

# MUSKWA-KECHIKA ADVISORY BOARD

Winter 2009 M-KAB Meeting:  
Mackenzie , B.C.

February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2009

## FINAL MINUTES

Wednesday February 25, 2009

### ATTENDING:

<b>M-KAB Members:</b>	<b>BC Government:</b>	<b>Regrets:</b>
Tom Briggs (M-KAB Chair) Wayne Sawchuk Darrell Regimbald Johnny Mikes Roslyn Pokiak Peter Stone Stephanie Killam Tim Trapp Jason Lee  Joined at noon: Bill Lux Corrine Porter  Don Roberts (Secretariat)	Jason Lawson (ILMB) Rod Backmeyer (ILMB)  <b>Guests:</b> Sandra Apsassin (Blueberry)  Synergy Ecology Pam Hengeveld Shell Canada Moss Giasson Alan Dunlop Wildlife Infometrics Scott McNay	Leif Olsen Barry Holland Andy Johnson

February 25th: Meeting began @ 9:10am

### Welcome and Introductions

Geraldine Solonas, McLeod Lake First Nation:

Opening welcome from McLeod Lake First Nation and to recognize this meeting is within their traditional territory.

### M-K Chair report out to M-KAB:

### Review Action items and Decision from June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>:

- Report out on all outstanding items and current status (Secretariat)

Review, comments and edits/additions to October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes

- **APPROVED** as tabled

Review Executive Issues Management Tracking document (tab 2 in binder)

Purpose of review is to keep all Board members up to date with key issues before Executive and the Advisory Board. (Some issues will be discussed more thoroughly during committee report)

Discussion on inter-government relations:

A discussion was prompted from a committee meeting on this issue, the Advisory Board needs to be kept abreast on management issues and activities within the M-KMA – however, how do they know what the issues and activities are if government agencies don't report out to the Advisory Board

Secretariat noted that the regulation is for IAMC to report out on all activities in the M-KMA to the Board twice a year, but no formal mechanism is in place. This is required and is well noted in the Annual Report from the Board to the Premier.

Government staff at this meeting suggested that the Advisory Board requests government to brief them on issues and activities within the M-KMA but the question remains, how does the Advisory Board know when to ask if they don't know what is taking place?

*It is imperative for government to establish a formal reporting out regime to the Advisory Board.*

This discussion will be tabled again for tomorrow's agenda under the "Providing Advice" section

Update on Sulphur 8 Mile Stone's Sheep project:

Pam Hengeveld, Project Manager, Synergy Ecology

Pam provided an overview of the work and status of research work to date in this area.

Discussion took place on the research leading to oil and gas "best practices" for future activity in this area. Pam advised that this will take shape in 2010 with a target by the end of the year to have these in place based on the research she is doing.

It was further noted that Explor has deferred exploration for oil and gas in 2009 and will do this in 2010 in the research area.

**ACTION:**

The Advisory Board desires to be brought into the discussions and review of these best practices before they are approved by government.  
This will be noted through the Stone's Sheep Steering Committee

Shell Presentation (Moss Giasson Alan Dunlop)

Overview of Shell's interests in Canada, focusing on NE BC area and activities

Discussion about coal bed methane production etc, No existing tenures in the M-KMA

Shell's presentation will be provided to the Secretariat and posted on the Board secure web page under Resource page, oil and gas section.

**1:15 PM**

Oil and Gas Monitoring Framework Project Rod Backmeyer (ILMB)

Rod reported out on this project and the work completed this year. A ranking system had been established by way of contract and ILMB tested this model this past year. Presentation reviewed the sites completed by Rod and he discussed how the model for ranking/scoring was done.

(This power point presentation will be posted on the Advisory Board members secure web site)

2:00 Committee Reports:

Committee Chairs report out to the full Board on their committee activities and key issues. (reports are tabled in binder under section 2)

Wildlife Infometrics (Scott McNay)

Overview of caribou in northern BC by Scott. Years of research conducted.

It was noted that there are some gaps in the western portion of the M-KMA in terms of caribou and Scott would like to see these gaps filled.

