



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF VIDEOCALL

Date: October 28, 2019
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM
Location: Video Conference

Present: Stephanie Killam (chair), Wayne Sawchuk, David Luff, Juergen Puetter
Regrets: N/A
Guests: N.A.

Meeting Materials:

Four attachments supported the agenda.

- **Review and approve Executive Minutes of June 11th, 2019**

Phil reviewed minutes from the June 11th videocall. There was one action item regarding follow up with the Board's Wildlife Management Plan that Phil had failed to deal with but after some discussion David noted that future discussions with the ministry may address this oversight.

ACTION: Phil to post approved minutes on-line and advise Board Members accordingly and to bring forward discussions with the Ministry.

- **Draft Board agenda for December 3rd and 4th, 2019.**

The Executive primarily focused on discussing the draft Board agenda to ensure it was logical, flowed well and positioned the Board to understand and address priorities important to the management of the Board over the near future and to help the Board with developing a three year strategic plan via its Strategic Directions and Operational Business Plan.

While there were several items that the Board could discuss in December, David and Phil will take the draft away and recraft it to more closely align with Stephanie's vision of a coherent and integrated agenda that addressed the Board's needs as noted in the preceding paragraph (to be discussed at a future Executive meeting). Stephanie noted that there were new Board members that the Executive had to ensure were dealing with a Board agenda that helped to bring the members "up to speed" and to improve engagement in the Board's business and priorities (whether new Board members or established members).

ACTION: David and Phil to investigate and recommend an agenda framework that has a logical flow such as "Federal Government initiatives – Government Initiatives – Indigenous Peoples Initiatives".



David and Phil to also investigate finding the best person(s) available to speak to the various topics at the December Board meeting. They will also ensure topics that don't fit with Stephanie's vision for the Board meeting be deferred to another time.

- **FS John LRMP Update**

There was considerable discussion as to the relationship between the LRMP update and its relationship to the MKMA as an independent planning unit. Some members felt the Board should make every effort (if the Board agreed) to present the logic of ensuring the LRMP update included the MKMA as the area's planning regime is significantly dated.

ACTION: Phil to talk with Genevieve Patterson of the Ministry about how they decide if M-KMA is part of the FS John LRMP and NOT to proceed with decisions until they've had a more fulsome discussion with Board. They will investigate if there's a logic of tying the update with Landscape Unit Objectives.

- **Caribou Habitat Restoration Update**

While there was some discussion on the priority of this item for the Board, we should investigate the expectations of the Ministry of the Advisory Board regarding any Caribou Habitat Restoration initiatives or projects that fall within the MKMA? We should determine if there are implications to the M-KMA regarding expectations of advice and if we should consider pulling the topic. Stephanie suggested this may a good time to raise with the ministry the status of approval of the Board's Wildlife Plan for the M-KMA as well. Barry and Wayne are to continue monitoring of this initiative.

ACTION: Phil and David to investigate this matter and recommend to Executive if it should remain an agenda topic. If there are no immediate implications to the Board, then they will recommend the topic not remain part of the December meeting. They will also determine if there's an opportunity to learn the status of the Board's Wildlife Plan.

- **Northern Rocky Mountains and Redfern-Keilly Park Management Plans (Anna McIndoe)**

Approved for December meeting but ensure it logically fits in the Board's agenda and meet Stephanie's vision. Barry and Wayne will continue to monitor and provide updates on the plans' public engagement process.

ACTION: David and Phil to ensure presentation expectations are clear (including time allocation) and fit with the logical flow the December agenda.



- **Giga Metals Update**

Phil advised that the Company was keen to maintain a good relationship with the Board particularly as it eventually moves into the Environmental Assessment. They are of the opinion that this initiative aligns with the Board's "green economy" beliefs and they don't want any "surprises" as the project unfolds.

ACTION: David and Phil to ensure presentation expectations are clear (including time allocation) and fit with the logical flow the December agenda.

- **Wind Power Projects Update.**

The Board provided detailed advice a few years ago. It would be helpful to the Board to understand what became of the advice and where Wind Power is at with respect to development pressures.

ACTION: David and Phil to ensure there is enough material to warrant this as December agenda item.

- **Timber Management Projects and Initiatives**

The Executive believe this is a priority agenda item as it is interested in having an update on the Ministry's priorities for establishing Landscape Unit Objectives within and adjacent to the MKMA pursuant to the Forest Practices Code; understanding what is the status of proposed timber harvesting within the Obo River and Fox Landscape Units? Are the Obo River and Fox Landscape Unit Objectives (2002) still current? Are the Fort Nelson Forest District Biodiversity Objectives (2010) that pertain to the MKMA still current? What is the status of other proposed timber harvesting initiatives adjacent to or within the MKMA? Why did the Ministry not use the MKMA LRMPs RMZ boundaries when establishing Landscape Units within the MKMA? When establishing the MKMA Landscape Units did the Ministry consider seeking advice from the Advisory Board on the boundaries?

ACTION: David and Phil to ensure presentation expectations are clear (including time allocation) and fit with the logical flow the December agenda.

- **UNDRIP**

Not only is the Executive interested in the latest direction and thinking of the Government with respect to the implementation of UNDRIP, it also believes the Board should provide advice to the Government as to the articles/sections that the Board feels are of critical importance to the implementing the Board's framework and the reasons why.

ACTION: David and Phil to ensure presentation expectations are clear (including time allocation) and fit with the logical flow the December agenda.

- **Recreation Management Plan Update**

While there was some discussion on the priority of this item for the Board, we should investigate the expectations of the Ministry of the Advisory Board regarding any Recreation Management Plan initiatives or projects that fall within the MKMA and what advice, if any, they expect from the Board?



We should determine if there are implications to the M-KMA regarding expectations of advice and if we should consider pulling the topic.

ACTION: Phil and David to investigate this matter and recommend to Executive if it should remain an agenda topic. If there are no immediate implications to the Board, then they will recommend the topic not remain part of the December meeting.

- **Climate Change**

David and Phil to explore if there's any utility of requesting Weaver to discuss climate change from the perspective of his Greater MKMA report.

ACTION: Phil and David to investigate this matter and recommend to Executive if it should remain as an agenda topic. If there are no immediate implications to the Board, then they will recommend the topic not remain part of the December meeting.

- **Ministry Expectations of the Advisory Board**

How the Board interacts with ministries, Government and others regarding engagement, to whom it gives advice, how often we engage, etc. is important to the Board and the ministry.

ACTION: David and Phil to ensure presentation expectations are clear (including time allocation) and fit with the logical flow the December agenda.

- **Kaska Dena Proposed Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area**

ACTION: David and Phil to ensure presentation expectations are clear (including time allocation) and fit with the logical flow the December agenda.

- **Government of Canada Updates**

ACTION: David and Phil to ensure presentation expectations are clear (including time allocation) and fit with the logical flow the December agenda.

- **UNBC Collaborative Partnership Update**

ACTION: David and Phil to ensure presentation expectations are clear (including time allocation) and fit with the logical flow the December agenda.

- **New Business**

N/A.

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 2:25 PM

- **Next Meeting date (if required):** November 19th 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM