

EYYOU MARINE REGION PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Held at 1201 Boulevard René-Lévesque West, Montreal, Québec

on February 19-20, 2013

THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 9:20 ON FEBRUARY 19, 2013.

PRESENT: Chantal Tétreault – GCCEI
Alan Penn – GCCEI (present on February 19th only)
Lorne McNeice – Canada (present on February 20th only)
David Alagalak – Nunavut

ABSENT: None

Being duly appointed members of the Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission (the “**Planning Commission**”).

This was a joint meeting with the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board and the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board.

Also in attendance were Marina Kataquapit (GCCEI), Denis Blanchette (Gowlings), Steven Nguyen (Gowlings) and federal representative Eddy Jenniss (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada).

I. OATH OF OFFICE

1. All members duly took their oath of office in accordance with sub-paragraph 8.4.13(a) of the *Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement*.

II. AGENDA

2. The members reviewed and approved the agenda of the meeting.

III. INTERIM CHAIRPERSON

3. The members agreed that an interim Chairperson should be named until such time as a permanent Chairperson is appointed by the federal Minister responsible for Indian Affairs

and Northern Development in accordance with paragraph 8.4.9 of the *Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement*.

4. The members unanimously adopted **resolution 2013-01** which reads:

The members of the Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission (EMRPC) having met in Montreal on February 19-20, 2013.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following person is hereby appointed to the position referred to opposite his name to hold office at the pleasure of the Commission until such time as the permanent Chairperson of the EMRPC is appointed by the Minister under paragraph 8.4.9 of the *Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement*:

Chantal Tétreault Interim Chairperson

The Interim Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson under the provisions of the EMRPC's general by-laws until such time as the permanent Chairperson has been appointed.

The undersigned, being all of the members of the Commission entitled to vote at a duly constituted meeting, do hereby consent to the foregoing resolution. The foregoing resolution may be validly executed in counterpart and delivered by facsimile.

IV. SELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

5. The members unanimously adopted **resolution 2013-02** which reads:

The members of the Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission (EMRPC) having met in Montreal on February 19-20, 2013.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following person is hereby appointed to the position referred to opposite his name to hold office at the pleasure of the Commission:

Alan Penn Vice-Chairperson

The Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chairperson as provided for under the provisions of the EMRPC's general by-laws.

The undersigned, being all of the members of the Commission entitled to vote at a duly constituted meeting, do hereby consent to the foregoing resolution. The foregoing resolution may be validly executed in counterpart and delivered by facsimile.

V. NOMINATION OF PERMANENT CHAIRPERSON

6. The members agreed to defer the nomination of a permanent Chairperson until the next meeting of the Planning Commission in order to consult with potential nominees and stakeholders.

MEETING RECESSED AT 5H10PM; RECONVENED ON FEBRUARY 20TH AT 9H10AM

VI. INTERIM GENERAL BY-LAWS

7. The members reviewed and considered a tabled document entitled "By-Law Number 1 – EMRPC General By-Law" dated February 2013.
8. After a clause by clause review of the proposed general by-law, it was decided that said by-law would be adopted without changes.
9. The members unanimously adopted **resolution 2013-03** which reads:

The members of the Eeyou Marine Region Commission (EMRPC) having met in Montreal on February 19-20, 2013.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The document entitled "EMRPC General By-Law" be and is approved by the members of the EMRPC as By-Law Number 1.

The undersigned, being all of the members of the Commission entitled to vote at a duly constituted meeting, do hereby consent to the foregoing resolution. The foregoing resolution may be validly executed in counterpart and delivered by facsimile.

10. The review of By-Law Number 1 – EMRPC General By-Law raised a number of substantive questions, including conformity with the *Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement*. As a result, it was suggested that a revised version of the by-law be presented and reviewed at the next meeting of the Planning Commission.
11. **Directive 2013-01** was issued to legal counsel to prepare a revised version of By-Law Number 1 – EMRPC General By-Law for review and consideration by the Planning Commission at the next meeting.
12. **Directive 2013-02** was issued to legal counsel to prepare and present a legal opinion concerning exposure to liability of the Planning Commission and its members and recommendations related thereto.

