



MINUTES OF THE 168th MEETING OF THE JAMES BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(ADOPTED)

DATE: April 14, 2011

MEANS: Conference call

PRESENT: Josée Brazeau, Québec
Denyse Gouin, Québec
Guy Hétu, Québec
Ashley Iserhoff, Cree Regional Authority (CRA), Chairman
Réal Lavigne, Québec
Maryse Lemire, Canada
Chantal Otter Tétreault, CRA
Jean Picard, Canada
Isaac Voyageur, CRA, Vice-Chairman
Norman Wapachee, CRA

Marc Jetten, Executive Secretary

ABSENT: Annie Déziel, Canada

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion by Denyse Gouin, seconded by Norman Wapachee, the meeting agenda was adopted as amended.

2. ADMINISTRATION

a. Resolution authorizing the chairman to sign cheques and other banking documents on behalf of the JBACE

As the Cree Regional Authority has appointed Ashley Iserhoff to serve as chairman of the JBACE in 2011-2012, the members agreed to pass the following resolution:

JBACE Resolution 2011-04-14-01 authorizing Ashley Iserhoff to sign cheques and other banking documents on behalf of the JBACE:

- WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority appointed, by Resolution 2011-08 dated March 10, 2011, Ashley Iserhoff as Chairman of the JBACE for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, in accordance with paragraph 22.3.5 of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement;
- WHEREAS any financial commitment on the part of the JBACE must be signed by the Chairman and the Executive Secretary, in accordance with section 16 of the *Rules of internal management of the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment*.

On motion by Isaac Voyageur, seconded by Josée Brazeau:

It is unanimously resolved to authorize Ashley Iserhoff to sign cheques and other banking documents on behalf of the JBACE starting April 14, 2011.

b. Executive secretary salary review

Given the JBACE's difficult budgetary position, the members agreed to adjust the executive secretary's salary for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to the consumer price index.

c. Vacant seats on the JBACE

The Québec government recently appointed Guy Héту and Réal Lavigne to the JBACE. There is one vacant seat left on the Committee until confirmation is received of an appointment by the Implementation Office of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 167TH MEETING (FEBRUARY 23, 2011)

On motion by Josée Brazeau, seconded by Jean Picard, the minutes of the 167th meeting of the JBACE were adopted subject to verification of information relating to the presentation on the Eeyou Marine Region Agreement.

4. SUMMARY OF THE MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTER OF THE MDDEP (MARCH 16, 2011)

The secretary briefly went over the items discussed at the meeting, whose purpose was to prepare for the planned meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks on June 17, 2011. The members who were at the meeting thought it was constructive and provided an opportunity to discuss the following issues: the Northern Plan, modernization of the impact assessment and review procedure and JBACE funding.

5. AREA OF THE NORTHERN PLAN WITHDRAWN FROM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (50%)

Further to the secretary's phone call with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development, the members agreed to write to him to point out that the JBACE is still the preferential and official forum for governments concerning any matter that affects the environmental and social protection regime. The MDDEP should therefore send the consultation document concerning the area of the Northern Plan that will be withdrawn from industrial development to the JBACE for its consideration and comments before making it public.

6. FOLLOW-UP ON THE PROGRESS REPORT CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The subcommittee members have until April 22, 2011 to comment on the draft progress report prepared by the JBACE analyst. After that date, the report will be submitted to the JBACE members for approval and, if necessary, to the Deputy Minister of the MDDEP.

7. DRAFT BRIEF ON THE REVIEW OF THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT (CEAA)

The subcommittee members think that their work on the draft brief is almost completed. They will make their final comments known no later than April 21, 2011, after which the draft brief will be submitted to the JBACE for approval and then, if necessary, sent to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development.

8. PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE MRNF REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR NORD-DU-QUÉBEC

The members agree to meet with the regional director, Guy Héту, to discuss JBACE access to woodland caribou data. The members would also like to follow up on the presentation on the sustainable forest management strategy, in particular with regard to data on the state of James Bay's forests prior to industrial development.

Mr. Héту pledged to meet with the JBACE during the planned meeting in Oujé-Bougoumou on June 1 and 2, 2011.

9. REQUEST TO DISSEMINATE THE DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT OF THE NORTHERN PLAN

The principal author of the scoping document, Michel Crowley, asked if the JBACE could make the document available for the public on its website. The members gave their consent on the condition that a disclaimer be added specifying that the opinions expressed in the document are those of the authors only.

As the first five-year plan under the Northern Plan is on the verge of being tabled, the members hope that disseminating the draft scoping document will renew stakeholders' interest in the JBACE's proposal to conduct a strategic environmental assessment of the Northern Plan.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Grand Council of the Crees' and Cree Nation of Mistissini's call for a moratorium on uranium exploration

Ashley Iserhoff informed the members of the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Nation of Mistissini's call for a moratorium on advanced uranium exploration in the territory.

b. Presentation on the JBACE's mandate

The new JBACE members asked if the mandate and role of the Advisory Committee could be explained at the next meeting, to be held in Oujé-Bougoumou on June 1 and 2, 2011. The secretary and analyst will put together a presentation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Jetten". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Marc Jetten
Executive Secretary
June 7, 2011