



**Mistik Management Public Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Location:**

United Church, 502 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Meadow Lake, SK

**Meeting Notes kept/prepared by:**

Kevin Gillis RPF, Mistik Management Ltd.  
Niska Hodgson, Mistik Management Ltd.

**Meeting Facilitator:**

Brenda Nightengale

**Meeting Attendees (name and affiliation):**

Interested Party	Participant Name
'3rd Party' Softwood Quota Holders	Participant did not attend
Beauval Co-management Board Inc.	Participant did not attend
Big Island Lake Cree Nation	Participant did not attend
Buffalo Narrows Mayor & Council	Participant did not attend
Buffalo Narrows Metis Local #62	Participant did not attend
Buffalo River Dene Nation	Louie Chinalquay
Canoe Lake Co-Management Board	Participant did not attend
City of Meadow Lake	Conrad Read
Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society (CPAWS)	Participant did not attend
Divide Forest Advisory Council Corporation	Participant did not attend
Ducks Unlimited Canada	Mark Kornder
Flying Dust First Nation	Participant did not attend
Forestry Contractors	Participant did not attend
Ile a la Crosse ICS4 Group	Participant did not attend
Interested Party	Bill Pederson – Did not attend
Junior Forest Wardens	Participant did not attend
L&M Wood Products Ltd.	Regan Beck
Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation	Participant did not attend
Makwa/Loon Lake Metis Local #32	Participant did not attend
Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp	Taneal Brucks, Tammy Hossain
Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp Employees	Dwayne Mysko, Lorne Neale
Meadow Lake Metis Local #31	Participant did not attend
Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC)	Participant did not attend
Metis Nation SK - Northern Region 3	Participant did not attend

<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Participant Name</b>
Ministry of Environment Forest Service ML	Participant did not attend
Ministry of Environment Forest Service PA	Mark Doyle, Melissa Nordin
Ministry of Environment WFM Branch	Chris Dallyn
Ministry of Environment Wildlife Unit ML	Katie Rasmussen
Ministry of Government Relations	Participant did not attend
Mistik Board of Directors	Brenda Nightengale
Mistik Management Ltd.	Niska Hodgson, Tanya Fillion, Colby Dennis, Robert Follet, Kevin Gillis, Steve Hankey, Sophie Bradfield
Moosomin First Nation	Participant did not attend
NorSask Forest Products LP	Regan Beck
NorSask Union Employees (IWA Local 1-184)	Participant did not attend
Northern Hamlet of Michel Village	Brent Janvier
Northern Hamlet of St. Georges Hill	Norman Bekattla
Northern Lights Snowmobile Association	Participant did not attend
Northern Village of Green Lake	Joe Gardiner
Northern Village of Ile-A-La-Crosse	Peter Durocher, David McCallum, Clayton McCallum
Rural Municipality of Loon Lake #561	Participant did not attend
Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake #588	Blair Mysko, Garry Ratke
Saskatchewan Environmental Society	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Outfitters Association	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Research Council	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Water Security Agency	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation	Participant did not attend
Saulteaux First Nation	Leo Moccasin, Brook Night, Leon Haraburda
Silvacom	Ryan Spooner
Thunderchild First Nation	Participant did not attend
Tourism Saskatchewan	Participant did not attend
Town St. Walburg	Tony Leeson, Merrill Leeson
University of Saskatchewan	Participant did not attend
Village of Loon Lake	Participant did not attend
Waterhen Lake First Nation	Participant did not attend
West District Stakeholder's	Rita Rogers
Zone 8 Trappers	Leonard Greenhough

## **Supporting documents provided to the (PAG) members:**

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting of Mistik's Public Advisory Group

## **Proceedings of the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Mistik Public Advisory Group meeting:**

Facilitator Brenda Nightengale commenced the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Public Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting at 1:00pm with a welcome, round table introductions and adoption of the agenda. Joe Gardiner moved the adoption of the agenda, Leonard Greenhough seconded – all in favor.

Facilitator Brenda Nightengale initiated discussion of the meeting minutes from the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Public Advisory Group Meeting. A motion was made by Tony Leeson, seconded by Peter Durocher to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Housekeeping, Brenda Nightengale**

Washrooms, exits, mileage, meals and other miscellaneous items were covered.

### **Mistik & L&M Current Affairs (Robert Follett)**

- General overview of Mistik operations, including:
  - Operations were challenging through the summer due to wet weather
  - Km 70 (Hwy 903) washout impacted hauling. Canoe group moved to blocks in Beauval.
  - Hay Creek washout also impacted Waterhen Forestry who had to move to the East West Road.
  - Also have had issues with rutting/riparian areas due to wet conditions. Mistik is working through these and will take measures to prevent in the future.

### **Q=Question, A=Answer, C=Comment**

Q: Are there plans to go north (Peter Durocher)

A: No but Mistik is meeting with communities. A few northern areas will be in the operating plan in case anything changes. If the PA pulp mill opened, it might affect current operations. Plans are only strategic at this time (Robert F.).

C: Old/dry wood left in cut blocks for firewood was taken by someone else (Joe Gardiner)

Q: Will Buffalo River be represented at the Board of Directors meeting coming up in November? (Louie Chinalquay)

A: Yes, invitations will be sent out and they are welcome to attend (Robert F.)

### **Mistik Operations Update (Steve Hankey)**

Steve gave an update of where contractors are currently working and outlined plans for the upcoming winter harvest season.

### **Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp (Dwayne Mysko)**

Dwayne gave an update of operations at MLMP. The pulp market is low right now but holding. The incinerator is being rebuilt.

