



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

**Comité consultatif
pour l'environnement
de la Baie-James**

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MINUTES OF THE 53RD MEETING
OF THE JAMES BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT
(DRAFT)

DATE: July 17, 1990

LOCATION: Édifice Marly
Ministère de l'environnement du Québec

PRESENT: Louis-Edmond Hamelin
Yvan Vigneault
Jean-Guy Charest
Alan Penn
Paul Wilkinson
Willie Iserhoff
Robert Daigneault
Claude Gignac, Interim Secretary

1. Opening of the Meeting

Following a morning meeting with federal and Québec government representatives to discuss the rudiments of the joint federal/provincial environmental impact assessment of the Great Whale project, the Committee met with the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee to further discuss the issue.

In the afternoon, Advisory Committee members met around 2:00 p.m.

2. Impact Assessment and Review Procedure for the Great Whale Project

Members took turns expressing their reactions to the procedure proposed by the representatives of both governments.

Committee members prepared a draft letter which included the following points:

- recommendation that the overall review of the project also take transmission lines into account;
- opinion that the joint review takes away from the federal review procedure;
- a single chairman for the various committees is not practical;
- the commission should have from five to seven members;
- all joint agreements should be endorsed by the native parties concerned as well as by both the federal and provincial governments;
- the joint agreement should make mention of the institutional arrangements targeting the monitoring and follow-up of project-related activities;
- further consultation should be held on the question of secretarial services;
- joint financing and review should not be limited to public hearings, but rather should encompass funds to pay for basic native research;
- under the current proposal, there is a danger that the contribution of the native delegations will be mitigated;
- the brief presented to the Review Committee by the Cree delegation points to practical difficulties resulting from the fact that the members must study other projects at the same time as the Great Whale project.

3. Closing of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 4:30 p.m.

CLAUDE GIGNAC
Interim Secretary