

Minutes
East Side of Lake Winnipeg Round Table Meeting
January 17, 2003
Place Louis Riel – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Member Attendees:

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| Phil Fontaine - Chair | Cherry White | Ken Ellison | Gilbert Knott |
| Ed Huebert | Peter Miller | Mike Martel | Wesley Harper |
| Sherry Dangerfield | Don Sullivan | Don Courchene | Paul Chief |
| Peter Kinew | Dr. David Punter | Jim Ticknor | Tom Nepetaypo |

Secretariat Attendees:

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| Mike Waldram | Bill Anderson | Bruce Holmes | Bruce Bremner |
| Barb Hobson | | | |

Regrets:

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| Al Benoit | Ed Schreyer | Dan McNaughton | Helgi Einarsson |
| Vera Mitchell | Chief Nancy Whiteway | | |

Others in Attendance:

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| Joann Heibert | Myrna Bushie | Caroline Bruyere | Jane Gray |
| Doug Peterson | George Kemp | Gerald Kemp | John Berens |
| Berens River community observers | | | |

Presenters:

Sandra Storm & Eamonn Murphy - David Suzuki Foundation
Joe Romeo & Eric Christianson - Manitoba Transportation
Wade Munro & Carl Johnson - Manitoba Hydro
Doug Peterson - Research into the Effectiveness of the East Side of Lake Winnipeg Public Consultation Process Presentation was CANCELLED

The meeting was brought to order by the Chair.

Opening Prayer was given by the Elder, Peter Kinew.

This was followed with a welcome and discussion regarding outstanding Action Plan Items and which items have been followed up. Action items were discussed and all completed items were noted.

ACTION items arising from minutes:

- Request for a list of the First Nation Committee members. A copy of the First Nation Council & Round Table Advisory Council lists will be provided for the next Round Table meeting.
- Has there been any follow up from Rick Wilson with the MMF and the consultation process.

- Have the Berens River letter been sent out to the RT members. It will be distributed at the next RT meeting.
- Need to contact GLIFWC for more pamphlets and info. GLIFWC contacted by telephone and e-mail requesting additional info.

The October 23, 24, & 25, 2002 meeting minutes were accepted & approved.

ROUND TABLE MEMBERSHIP LIST ON WEBSITE

There was a question raised about posting the memberships contact information on the Website. There was discussion about how much personal information should be posted on the website. Some of the membership felt it was fine to have their work numbers listed but others were not comfortable because they work out of their homes. Discussion about what other info to include, e-mail addresses and possibly adding occupation on the list.

A suggestion was made to ask each individual their preference of what contact information they want listed on the Membership Listing.

ACTION - All members to be contacted individually and asked what information they wanted included on the Website.

ELDER INPUT

The importance of including elders in the planning process was discussed, including the need for financial assistance to accommodate the elders to attend and participate. Members generally agreed and should be supported with further discussions to follow on the process. A question was raised on how an Elder is recognized. The general response was an elder is defined and recognized by the community.

A suggestion was made to have the elders input as well as having them meet to discuss concerns.

ACTION - Further discussion warranted.

A PERSPECTIVE ON BROAD AREA PLANNING IN BC PRESENTATION -

The presentation was given by Sandra Storm and Eamonn Murphy and mainly concerned background to the development of an historic General Protocol Agreement on Land Use Planning and Interim Measures between eight First Nations of British Columbia's central and north coast and the B.C. government. Termed the "Turning Point Initiative, the agreement was signed on April 4, 2001. It establishes how forestry decisions will be reached and implemented in an area extending from the northern tip of Vancouver Island to the border with Alaska, including Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands). A discussion and question period followed the presentation.

More information can be obtained from the David Suzuki Foundation website.

ACTION - Get copies of the presentation and to distribute to Round Table members.

MANITOBA HIGHWAYS PRESENTATION

Presentation was given by Joe Romeo & Eric Christainson for the work plan to develop an all weather road network for the East Side of Lake Winnipeg with a discussion and question period following the presentation.

There was a concern raised of the development and how it will impact on the environment. There was also a question raised about the hiring of local area residents be incorporated into the overall development of the project. They were informed by the presenters that this would be incorporated into the plan.

Several questions were asked about the direction of the all weather road and possible locations were suggested.

Discussions continued after the Lunch break.

Gerald Kemp, representative from Berens River First Nation asked the Round Table for support to recommend the all weather road be developed from Bloodvein through to Berens River.

A letter of recommendation was submitted by Berens River First Nation to the Round Table regarding the "The Work Plan to Develop an All Weather Road Network for the East Side of Lake Winnipeg".

It was suggested that a working group be formed to consist of 2 representatives from each of the Round Table, Advisory Council and the First Nation Council to put together recommendations.

There was a request to the group for volunteers to be involved in the working group.

Gerald Kemp stated that Henry McKay, Berens River Mayor has stated that he feels that he has been left out of this process and should be the person to represent Berens River. He made a request for Henry to be invited and included in the meetings.

The idea of a working group/subcommittee was approved by the Round Table with Jim Ticknor and Ken Ellison submitting their names for the working group.

ACTION - Send out a request for 2 members from the First Nation Council & Round Table Advisory to join the working group.

Mike to set up a meeting with the working group to draft up a Terms of Reference.

EAST SIDE ROUND TABLE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Copies of the minutes were handed out to the Round Table members.

The chair discussed his meeting with Ministers Ashton, Sale & Robinson and indicated that the government will be hiring a community liaison person shortly. Negotiations in this regard are currently under way with Mr. Moses Okimaw. Office space and location are also being reviewed.

The chair reported Minister Ashton would attend the next First Nation Council meeting on February 6, 2003, which will be held at an East Side of Lake Winnipeg location.

The project manager gave an update of the meeting held on Dec 20, 2002.

A question was asked about the Manitoba government providing additional information to take to the communities.

ACTION - The chair to request a letter from Minister Ashton stating that Manitoba Conservation is working on the consultation process.

FUTURE EAST SIDE TRANSMISSION LINE DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

Wade Munro & Carl Johnson from Manitoba Hydro made a presentation, with a discussion and question period following the presentation.

There was a question asked about the cost to Manitoba Hydro to go into the 18 communities to conduct open houses. No firm answers with dollar amounts were given.

How Manitoba Hydro plans fit with the Round Table plans was also asked. Mr. Munro indicated that discussions have been held with the possibility of working together.

There was some concerns raised that Manitoba Hydro initiatives disrupting the Round Tables plans. The chair responded that he and the project manager would meet with the Minister to discuss recommendations and stated that the Manitoba government has given the Round Table the direction to continue this process and Manitoba Hydro would be directly affected by the Round Tables decisions and recommendations.

ACTION - The chair and project manager to meet with the Minister to discuss these concerns.

RESEARCH INTO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EAST SIDE LAKE WINNIPEG PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS by Doug Peterson was CANCELLED

Closing Prayer given by Peter Kinew

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 and suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for shortly after the First Nation Council meeting on February 6, 2003. The next meeting was then tentatively scheduled for February 11 & 12, 2003.

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Manitoba Hydro PowerPoint presentation

Information received at meeting:

Letter of recommendation from Berens River First Nation.