### **NorSask & L&M Update (Regan Beck)**

NorSask – lumber market is stagnant, duties are still on (20%) however, they are still operating and the mill is producing very well.

L&M – They are still learning the business and specifics of the L&M operation (the post and rail production is somewhat new to them).

### **Public Advisory Group representation on the Forest Management Plan (FMP) Management Implementation Team (MIT) (Niska Hodgson)**

The MIT takes over from the FMP planning team once the plan is approved. The PAG has traditionally been represented by Jack Purves and Tony Leeson in this capacity. Jack has indicated that he will be stepping away from this role. Tony indicated that the role provides an “inside view” to the process. A replacement for Jack is required. Peter Durocher nominated Joe Gardiner, seconded by Brent Janvier. An alternate, Brook Night, was named as an alternate. All in favor.

### **MLTC Bioenergy Project (Regan Beck)**

Regan gave an overview of the recently announced bioenergy project at NorSask. This is a MLTC project which will be housed on-site at NorSask. It’s an 8-megawatt power generation plant which will use residue produced by NorSask.

Q: What will this project deliver? (Joe Gardiner)

A: Just power (Regan)

Q: How big is it? (Peter Durocher)

A: 8-megawatt. There was an idea a few years ago to build a bigger one involving other mills but this one is just MLTC/NorSask. (Regan)

Q: Can it be added on to? (Peter Durocher)

A: No, it is not constructed in a way that it can be expanded. There may be the possibility of modular pieces. (Regan)

Q: Do they need to do anything to modify the waste? (Peter Durocher)

A: No, just a simple conveyor from the mill to the plant. (Regan)

Q: Who will use the power? Could it alleviate some of the power outages in the north? (Kevin Gillis)

A: All power generated will go to the grid provided by SaskPower (Regan)

C: 1 megawatt = power for 175 homes (Peter Durocher)

## **Prairie Resilience (David Stevenson)**

Dave gave an overview presentation of the new legislation/requirements related to the provincial climate change strategy and facilities producing high levels of greenhouse gas emissions. He also discussed carbon cycles in the forest.

Q: Can you explain the difference between carbon in an old forest vs. a young forest? (Niska H)

A: Young trees store carbon in the leaves, stem and roots while they are growing more vigorously. Older trees begin to slow down their growth and eventually decay and rot making older forest carbon emitters (Dave S).

Q: Why don't they cut in provincial parks? (Garry Ratke)

A: There never used to be much harvesting in the parks, but now they are starting to do so (Dave S).

C: In the farming community, there was crop insurance and carbon credits were sold but the program died after a year or so. (Garry Ratke). Zero tillage is a common practice now that is adding carbon to fields (Dave S.).

Q: Does the government sell forest carbon credits? (Peter Durocher)

A: This is a practice that is common in the US where more land is private or licensed differently than it is here. Essentially, you'd need to be doing something that is not already a requirement, something over and above. Tree planting is a requirement in SK provincial forests, so that wouldn't counted. (Dave S.)

C: There is a report from BC that links the trend of greenhouse gasses to the GDP and population (Dwayne Mysko). The Forest Service in SK is quantifying the amount of carbon in wetlands now. Indications are that it may be a slight sink overall. SK also has economic data in relation to energy and GDP (Dave S).

## **Provincial Harvest Levels & Other Information – Mark Doyle**

Mark gave a "fact-checking" presentation about some of the misinformation that is circulating through social media in the past few months.

Q: How much private wood is cut by Mistik? (Garry Ratke)

A: Approximately 8% annually (Kevin Gillis)

## **Protected Areas Strategy Project Update – Kevin Gillis**

Kevin gave an update of the project progress and noted the following:

- Project was initially based on "pre-election" commitments, funding was hard to access
- It is an FSC requirement to protect 10% of the landbase
- Working on combining science with local knowledge to determine what should be protected

## **FMP Caribou Habitat Mitigation Plan – Niska Hodgson**

- The provincial strategy involves a tiered process – habitat is rated based on quality
- FMP requirement to follow provincial/federal requirements around Caribou
- Mistik identified “Caribou management zones” that closely match the provincial habitat tier areas and has committed to staying out of most of the high-quality habitat areas for the next 10 years. A few areas could not be avoided because they contain a large amount of merchantable wood that is needed for harvest.
- Where operations are planned in overlapping Caribou habitat, steps will be taken to minimize the impact (“get in-get out”, close roads sooner after harvest, no operations during calving season in late spring, etc.)

Q: In the “business as usual” areas are Caribou present? (Joe Gardiner)

A: They don’t typically use these areas other than for travel to higher quality habitat. If we note that they are present, we can modify our plans. (Niska Hodgson).

C: We are working on a Caribou study. Norma Catarat is the lands and resources person who is the contact for this. (Louie Chinalquay)

C: There is an App for SK called the Cooperative Management Wildlife Survey that can be used to note locations and sightings. (Katie Rasmussen)

## **Species at Risk – Kevin Gillis**

Overview of Mistik’s species at risk program was given. Mistik monitors for any species with a designation that occur on the FMA (endangered, threatened, etc.). Training is provided annually to staff and contractors and plans are developed with consideration for these species.

Q: What are the differences for mitigation between level of concern for a species? (Taneal Brucks)

A: It’s a sliding scale – less for a species of concern and more for an endangered species. (Kevin Gillis)

Kevin also gave a quick overview of high conservation values, significant features on the landbase and cultural values, how we gather this information and how we track it in our database (GIS).

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Blair Mysko the meeting at 16:25.**