happening with Hydro until after the Round Table meetings are complete. She also stated Hydro is part of the Round Table but does not have a seat. Hydro routing subject to the RT entirely, i.e. no parallel planning processes but would come out of the plan to be developed by the Round Table.

Ms Gray spoke on the province's position on forestry. The position was that commercial forestry is permitted to proceed on Tembec's - Pine Falls Operation on FML Number One within the confines of the sustainable harvest for the area (as determined by Manitoba Conservation) and within the historical limits of timber extraction within IWSA-East.

Discussions occurred on the impact of international commitments.

The Chair stated he would like to see someone from the Round Table membership go to Ontario and/or British Columbia to see their plan and acquire further information. To be discussed further as an Agenda item for the next meeting.

Phil Fontaine thanked Jane Gray for coming.

TERMS OF REFERENCE - FACILITATED SESSION - Mr. Sheldon McLeod

This session was opened by Sheldon McLeod at which time he gave a small overview of what he hoped to accomplish with the group by day's end.

The TOR sections were listed as follows:

Mandate; Components of the Plan; Time Frame; Consultation and Specific Requirements; Considerations and Limitations; Operational Procedures; "Parking Lot Issues".

It was suggested the members get reference material being presented prior to the meetings in order to have the opportunity to review the information.

Members asked for information sharing on existing commitments in plain language. There were questions about what overlap there is and what is being done about it.

At this point, information was entered on the power point slides in order to facilitate the participation of members in the discussions. There were more sections added to the slides apart from the original six sections listed.

Items discussed and recorded on Power Point screen are attached at end of minutes.

The facilitator finished with his closing remarks and thanks to the members of the round table.

Chairman's closing:

Chair thanked Sheldon for all his help and facilitation of today's process.

It was suggested that the secretariat will include Jane Gray in additions or proposed changes of TOR. The revised Draft Terms of Reference will be presented at the next meeting.

The Draft Communication Plan is to be completed by secretariat for the next meeting.

The Draft Consultation Plan is also to be available for the next meeting.

The Chair suggested that a two-day meeting be scheduled for the next get together. This will include speakers and presentations, Terms of Reference and Protocols.

It was also stated there may be a need to have a meeting in July and August if the Round Table doesn't get the work done in June.

It was also stated the Chair would like to see the work plan started.

Next Meeting:

The dates for the next two sessions were scheduled because members conflicting schedules make it difficult to set meeting dates on short notice. The dates decided on were:

June 27 and 28, 2002 and July 17 and 18, 2002

Location: Winnipeg – Hotel yet to be decided

The meeting ended with a Closing Prayer

POWER POINT PRESENTATION (TEXT ONLY)

Mandate

- Create a vision for land use on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.
- Develop recommendations to sustainable land use planning for the east side Lake Winnipeg. (consider rewording in development of mandate)
- The East Side Roundtable will submit recommendations on the developing East Side plan, at critical stages, with the final recommended plan being completed within the two year timelines.
- Will provide coordinated and holistic advice on related issues that arise during deliberations and consultations.
- Consistent with government initiatives
- Recognizing local community plans
- consultation with representatives of interested groups
- Keep good record of what was heard - add to plan
- Co-management - procedures and elements of
- How various initiatives from item 2 fit into the plan

Components of the Plan

- Glossary of significant resource allocations licences, permits and any other allocations and the issuing body. (Joann)
- Background, history land use and resources of the area and traditional land use
- elaborate on land use zone
- Identification of incompatibilities with existing policies and lack of policies
- Reference items 3 & 4 from background document
- Tasks may change from the consultative process or what is done around the table.

Time Frame

- Ends June 2004

Consultation and Specific Requirements

- TOR for Advisory Group and First Nations Council - will be specific to their communities.
- Make sure communities is added to #4 in Draft TOR and bullet 2 of #1
- Remove "Aboriginal" and replace with "First Nation, Metis and other" throughout document
- Expand 4 & 5 to be broader in advisory capacity; i.e. to include all residents of communities from the area

- Sacred and burial sites that pre-date 1492 be taken into consideration - some may be recognized only by the community and not by the government - but should be considered.
- On 10a shorten to read “meaningful community consultations”.(community is all inclusive and means everyone)
- Consultation on consultation

Considerations and Limitations

- 10j - add “relevant” may only be issues related to broad area land use planning.
- page 2 of draft TOR - #1 second bullet - after First Nations enter "and Metis and other communities".

Operational Procedures

- Info needs be translated into 5 languages (English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Oji-Cree)
- Meetings
 - set by chair and program manager and based on the development of the workplan
 - members will provide availability for next 6 weeks to Mike
 - members provide prospective agenda items to manager to be added to agenda
- Secretariat will attempt to provide meeting materials 5 days in advance to members
- Members should come prepared by having read the information provided prior to meeting.
- Quorum 50%+1 for decisions
- When chair can't make meetings - Chair can appoint temp chair
- Have degree of consensus spelled out (Sheldon)
- No attribution in recording of minutes
- Procedure at end of meeting to give people an opportunity to say things they missed
- Default Meetings are public
- Can go to in camera
- Time allotted at the end of meeting for public to vocalize their points.
- Chair decides to go in-camera or not
- Special need to use airline to distribute hard copies of information to remote communities - best practice rather than fax or email
- Alternates - are they only observers or participants
- Summary comments
 - can't be dis-associated from your organizations if you were appointed by them

Parking Lot Issues

- Related items from COSDI

- Share information on existing commitments
 - Where are the links
 - Plain language summary
- Visits to learn in other jurisdictions (B.C. and Ontario)
- Clarification of present AAC
- Hydro need to hear that RT will provide advice broadly.
- Need information prior to meetings so best use is made of time together
- Define “local communities”
- The specific vs. the Broad view