



In-Person Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2020, 9 am-3:30 pm
Behdzi Ahda First Nation Boardroom
Minutes by Deborah Simmons

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

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CPL	Colville 2020 Public Listening Session
SRRB	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board

Agenda

- Opening prayer, quorum check
- Debrief on Colville 2020 Public Listening
- Post-Hearing Training: Analyzing the evidence and making a decision
- Post-It Session: Collecting themes

Participants

Board Members

George Barnaby (Interim Chair), Faye D'Eon-Eggertson, Samuel Haché, Keith Hickling, Camilla Rabisca, Camilla Tutcho

Staff

Deborah Simmons, Kirsten Jensen

Other Guests

Nick Sowsun, Lorraine Land (OKT Law)

Opening

- Prayer by Camilla Tutcho
- Quorum check: 5/6

Colville 2020 Public Listening Debrief

- Positive feedback from the Parties.
- Good food.
- Strong voices from youth.

- Some key neighbouring Parties didn't make it, but otherwise good range of representation, representing knowledge of a huge land mass in Canada.
- Graphic recordings were helpful.
- Flexible, respectful and culturally appropriate process, including drumming.
- Need more lead time before proceeding for Parties to prepare.
- Strong interpretation services.
- It would have been helpful to spend more time considering 2016 decisions and evaluate follow-up actions in relation to decisions needed for current proceeding.
- A future workshop on asking questions, and checklist of planned questions would be helpful.
- We learned that asking questions may not be considered appropriate in Sahtú Dene and Métis "talking circle" culture; need to consider what this means for future proceedings.
- Evening cultural events were appreciated.
- Strong media coverage (CBC).
- People are already asking when the next meeting will be to talk about things like this.
- Mostly men participating on panels; aim for better gender balance with voices of women.
- The CPL was successful in building trust.
- The CPL marked a major progression since 2016 in terms of levels of trust in the process, range and levels of participation, level of preparation and quality of contributions.
- Note that the "hot topic" of the CPL is perhaps the most challenging of the planned series.
- Need to start thinking about funding and plans for the next Public Listening Session as soon as possible, slowing the pace to one per year so as to provide enough time for preparation.

Post-Hearing Training: Analyzing the Evidence and Making a Decision

Presentation by Nick Sowsun

- Closing the record: means no more evidence will be taken, and the Board makes its decisions based on the information in the record at that point.
- Under rare circumstances, there is the option of formally re-opening a Hearing if new evidence is required. This can be done by request of a Party or by tribunal motion.
- Once the record is closed, the Board makes its decisions based on relevant evidence that is on the record.
- Reviewing evidence on the record includes:
 - Identifying issues and organising evidence (oral, written, physical, visual).
 - Analyzing evidence, including assessing whether it's disputed or agreed upon/uncontested. Testing whether evidence is trustworthy, relevant, and has weight (priority for consideration). All forms (eg. oral and written) of evidence have equal weight.
 - Making findings of fact. This is a finding that evidence is true.
- Decision-making: facts are applied to questions that have been posed in the hearing.
 - Be organized in making the decision.
 - Only the Board members can make the final decisions.
 - The Board members should work with staff and legal counsel, as needed.

- Test the facts based on legal interpretation, policy, and logical reasoning.
- Individual Board members make up their own minds first.
- The Board members should work together to make the decision; seek consensus, but this is not required.
- Review of 2016 Bluenose East Hearing as case study in decision-making.

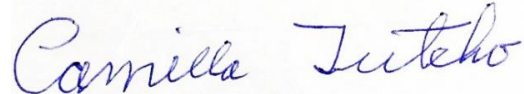
Post-It Session: Collecting Themes

- Board members write key themes on post-it notes and clustered in themes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, June 11, 2020.



Camilla Tutcho, Acting Chair

Summary of Motions

No motions recorded for this meeting.