

**Round Table Record of Decision
August 08, 2003
Charter House Hotel – Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Members present: Phil Fontaine Ed Schreyer Tom Nepetaypo
Helgi Einarsson David Punter Don Courchene
Wesley Harper Vera Mitchell Peter Miller
Cherry White Don Sullivan Ken Ellison
Gilbert Knott Al Benoit Nancy Whiteway
Jim Ticknor Sherry Dangerfield

Members absent: Peter Kinew Paul Chief Mike Martel

Secretariat present: Bill Anderson Bernie Wood Peter Andre Globensky
Barb Hobson Dale Sobkowich Bruce Bruyere
Ron Missyabit

Guests: Caroline Bruyere Doug Peterson Rene Barker
Joe Kuhn Thomas Beaudry Vince Kuzdak

Community Co-ordinators:
Don Clarke Hilda Flett Silas Sinclair

1. The meeting opened with a prayer by elder, Caroline Bruyere and the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

- Peter Andre Globensky was introduced as the Executive Co-ordinator
Bernie Wood – Community Consultation Co-ordinator
Bruce Bruyere – has been assigned from the Aboriginal Relations Branch
- New staff hired to include a Communications Officer and full time Administrative Assistant
- Change to the agenda - Ron Missyabit to present later in the day

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2003 MEETING

- Change the minutes to highlight the decisions being made.
- **Action Items arising from May 27, 2003 meeting**
- Provided a copy of the First Nations Council and Advisory Committee draft minutes, later in the day of the meeting.

The minutes were adopted.

Action Item No. 1: Provide a copy of the FNC & AC draft notes to all members that did not attend the previous Round Table meeting.

ROLE OF CHAIRPERSON

The chair expressed his interest to remain chair of the 3 committees but has not met with the minister to discuss this issue. There was discussion and unanimous resolution from the members that Phil remains as chair of the East Side Planning Initiative.

A motion was made by Honorable Ed Schreyer for the Secretariat to compose a letter requesting the Minister to retain Phil Fontaine as the chairperson. The motion was moved by Tom Nepetaypo and seconded by Jim Ticknor.

COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

The community co-ordinators, Don Clarke – Little Black River First Nation, Hilda Flett – Berens River First Nation and Silas Sinclair – Oxford House Northern Association of Community Councils were introduced and discussion followed about their roles and how they were to be paid.

VIDEO & DISCUSSION

The video was viewed and a suggestion was made to have the chair's introduction included at the beginning of the video.

A suggestion was made to possibly show the video to a larger audience at the World Indigenous Conference to be held in Quebec City this fall. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of sending a Round Table representative to the conference. Elder Caroline Bruyere made a request to the Round Table for sponsorship to attend the conference. The chair responded that more information was needed regarding the event and the request.

There was a general consensus from the members to use the video for the first initial community visits.

Action Item No. 2: The Secretariat to follow up on the cost and length of time involved making changes to the video.

EAST SIDE PLANNING INITIATIVE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mike Waldram was not available to give the presentation. Peter Andre Globensky informed the Round Table that the presentation would be updated and made available for the community visits and presented at Community Coordinators one day training session.

HOLLOW WATER COMMUNITY VISIT PRESENTATION

Rene Barker gave a verbal presentation of his experience coordinating the Hollow Water community visit.

Recommendations for community visits to include:

- Set the meeting up as information session and this made clear from the beginning
- Initial contact be made with the chief and council
- Ensure all the Elders are met with even if this requires meeting with them individually
- Require money up front to purchase food and supplies
- Hire 1-2 people as clean up crew abut do not pay them until their jobs are completed
- Book community hall – this may not require a cost if the community is willing to have the cost waived
- Preparation time for the Menu – dietary needs of the community need to be considered
- Require one day to put posters up in the community
- Document the visit – camera
- Ensure translators are available if needed
- Transportation arrangements may need to be made for community members that require it
- May need to check out the possibility of seeking meat donation – Hollow Water received a moose donation from Manitoba Conservation

It was noted that the cost of the community visits would change for each community.

Action Item No. 3: Secretariat to ask Rene Barker to prepare a 2 page report for the do's and don'ts of a community visit based on the trial run in Hollow Water.

Action Item No. 4: Secretariat to produce a generic poster to be used by the community co-ordinators for the visits.

Lunch Break

ROLE OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS BRANCH WITH THE ESPI PRESENTATION

Ron Missyabit gave a verbal presentation of the Aboriginal Relations Branch's (ARB) involvement with this process. The ARB will be more involved in assisting the First Nations Council in the process. The next First Nations Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 25, 2003.

Question raised regarding the status of the Protocol. The response was Moses Okimaw completed a draft and forwarded it to the government lawyer for his comments. The Protocol will be presented to the First Nations Council for their comments. The discussion paper is a different document from the Protocol.

A question was raised if the protocol being developed is to include all Aboriginal groups and not just for First Nations Council. If the protocol is to include all Aboriginal peoples it would need to be brought forward to the Round Table.

Ron asked to comment on the Woodward & Company Barristers & Solicitors review of the document, "Towards Better Relations With The First Nations: Manitoba Conservation Discussion Paper" that was handed out to the Round Table members. He responded that he would read the document and respond to it later.

Another Round Table member asked if an MOU could be used to address the mining & drilling issues in his community to include revenue sharing. This lead to another member pointing out, diamond drillers are going into his community, to stake claims on traditional territory.

Further discussion followed regarding the Protocol and the need to follow up with Moses. There was a lengthy discussion on what meaningful consultation means and the Round Tables' role and mandate for ESPI process.

Action Item No. 5: Ron to provide a copy of the protocol and the lawyers comments to the Secretariat to be accompanied with the minutes and distributed to Round Table members.

MAPS PRESENTATION

Dale Sobkowich presented the 23 maps that will be provided to each of the communities. Dale is currently working on putting the maps onto discs and a

PowerPoint presentation format on the data and what the maps represent. There was some discussion about producing "Traditional Knowledge" maps.

LOGISTICS OF COMMUNITY VISITS

Bill Anderson and Barb Hobson presented on development and organization of teams and communities to be visited. Discussion of the budget and how the communities were selected. It was suggested to have a minimum of 3 Round Table members per team to go into the communities.

Action Item No. 6: The Secretariat to schedule and plan the community visits.

Action Item No. 7: The chair directed the Secretariat to convene the Elders Gathering.

Action Item No. 8: Peter to schedule a meeting for the Round Table members to discuss the Consultation process.

Caroline Bruyere gave the closing prayer and the chair adjourned the meeting.

Information Provided at Meeting:

- Map of East Side Planning Area - Visitation Zones
- Community Co-ordinator Contact List

Information Gathered at Meeting:

- Boreal Forest Network newspaper
- "Towards Better Relations With The First Nations: Manitoba Conservation Discussion Paper" - Woodward & Company Barristers & Solicitors review