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MINUTES OF THE 131st MEETING OF THE JAMES BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(ADOPTED)

DATE: April 2, 2003

TYPE OF MEETING: Conference call

PRESENT IN THE HFTCC/JBACE MEETING ROOM, MONTRÉAL:

Jean Comtois, Canada
Claude Langlois, Canada
Marc Jetten, Executive Secretary

PARTICIPATION BY PHONE:

Glen Cooper, CRA
George L. Diamond, CRA
Marian Fournier, Québec
Carole Garceau, Québec
Élise Racine, Canada
Jacques Robert, Canada
Diom Romeo Saganash, CRA, Chairman
Denis Vandal, Québec

ABSENT: Sam Etapp, CRA, Vice-Chairman
Pierre Moses, Québec
Simeon Pash, ex-officio member

** Follow-up items are indicated in italics.*

Call to order and adoption of agenda

Due to Romeo Saganash's recent appointment as chairman and the lack of time to familiarize himself with issues, Romeo asked Claude Langlois to chair the meeting. The latter welcomed the new JBACE members.

The following agenda was adopted:

1. Resolution regarding banking signing authority for Diom Romeo Saganash
2. Administrative Committee proposal concerning the secretariat officer's salary review
3. Preparation of meeting with the Waskaganish Band Council

1. **Resolution regarding banking signing authority for Diom Romeo Saganash**

JBACE Resolution 2003-04-02-01 authorizing Diom Romeo Saganash to sign cheques and other banking documents on behalf of the JBACE

- Considering that Diom Romeo Saganash has been appointed Chairman of the JBACE for fiscal year 2003-2004 by the Cree Regional Authority, in accordance with paragraph 22.3.5 of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement;
- Considering that any financial commitment on the part of the JBACE must be signed by the Chairman and the Executive Secretary of the JBACE pursuant to section 16 of the Rules of Internal Management of the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment;

It is unanimously resolved to authorize Diom Romeo Saganash to sign cheques and other banking documents on behalf of the JBACE.

2. **Administrative Committee proposal concerning the secretariat officer's salary review**

JBACE Resolution 2003-04-02-02 regarding the salary review for the secretariat officer

- Considering that the Administrative Committee submits its proposals regarding employee salary review and adjustment to the JBACE, for adoption and implementation the following April 1, in accordance with section 5.1 of the JBACE's *Policy on Human Resources Management*;

- Considering that the Administrative Committee approves the performance evaluation of the secretariat officer conducted by the secretaries of the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee (HFTCC) and the JBACE;
- Considering that the secretariat officer's performance is entirely satisfactory and that the Administrative Committee recommends an increase to the fourth salary level established for this position;
- Considering that the salary revision for a time-shared position must be approved by the two employers and that the HFTCC, at its meeting on March 18 and 19, 2003, adopted a resolution that is consistent with the one proposed by the Administrative Committee;

It is unanimously resolved to fix the salary of the secretariat officer for fiscal year 2003-2004 at \$31 689, i.e. the fourth salary level established for this position.

3. Preparation of meeting with the Waskaganish Band Council

The Chairman said that he would not be available to attend the JBACE meeting in Waskaganish on April 8-10, 2003, and that he needs to be brought up to speed on recent developments in the issues studied by the JBACE. *He will check with the Vice-Chairman, Sam Etapp, to see if Mr. Etapp can replace him at the meeting. Mr. Saganash will also contact the chief of Waskaganish to obtain his consent. If not, the meeting could be postponed to a later date.*

A member for Canada thought that postponing the Waskaganish meeting once again would hurt the JBACE's credibility. A member for the CRA said that not many people would be available for a meeting in a Cree community in the second or third week of April because everyone will be preparing for the Goose Break.

According to a member for Canada, the purpose of the meeting is to exchange information. No decisions will be made, so the band council does not need to have quorum.

A member for Québec felt that everyone should agree on the proposed agenda for the meeting with the band council. The members read and approved the agenda insofar as the purpose of the meeting is to exchange information. The secretary pointed out that *the recent changes to the agenda have not been transmitted to the Waskaganish Band Council. This will be done as soon as the date of the meeting has been set.*

Some Québec members wanted reassurance that the JBACE would have quorum for its meeting on April 8 and 10, especially among the Cree representatives. Two CRA members said they would attend if the meeting were held on the planned dates.

The majority of members approved the Chairman's proposal. *The Chairman will contact the secretariat as soon as he has received a reply from the Vice-Chairman and from the Chief of Waskaganish and then contact the members.*



Marc Jetten
Executive Secretary
July 7, 2003