VII. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

13. The members agreed that an interim Secretary should be appointed until such time as a permanent Secretary (Regional Planner) is appointed.
14. The members unanimously adopted **resolution 2013-04** which reads:

The members of the Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission (EMRPC) having met in Montreal on February 19-20, 2013.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following person is hereby appointed to the position referred to opposite her name to hold office at the pleasure of the Commission until such time as the Regional Planner has been hired and commences to work for the EMRPC:

Marina Kataquapit, Interim Secretary
Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) /
Cree Regional Authority

The Interim Secretary shall perform the duties of the Secretary as provided for under the provisions of the EMRPC's general by-laws until such time as the Regional Planner has been hired and commences to work for the EMRPC.

The undersigned, being all of the members of the Commission entitled to vote at a duly constituted meeting, do hereby consent to the foregoing resolution. The foregoing resolution may be validly executed in counterpart and delivered by facsimile.

VIII. LOCATION OF HEAD OFFICE AND FACILITIES

15. The members agreed to defer the determination of the location of the permanent head office of the Planning Commission until consultation with stakeholders has been completed.
16. In the meantime, the interim head office of the Planning Commission shall be located at the head office of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority at 2 Lakeshore Road, Nemaska, Quebec.
17. The members unanimously adopted **resolution 2013-05** which reads:

The members of the Eeyou Marine Region Commission (EMRPC) having met in Montreal on February 19-20, 2013.

WHEREAS:

Subsection 8.4.2 of the *Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement* provides that the head office of the EMRPC shall be located in Eeyou Istchee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The location of the Head Office of the EMRPC shall be established at 2 Lakeshore Road, Nemaska, Quebec, until such time as the members of the Commission determine otherwise.

The undersigned, being all of the members of the Commission entitled to vote at a duly constituted meeting, do hereby consent to the foregoing resolution. The foregoing resolution may be validly executed in counterpart and delivered by facsimile.

18. **Directive 2013-03** was issued to legal counsel to register the Planning Commission with the *Registraire des entreprises du Québec*.

IX. BANKING SERVICES

19. The members agreed to defer the designation of a financial services institution for the Planning Commission until the review of various options of institutions offering financial services in the Cree communities.
20. **Directive 2013-04** was issued to the interim Secretary to organize for a presentation to the Planning Commission of various options of institutions offering financial services in the Cree communities, including First Nations Bank.

X. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

21. The members reviewed and considered a tabled proposal for auditing services from Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.
22. The members agreed to defer the designation of auditors until the review of additional submissions or proposals from other potential auditors.
23. **Directive 2013-05** was issued to the interim Secretary to organize for a presentation to the Planning Commission of additional submissions or proposals from other potential auditors.

XI. BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013-2014

24. The members reviewed and considered a proposed operating budget for financial year 2013-2014, beginning on April 1, 2013.
25. This budget is based on the proposed budget of the Planning Commission for Year 1 set forth in Sheet # 8-2 of Annex A of the *Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement* --

Implementation Plan (“**Implementation Plan**”). The Implementation Plan was developed by Canada and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and was signed on July 7, 2010 concurrently with the *Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement*.

26. The total amount of the operating budget of the Planning Commission for Year 1 set forth in the Implementation Plan is \$317,498 in 2008 constant dollars. This amount was adjusted for inflation to \$341,690 for the financial year 2012-2013 and will be further adjusted for inflation for the financial year 2013-2014.
27. The final amounts of the operating budget of the Planning Commission for the financial year 2013-2014 will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Planning Commission.
28. Also at the next meeting, federal representative Eddy Jenniss will present the proposed funding agreement between Canada and the Planning Commission concerning the operating funding of the Planning Commission for the financial year 2013-2014.
29. The members agreed to defer the approval of the operating budget of the Planning Commission for the financial year 2013-2014 until the next meeting.

XII. HIRING OF STAFF

30. The members agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

31. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in Montreal on April 23-24, 2013.

XIV. CLOSING REMARKS

32. Each member of the Planning Commission made closing remarks concerning their support for the establishment of the Commission, their appreciation for the presence of other members and supporting staff and/or their expectations as members of this Commission.

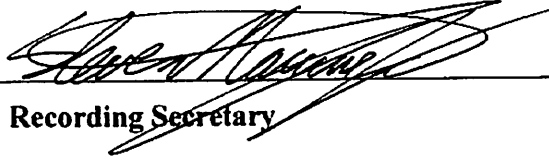
XV. ADJOURNMENT

33. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4H50PM ON FEBRUARY 20, 2013.



Chairperson



Recording Secretary

