



MINUTES OF THE 178th MEETING OF THE JAMES BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(ADOPTED)

DATE: April 8, 2013
MEANS: Conference call

PRESENT	ABSENT	GUEST
Jean-François Coulombe, Québec Annie Déziel, Canada Guy Héту, Québec Ashley Iserhoff, Cree Regional Authority (CRA), Chairman Eddy Jenniss, Canada Chantal Otter Tétreault, CRA Jean Picard, Canada Isaac Voyageur, CRA, Vice-Chairman Marc Jetten, Executive Secretary Graeme Morin, Environmental Analyst	Réal Lavigne, Québec Maryse Lemire, Canada Marie-Josée Lizotte, Québec Norman Wapachee, CRA	Stéphane Bernard, Groupe Conseil Nutshimit

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF 2013-2014 FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS

The Chairman welcomed the members and invited Stéphane Bernard to briefly go over the recommendations proposed by the forestry subcommittee. A member for Québec provided clarifications regarding the availability and use of forest plan support maps by the Ministère des Ressources naturelles (MRN). The member said that the Québec representatives on the joint working groups (JWGs) asked to consult the maps, which are held by the Crees. Some of the Cree members on JWGs agreed, but others not, because the MRN never signed the necessary confidentiality agreements.¹ The secretary will see that the section of the review report concerning the forest plan support maps is revised accordingly.

A CRA member suggested improving the recommendations regarding consultation meeting minutes and consultation reports by including a formal validation process: at this stage, the MRN authorities would ask the Crees concerned to validate the content of consultation meeting minutes and reports before they are approved. The members agreed.

Subject to these changes, the members adopted the report on the review of 2013-2014 forest management plans.

Marc Jetten, Executive Secretary
October 21, 2013

¹ In the past, the forest company representatives responsible for drafting forest management plans would sign confidentiality agreements with the Crees to protect sensitive information on sites of interest for the Crees.