(Scott's presentation will be made available on the website wildlife section)

February 26<sup>th</sup> , 2009

ATTENDING

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7:30 - 9:30 am

(M-KAB “in camera” breakfast meeting, Advisory Board members only)

Tom Briggs leads discussion. No notes and will report out to Secretariat later on any action items.

**DECISIONS FROM IN CAMERA SESSION:**

- June Board meeting dates and location: June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Ft Nelson
- October Board meeting: October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Fort St John

**9:30 AM**

David Luff and Julian Griggs Presentation on their draft paper:

*“Lessons Learned in Conservation Planning and Multi Stakeholder Collaboration: The M-KMA”*

(Note: This power point presentation was posted on the Board member secure page prior to meeting)

Comments on presentation:

Peter Stone, a good document to reflect on, and the need to establish a g2g relationship the M-K is one opportunity for FN to advance g2g in a meaningful way.

Wayne: What are the tangible products that have not been delivered, What are they?

David Luff: from John Cashore, a blueprint for the MK never created, personally 3 or 5 measures to determine success never developed

Julian Griggs: blueprint was to establishing thresholds in the M-KMA, how many wells, how much development etc there is no framework for this to determine the success as a land use model.

Wayne S: Not the way to throw the cards up in the air and start over. The SLUPIF project was to advance how this model could work better and the Board still believes those recommendations need to be accepted and implemented.

Next steps on the draft paper presented:

- Board member can provide comments on the draft paper now and by way of email to Julian or David
- Julian and David will provide their final report to the Board by end March

Board asked about the targeted audience, Julian and David replied that hopefully to the Advisory Board, First Nations and gov't and others in land use planning such as UNBC and others.

**11:00 am**

Current Operational (voted) budget - report out to Board (Secretariat)

The current operations budget for the Board was reviewed and discussed, potential \$40,000 in unspent funds - the advice from ILMB was that these would be rolled into the 3<sup>rd</sup> party account but as of Monday of current week, this isn't possible.

Discussion on possible funding expenditures to utilize these remaining funds:

- \$5000 to the Invasive Plant education component submitted by MoF Sonja Leverkus.
- Possible funding to support Scott McNay in doing the gaps in the M-KMA for caribou herds
- Possible secure Jim Pojar for June Board meeting presentation

Draft 2009 -2010 Operational Budget:

Secretariat presented a draft budget – if the 3<sup>rd</sup> party agreement is in place, then the positive aspect of the Board directing these funds without government policy to expend will be available. Board will be accountable for use of these funds. Draft agreement is in place with Resources North Association and waiting for ILMB to finalize and have funding in place before March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**.DECISION:**

Leave draft budget as is and when 3<sup>rd</sup> party agreement is in place, allow Executive to adjust this budget accordingly to meet the Board's operational requirements for the year.

2009-2010 Trust Fund Expenditure Plan

Secretariat tabled and went through the current approved Trust Fund Expenditure Plan and highlighted that most of the projects and funding did not get done. Reviewed the proposed projects to ensure any would be carried forward to new expenditure plan if agreed to by Board.

Following that discussion, 3 new projects were discussed provided from outside of the Board: (details of these in meeting binders, section 4)

\$5,000 for Invasive Plant education in the M-KMA and surrounding area – Agreed to try and fund this from this years operational budget, but if unsuccessful, then use the Trust Fund.

\$3000 from MoE to fund open houses to review and finalized the Wildlife Plan - The fact that no government funds were shown to be part of this as well as no definite timeline and locations, the Board turned this request down

Y2Y - M-KMA conservation assessment – Discussion on the assessment and funding required,

**DECISION:**

This should be tied into the scoping session planned with UNBC as Kathy Parker is involved in this assessment as well as with the M-K Partnership.

A recommendation whether to support this assessment will come from that scoping exercise in late March.

**DECISION:**

Time became an issue to try and finalize this trust fund expenditure plan. Due to the uncertainty of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party agreement and operational funds, it becomes a difficult exercise to put such an expenditure plan together.

It was decided that thru the Executive and Secretariat, this expenditure plan, along with the committees recommendations for projects and expenditures will be developed once it becomes clear on the 3<sup>rd</sup> party funding and how much will be available for the Board's operation in that budget.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 2:10 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Fort Nelson (venue to be determined)**