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Minutes of the May 9th, 2019 Meeting of Mistik’s Public Advisory Group (PAG)

MEETING LOCATION:

United Church, 502 6th Avenue West, Meadow Lake, SK

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES KEPT AND PREPARED BY:

Kevin Gillis RPF, Mistik Management Ltd.
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Meeting Attendees (name and affiliation):

Interested Party	Participant Name
A Le Baie Metis Local #21 (ILX)	Participant did not attend
Beauval Co-management Board	Ron Burnouf, Jerry Morin
Buffalo Narrows Co-Management Board	Participant did not attend
Buffalo Narrows Metis Local #62	Participant did not attend
Buffalo River Dene Nation	Louie Chinalquay & Grayson Janvier
Canoe Lake Co-management Board	Barry Opekokew, Patsy Laliberte
City of Meadow Lake	Conrad Read, Tom Harrison
CPAWS	Participant did not attend
Divide Forest Advisory Council Corporation	Participant did not attend
Ducks Unlimited Canada	Participant did not attend
Flying Dust First Nation	Participant did not attend
Forestry Contractors	Participant did not attend
Ile a la Crosse ICS4 Group	Participant did not attend
Junior Forest Wardens	Geoff Molyneux
L&M Wood Products Ltd.	Participant did not attend
Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation	Participant did not attend
Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp Inc.	Participant did not attend
Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp Inc. Employees	Dwayne Mysko, Simon Imray

Interested Party	Participant Name
Meadow Lake Metis Local #31	Participant did not attend
Metis Nation SK - Northern Region 3	Mervin Bouvier
Ministry of Environment	Meaghan Dierksen, Kathleen Gazy
Ministry of Environment Forest Service (PA)	Participant did not attend
Ministry of Government Relations	Participant did not attend
Mistik	Krystina Penner, Niska Hodgson, Robert Follett, Sherri Gregoire, Kevin Gillis
Facilitator	Roger Nesdoly
Mistik Board of Directors	Participant did not attend
MLTC	Participant did not attend
Moosomin First Nation	Participant did not attend
Norsask Employees Union	Participant did not attend
Norsask Forest Products Inc.	Regan Beck
Northern Hamlet of Michel Village	Brent Janvier, Keith Sylvestre
Northern Hamlet of Saint George's Hill	Donna Janvier, Norman Bekkattla
Northern Lights Snowmobile Club	Pat Wagman
Northern Village of Ile-A-La-Crosse	Peter Durocher, Vincent Ahenakew
Northwest Communities Wood Prod./Beauval	Participant did not attend
RM of Loon Lake #561	Participant did not attend
RM of Meadow Lake 588	Blair Mysko, Russ Jones
Saskatchewan Environmental Society	Allyson Brady
Saskatchewan Forestry Association	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Outfitters Association	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Water Security Agency	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation	Participant did not attend
Saulteaux First Nation	Walter Lewis, Leo Moccasin
Silvacom	Participant did not attend
Third Party Softwood Quota Holders	Participant did not attend
Thunderchild First Nation	Participant did not attend
Tourism Saskatchewan	Participant did not attend
Town of St. Walburg	Tony & Merrill Leeson
U of S/SRC/UBC	Participant did not attend
University of Saskatchewan	Participant did not attend
Village of Green Lake	Joe Gardiner
Village of Loon Lake	Participant did not attend
Waterhen First Nation	Participant did not attend
West District Stakeholders	Participant did not attend
Wildfire Management Branch	Participant did not attend
Zone 8 Trappers	Leonard Greenhough

Supporting documents presented/provided to the (PAG) members:

1. Public Advisory Group Meeting Agenda, May 9th, 2019
2. Minutes of the November 21st, 2018 Meeting of Mistik's Public Advisory Group
3. Mistik Forest Management Plan Update (Presentation)
4. Mistik Forest Renewal Update (Presentation)
5. Protected Areas Strategy Update (Presentation)

Proceedings of the May 9, 2019 Mistik Public Advisory Group meeting:

Facilitator Roger Nездoly, commenced the May 9, 2019 Public Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting at 10:20 a.m. with a welcome, round table introductions and adoption of the agenda. Leonard Greenhough motioned adoption of the agenda, Tony Leeson seconded – all in favor.

Facilitator Roger Nездoly initiated discussion of the meeting minutes from the November 21, 2018 Public Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting. A motion by Blair Mysko and seconded by Russ Jones to accept the minutes, all in favor.

Housekeeping, Roger Nездoly

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

Mistik & L&M Current Affairs (Robert Follett)

- General overview of Mistik operations, including:
 - Delivered wood volumes-less than anticipated, mainly due to weather all year
 - Earlier than normal start up with harvest/hauling to help make up shortfall with delivered volumes

Q=Question, A=Answer, C=Comment

C: Definition of better living/especially not for trappers etc. on the land. (Tex Bouvier)

Q: FMP responsibilities have expanded. How? (Allyson Brady)

A: Robert defined new FMP responsibilities and where Mistik wood comes from.

Q: Mistik's caribou plan? Mistik relationship/plan has been positive. (Peter Durocher)

A: Kevin/Niska explained FSC Protected Areas/FMP & areas affected

Q: Damaged area for caribou: what is paid for? (Tex Bouvier)

A: Robert explained reforestation

C: Competing licenses, low fur values (Tex Bouvier)

C: Highways, improved roads, access to other lakes: re: fish plant in Ilex (Vincent Ahenakew)

Q: Regarding meeting minutes: Aboriginal people, we need our comments recorded. They are not reflected in the minutes. (Tec Bouvier)

A: Robert said comments are recorded and put into the minutes.

C: Village council of Green Lake meeting re: Peat moss; wetlands etc. Kevin needs to come to discuss with them. (Joe Gardiner)

C: Must follow process, municipal, locals, etc., capacity is an issue for experts, MS-S now have scientists and gaining capacity (Tex Bouvier)

C: Highway getting product out-Hwy 4 etc., transport trucks having a large impact, bypass? Not going anywhere (Geoff Molyneux)

C: Local communities support MS-S/Tex (Peter Durocher)

C: Data collection is now important (Tex Bouvier)

NorSask (Regan Beck)

- Low markets
- Housing market in US is poor due to weather
- Summer shutdown, due to low inventory
- L&M-learning the business

Q. Experiment on co-gen plant? (Barry Opekokew)

A: MLTCii currently working on latest edition (Norsask)

Q: Is the co-gen a partnership? (Barry Opekokew)

A: Not a partnership, we would provide the waste (Norsask)

Q: Co-gen plant? Fibre Supply (Geoff Molyneux)

A: Could not supply if it was just mill material

MLMP (Simon Imray)

- Pulp market is good, highest production
- Mistik 70% logs/30% sawmill chips Norsask and Carrier
- Only user of softwood chips, only outlet
- Target is the same for next year
- Mill is rebuilding the waste incinerator (built 1991)
- Paper Excellence: 10 mills across Canada, now includes paper
- P.A Mill is not for sale
- Domtar agreement has 2 years left, rebuild costs being studied

C: Royalties from mill, financial support. Training and benefits for northern communities? (Tex Bouvier)

Q: Expansions? (Barry Opekokew)

A: Not anything planned, just maintenance: carbon tax economic fund? Access to meet targets, technological advances.

Mistik Forest Management Plan Update (Niska Hodgson)

- FMP done & waiting for Minister's approval
- Planning team will migrate to Implementation team in July
- Annual Reports will continue for 2007 plan (2017 & 2018 still to be done).

Plan update: Approval in the next couple weeks, 2007 plan done.

Q: Cutting plans; are they on your website? (Vincent Ahenakew)

A: OP different from the FMP; different process, every year we have an OP done by Ministry approval. Yes, maps will be put on website once approved.

Q: FMP consultation, is it just approved? What happens if it is not accepted? (Peter Durocher)

A: Must work through it. Consult doesn't end when plan is approved.

Q: Maps, radius? I have never seen this, would like to see the cabins etc.? (Tex Bouvier)

A: We have this information, cabins, historic, trappers, special features. Maps on website & will bring to next PAG.

Q: University mapping, done historically. Where does it come from, the information? (Tex Bouvier)

A: Interviews with community members mostly.

C: Radius: hunting, fishing, trapping, not a good level of understanding, environment is suffering. (Tex Bouvier)

Q: Is there any second generation harvesting? (Geoff Molyneux)

A: We are getting close, not a lot of good mapping of old harvest/burn areas.

Mistik Forest Renewal Update (Niska Hodgson)

Q: Balsam Fir? Does it get planted? (Barry Opekokew)

A: Scattered like tamarack and white birch

Retention: values in patches- leave them for seed trees

C: We need this information to add to community knowledge (Tex Bouvier)

Q: Road reclaim process? Not even animals can pass through?

A: Required to reclaim (provincial regulation)

C: Terrible for animals to get through.

Q: Who do we contact? Implementation? Government & Mistik (Tex Bouvier)

A: Follow up with Kathleen (MoE) for more information.

Q: Where do we get the seedlings? (Vincent Ahenakew)

A: Seed comes from Mistik FMA, grown at local nurseries

C: Fire risk, trees are close together? (Peter Durcocher)

A: jp-thinning, limby, poor form if mechanically limbed/thinned. Better to let natural thinning occur.

Q: How long to grow back? (Saulteaux member)

A: About 80 years

Q: Seedling training; where are the nurseries? (Vincent Ahenakew)

A: P.A, Big River & Bonnyville (All large commercial nurseries-large scale production)

Q: Does Mistik measure trees in fires? (Peter Durocher)

A: Only if we salvage harvest

Q: Second fire or after harvest fire? Is there a difference? (Geoff Molyneux)

A: Plantations burn. Harder to get natural regen. if this happens.

Q: Where did mistletoe come from? (Saulteaux member)

A: It's a plant that's native to the area. Spreads from tree to tree.

Protected Areas Strategy Update (Kevin Gillis)

Significant features map

Caribou habitat

Population increase

Q: Historical information-what is available? (Text Bouvier)

A: SPP @ risk; MoE does surveys

Q: How do you make an area a national park? (Text Bouvier)

A: Move area toward protected area, pass legislation

C: Kazan-wanted a protected area, don't want more harvesting (Tex Bouvier)

Kazan lake is a recognized nesting area(islands)

Sign pelican nesting area, cormorants

C: Carrier wants to keep logging (Tex Bouvier)

C: June 6-9 Sk Metis gathering-would like presentations (Tex Bouvier)

Motion to adjourn made by Russ Jones

Facilitator Roger Nesdoly closed the May 9th, 2019 meeting session at 12:15 P.M.