

MUSKWA-KECHIKA ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes FINAL

Meeting Dates: May 2nd and 3rd 2011

Meeting Location: Super 8 conference room Fort St John, B.C

M-KAB Members Attending:

Tom Briggs (Chair) Stephanie Killam Corrine Porter Bill Lux
Johnny Mikes Wayne Sawchuk Peter Stone Leif Olsen
Barry Holland

Guests Attending May 2nd

NAME	ASSOCIATION
Juergen Puetter	Aeolis Wind
Colleen Brown	Aeolis Wind
John Cavanagh	Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests Lands Natural Resource Operations
Mary Vizlai Beale	Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Fort Nelson
David Luff	Former M-KAB member and former VP Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
Gayle Clark	Executive Assistant for Pat Pimm Peace River North MLA
Dr Jim Pojar	Registered Professional Forester/Ecologist
Vince Battistelli	The Governance Group
Scott McNay	Wildlife Infometrics
Micheline Snively	Wildlife Infometrics
Lori Jeffrey	Ministry of Environment
Rod Backmeyer	Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Doug Russell	Green Tree Resource Consulting
Kole Casey	Green Tree Resource Consulting
Ross Peck	Former M-KAB Chair
Diane and Brad Culling	Diversified Environmental Consulting
Jim Little	Mackeno Ventures Consulting
Caitlin Vince	Archer CRM consulting
Darrell Regimbald	Canfor and former M-KAB member
Jason Lawson	Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Gerry Leering	Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Brian Churchill	Chillborne Environmental Consulting

Opening Address: Tom Briggs, M-KAB Chair –

Welcome to all in attendance - highlighted the purpose and objectives of this meeting.

Tom made reference that this M-KAB meeting is being held in Treaty 8 territory.

He advised of those Board members unable to attend this meeting.

Review the agenda for the day, call to Board members for any additions- none brought forward - agenda approved.

1) Investigating the Effects of Wind Power in the M-KMA

This was a presentation from Wildlife Infometrics, project contractor, followed by questions and answers. (Power point presentation to be posted on Board member web pages after meeting)

M-K members further will discuss the presentation and project on Tuesday afternoon. This project has a May 30th finalization date.

1) Restoration and monitoring in the M-KMA –Development of a framework for all resource activities in the M-KMA

This was a presentation from Doug Russell, Green Tree Resources consulting which was followed by questions and answers.

As with the wind power project, the M-KAB will discuss this project and the implementation of the final deliverables on Tuesday afternoon.

Project completion date is May 30th

After the above agenda topic was completed, an adjustment in the agenda was made--- the DVD on the M-KMA was previewed by those in attendance.

7:00 PM – Information presentation by Dr Jim Pojar – Climate Change

8:45 M-K DVD “Muskwa-Kechika Story – A Delicate Balance”

Only two visitors came to view the M-K DVD preview which was shown, Tom Briggs remained with this portion of the meeting.

Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board Meeting:

May 3rd - 8:30 AM (public portion of meeting)

M-KAB Members Attending:

Tom Briggs (Chair)	Stephanie Killam	Corrine Porter	Bill Lux
Johnny Mikes	Wayne Sawchuk	Peter Stone	Leif Olsen
Barry Holland			

Guests Attending (for morning session only)

NAME	ASSOCIATION
Juergen Puetter	Aeolis Wind
Colleen Brown	Aeolis Wind
John Cavanagh	Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests Lands Natural Resource Operations
Mary Vizlai Beale	Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Fort Nelson
David Luff	Former M-KAB member and former VP Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
Tim Bennett	Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Vince Battistelli	The Governance Group
Lori Jeffrey	Ministry of Environment
Rod Backmeyer	Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Melanie Karjola	Resources North Association
Phil Zacharatos	Resources North Association
Ross Peck	Former M-KAB Chair
Diane and Brad Culling	Diversified Environmental Consulting
Jim Little	Mackeno Ventures Consulting
Caitlin Vince	Archer CRM consulting
Darrell Regimbald	Canfor and former M-KAB member
Jason Lawson	Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Nick Baccante	
Gerry Leering	Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Wendy Francis	Yellowstone to Yukon
Jim Pojar	Registered Professional Forester/Ecologist

8:30 am:

- 1) M-K Conservation Assessment Project – This project was initiated and led by Yellowstone to Yukon, Wendy Francis/Jim Pojar presenters. (The M-KAB provided funding for this project)

After presentation and discussion on the presentation and project took place, the project final deliverables are targeted to be for end of May.

This concluded the public portion of the May M-KAB meeting.

11:00 am: The M-K Advisory board invited 4 industry representatives attending this meeting to speak regarding their industry and perspectives on the M-KMA.

The Advisory Board acknowledge that there is a lack of industry representation on the Board and encouraged industry to step up and participate. All 4 representatives would accept appointments to the Board. Government supported this and recommended the M-KAB put forth a letter to Minister Thomson stating this request for his action.

11:45 Resources North Association – presentation by Melanie Karjola and Phil Zacharatos

This presentation was highlight to the M-KAB about Resource North Association, who they are and what they do and determine if a possible partnership with this association could be entertained for the future.

1:15 PM - Review the final part of the agenda to complete Board business.

Board made a request that John Cavanagh, Assistant Deputy Minister for Ministry Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations, speak to the Board directly on government's current view of the M-KMA/M-KAB and future;

John spoke candidly to the Board members at this meeting and made some recommendations for them to work on:

- 1) Make specific request to current Board members to step up and participate and if not, then request government to make changes with membership, get those wanting to be involved.
- 2) John was encouraged with industry reps attending this meeting, keep industry on side with what you are doing and provide letter to Minister to appoint those attending this meeting and work with them over the next 6 months to get them involved and industry interested in the M-KMA.
- 3) Expressed concern with this meeting about the lack of First Nations participation and values with the M-KMA, asked if this is usually the case with Board meetings.

M-KAB Operational Budget and M-K Trust Fund:

There was to be tabled a discussion on the remaining funds in the RNA account (est \$140k at end of April) and how the board would utilize these funds. Discussion broke down due for several reasons, that the M-K trust fund Expenditure Plan (which was to fund this meeting) had not gone forward, government at the time of this meeting had not provided the amount available for

the Board's use. There was uncertainty at this point whether the operational funds could be carried over past March 2012.

With this all this uncertainty, there was no consensus on how to prepare an operational budget.

The M-K trust fund Expenditure Plan was deferred to the Executive once the final amount in the account was known and provided to the Advisory Board.

Advancing the final deliverables of the project presented at this meeting:

There was no consensus on how to implement/advance the final deliverables for these projects. Was deferred to the All committee meetings.

Briefing on the work undertaken by The Governance Group (V Battistelli)

Vince touched bases on his work, the Executive's discussion with him on what was required and his attending this meeting. He advised he would table his report by the end of May with a final conference call with the Advisory Board Executive by middle of June

Chair Tom Briggs concluded the meeting with a round table invite to Board members to provide their concluding comments and observations, thanked members for attending.

Next meeting was to targeted sometime in the last two weeks of October 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm