

**RECORD OF DECISIONS
ROUND TABLE AND FIRST NATIONS COUNCIL JOINT MEETING
Wednesday, December 3, 2003 pm and Thursday, December 4, 2003 am
Canad Inns Polo Park**

Participants:	Ed Wood	Ed Schreyer	
	Dan Benoit (Alternate)	Don Courchene	Sherry Dangerfield
	Helgi Einarsson	Ken Ellison	Wesley Harper
	Peter Kinew	Gilbert Knott	Mike Martel
	Peter Miller	Tom Nepetaypo	Jim Ticknor
	David Punter	Gail Whelan Enns (alternate)	
	Cherry White	Nancy Whiteway	
	Chief Gilbert Andrews	Rene Barker (alternate)	
	Don Clarke	Chief Bailey Colon	
	Jim Cromarty	Joe Daniels	
	Jack Fiddler	Lawrence Harper	Eddie Hudson
	Nelson Keeper	Roy A. Mason	Moses Okimaw
	Chief Cornelius Wood	Frank Young	
Regrets:	Paul Chief	Vera Mitchell	
	Hilda Flett	Joe Kuhn	Albert Pascal

1. OPENING PRAYER

Elder McPherson offered the opening prayer.

2. INTRODUCTION OF ASSOCIATE CHAIR

The Executive Coordinator introduced Mr. Ed Wood as the new Associate Chairperson for East Side of Lake Winnipeg Planning Initiative.

The Chair asked that the First Nations Council members to stay to re-convene the First Nations Council meeting at 4:30 pm to finish outstanding business.

3. VISION AND VALUES

The Executive Coordinator outlined the vision and values as a basis of the Broad Area Plan. The outline provided was based on the East Side Lake Winnipeg Phase 1 Final Report and provided an overview of "next steps".

4. AN INFORMATION AND DATA OVERVIEW - Brian Wilkes and Associates

Brian Wilkes and Associate are a consulting group hired to gather all data available through the various provincial government departments concerning the East Side of Lake Winnipeg. Brian Wilkes gave a presentation on what had been gathered to date.

5. MANITOBA CONSERVATION PROTECTED SPACES POLICY

Kelly-Ann Richmond, Ecological Reserves and Protected Spaces Specialist from Parks and Natural Resources gave a presentation on the province's Protected Areas Initiative (PAI). Topics covered included the definition of a Protected Area, Manitoba's Network of Protected Areas, how future protected areas are identified, and what is happening in the East Side study area. The power point presentation will be provided on the public registry. (Copy attached)

Rick Wilson, Park Planner from Parks and Natural Resources gave a presentation on the role of Provincial Parks, park classifications, land use categories, and park reserves. The power point presentation will be provided on the public registry. (Copy attached) Mr. Wilson also proved a handout/update on the Manigotagan River Provincial Park Reserve and a copy of the Provincial Parks Act (Available on the Province of Manitoba Web Site).

6. POPLAR RIVER / NANOWIN PROTECTED AREA

With the permission of the chair, Ray Rabalouskas outlined the steps taken in developing the Poplar River Nanowin Rivers Park Reserve and asked the Round Table to support their management plan in principle as presented. The Popular River Park Reserve management plan will be developed over the next two years. The joint meeting received the report.

7. PRELIMINARY ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE EAST SIDE COMMUNITIES

The Secretariat distributed three reports on the community visits undertaken:
What We Heard (by community)
Supplement to What We Heard (by community)
What We Heard (by issue)

8. MEETING ADJORNED TO ALLOW FOR FIRST NATION COUNCIL MEETING TO CONTINUE 4:40 pm

9. PRESENTATIONS Thursday, December 4, 2003 pm

The Boreal Forest World Heritage Site Initiative First Nations Accord

Ray Rabaloukas, Poplar River First Nation

Ray Rabaloukas for Poplar River gave an oral/ video presentation on Boreal Forest and the First Nation Accord. He spoke of the 4 communities involved - Poplar River, Pikangikum, Little Grand Rapids and Pauingassi and the success of working together. The intention of the accord, is to link the areas together, recognizing traplines and boundaries in each area. The areas of interest are protected areas, respecting the land, practicing conservation, sharing goals, methods and community based management.

The Pikangikum First Nation- Whitefeather Initiative

-Alex Peters, Pikangikum First Nation

-Andrew Chapeskie, The Taiga Institute for Land, Culture and Economy

-John Sills, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

John Sills, MNR spokesperson gave a presentation on the Pikangikum Whitefeather Initiative. This also includes the Lands for Life. The key topics included Land use planning, Protected Areas, and Development. Elders guide and direct the leadership of this project; they are "Custodians" of this land. The community has a good working relationship with the MNR. They have identified ancient boundaries, resource management, partnerships, tribal enterprises as being a priority in the accord. Research groups from the University of Manitoba are involved.

8. ESTABLISHING ISSUE – FOCUSED WORKING GROUPS

The Chair with approval from the Round Table and the First Nations Council moved this item to the Round Table Afternoon Meeting.

9. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT