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# Northeast Roundtable Session 10

MEETING NOTES

MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

# NORTHEAST ROUNDTABLE SESSION 10– MEETING NOTES

**Date:** March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 PM  
**Location:** Pomeroy Hotel – 11308 Alaska Rd. Fort St. John

**Meeting Reference Materials Available Online:**

- <https://nestakeholderroundtable.ca/>
- March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Roundtable Agenda
  - March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Project Update Briefs: BCPRP, LRMP, Section 11 / Partnership Agreement, TLE, Scientific Review of Hydraulic Fracturing
  - March 4<sup>th</sup> Powerpoint Presentation
  - Record of March 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 Roundtable Participation

## 1. Welcome, Agenda, Minutes

- Facilitator welcome, participant introductions and territorial acknowledgement
- No requested revisions to the agenda; No comments on January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting notes

## 2. Northeast Roundtable Terms of Reference, Form and Function

- Facilitator reviewed Code of Conduct; No comments received
- Get to know eachother exercise

## 3. Treaty Land Entitlement Update

- Tara Forest provided verbal update on TLE; No presentation- see project update sheet for details; Currently there is no significant changes; Land Agreement Settlements are still in negotiation; West Moberly First Nation and Halfway River First Nation are still being engaged; Sauleteau First Nations parcels have been presented and are in the early stage of engagement

**TABLE 1 – Treaty Land Entitlement**

• TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)	Follow Up Action
<p><b>Q When will decisions/timelines be made?</b></p> <p>A Over the next few months, timelines can change due to the start of engagement, and ensuring multiple opportunities for public input and potential changes which will be brought to the Roundtable. Sauleteau First Nations timeline will take longer since just began.</p>	
<p><b>C Concern is with the lack of response from the concerns already brought forward from the parcels that have been engaged with. There is concern with answering questions and making sure the stakeholders are being heard and taken serious.</b></p> <p>A Information is being collected at this point, which will be used to make recommendations. The challenge is might not see changes at this stage,</p>	



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but in the background the comments are being considered. Example Pink Mountain recreation trail.	
<b>C Participant commented that the Ministry should focus on the process of getting input, and not focus on initialed agreements, unless you have to.</b> <b>A</b> Thank you, will be brought back to the team at the Ministry	
<b>C Participant noted that TLE is important for public and First Nations to complete. They would like more public meetings to discuss trails in Upper Halfway and Saulteau.</b> The Ministry have extended the timeframe of the open houses from 2-9pm to allow for more attendance and two presentation opportunities <b>A Participant noted there were issues with RSVPing and the majority of people will attend in the evening</b> <b>C</b> The Ministry will have an ad in the paper to reflect the time changes and apologized that the intent of RVSP was not received in the light it was intended. <b>A</b>	Ad in local papers by Thursday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>C Participant commented that the Blueberry River First Nation and Doig River First Nation Open Houses were very helpful and encouraged interactions. Make sure the same model is use for Halfway River First Nation and Saulteau First Nations open houses</b> <b>A</b> Thank you, and will bring that comment back to the team at the Ministry	

#### 4. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Presentation

- Larueen Whyte presented on the UNDRIP; see presentation for details

TABLE 2 – UNDRIP Presentation

• TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)	Follow Up Action
<b>Q In regard to the Section 35 definition still excludes Metis, Inuit, and non status Indigenous peoples and Daniel’s decision gives the care of Metis to the Federal government</b> <b>A</b> This has changed; not Indian Bands under the Indian Act but self determining groups with rights and titles. Provincial lands outside of reserves and Federal government is reserves. Services and responsibilities are split between Provincial and Federal governments. Which leaves gaps. Federal government movement to recognize non status.	
<b>Q The Environmental Assessment Act has gone through legislative changes, and the Wildlife Act is in the process of changes. What other legislations have, or are being changes and updated?</b>	<b>For the next meeting, a list of legislation that have been changed or are in the</b>



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A There has been health care changes.	process of being changed to reflect the UNDRIP and DRIPA
<b>Q Have you (Laureen) been involved in the six stewardship collaborative partnerships?</b>	
A Laureen has not been directly involved. Have seen strong community leadership and government representation.	
<b>C Participant commented that stakeholders need to be included as new initiatives come forward</b>	
<b>C Participant positively commented on the work in the NE and is proud of the positive relationships with First Nations and the collaboration that is being done on different initiatives and leadership to continue to build economic development.</b>	

## 5. Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Planning Update

- Joelle Scheck provided an update about Boreal Caribous Recovery; See PowerPoint presentation and project update sheet

TABLE 3 – Boreal Caribou

TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)	Follow Up Action
<b>Q When is the next working group committee meetings?</b>	
A Socio-economic group had a phone call last Friday (February 28, 2020) next is early to mid April	
<b>Q How long is maternal penning and predator control going to be supported?</b>	
A Until no longer necessary. <b>Has captive breeding or conservation breeding been considered?</b> There has been Conservation breeding conversations with the Caribou Board and working group and the Alberta parks planning group; There is an initial target in the Southern Caribou Group to explore conservation breeding. Discussions and decisions still need to be worked on whether it will include the Northern herds or not; This activity is still in the early stages and it is a big decision.	
<b>Q Will there be an AAC reduction?</b>	
A There is anticipation to reduce the AAC in Dawson Creek Timber Supply Area and TFL 48 by 285,000m <sup>3</sup> which would then need to seek out alternative area. Chief Forester would make that decision.	
<b>Q Moving of Old Growth Management Areas (OGMA)?</b>	
A It is being considered, overlapping protective measures.	
<b>Q Will wolf cull continue?</b>	
A There is support for continuing. The culling is in different stages for each group. Annual basis there is evaluation to decide if it continues.	



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<b>Q Can you provide information on the Spruce Beetle epidemic? Will there be Spruce Beetle sanitation in the Moratorium?</b> <b>A</b> Partnership Agreement does provide some guidance	Will provide more in-depth information at next meeting
<b>Q What does success look like? Hard target? What are we aiming for?</b> <b>A</b> Tough question, but the program is looking into that; Target population per herd. Short term to decrease the decline the decline in population and sustain the herds.	
<b>Q Bear Management?</b> <b>A</b> Grizzly Bear project in specific areas; While the government might not reverse their stance on not allowing bear harvesting, the study might identify changes in project areas. <b>C</b> Participant suggested to look at a Saskatchewan program on moose calves and bears	

## 6. Recreation Sites and Trails

- Denise Booy came to the meeting, and provided a brief verbal update on Recreational Sites and Trail; No Presentation

TABLE 4 – Recreation Sites and Trails

TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)	Follow Up Action
<b>Q Who is the proponent for the cabin at the McQue Flats?</b> <b>A</b> North Trail Blazers	
<b>Q What is the fish population at Sun Dance Lake? Is it being aerated?</b> <b>A</b> Partnered with Peace River Regional District (PRRD); believes the lake is stocked aerated.	
<b>Q Who is responsible for the Murray East Pine boat launch?</b> <b>A</b> Not sure, will look into that	Provide update to Roundtable
<b>C Site at Skooks Landing needs to be fixed up</b> <b>A</b> Funding is in the works and will be working on that	

## 7. Assessment of Fort St John Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) Presentation

- Ian Curtis provided an update on the LRMP; see presentation and project update sheet

TABLE 5 – LRMP Update

TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)	Follow Up Action
<b>Q Was there any interest in talking to Alberta First Nations?</b> <b>A</b> There was an awareness of what was going on in Alberta and the recognition next door and access and range for caribou and other wildlife.	
<b>C</b> There is an area where Beatton and Doing River protected areas have a joint boarder, and it was considered an area for mule deer and elk;	



• TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)	Follow Up Action
<p><b>Q The 1997 LRMP included biodiversity guidelines; did we meet those or go sideways?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Several objectives in the Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP) reflect those objectives and identify targets.</p>	
<p><b>C The First Nation communities did not participate distinction between not being invited and not participating; there was supposed to be a process for updating the LRMP from time to time; expectations were that they would be public updates</b></p> <p><b>A</b> There is a need for input and ongoing follow up, Muskwa-Kechicka (MK) Advisory Board could serve as a template</p>	
<p><b>C There is going to be a cost associated with updating and monitoring the LRMP; The government needs a budget plan</b></p> <p><b>A</b> In the implementation plan, there will be something about a monitoring plan/committee</p>	
<p><b>Q There are land objectives in the MK, will the MK be included with the LRMP amendment or stand alone?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Next steps for the MK to meet with the First Nations, and build out a process; Active conversations and this could be a potential agenda item at a later meeting</p>	

## 8. Other Business/Suggested Topics

- Facilitator invited suggestions for future meetings topics and received the following recommendations:
  - Update on projects that are currently being reviewed, such as the Wildlife Act, and ones that the group is not aware of that are being amended; a list that the group can discuss
  - Caribou Management; have someone present on other management practises such as alternative prey
  - Update on Boreal Caribou
  - Water Sustainability Act
  - Provide updates and information on Spruce Beetle Management/Mitigation and fire risk management
  - Katelyn White on how western science and traditional knowledge can work together in Land Use Planning
  - Invite First Nation groups come to talk about their history and discuss how they land manage
  - Old Growth management Areas update
  
- Comment is to provide an update of what the public mood/perspective is after a public engagement event, as it would be good to receive the public's input and feedback on the topics discussed at these meetings



## 9. Next Meeting

- Next meeting: **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- The group will schedule future meetings at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Send out agenda and calendar invite as early as possible
- Stick to the agenda the way it is sent out to the participants on the day of the meeting

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