

In Person Board Meeting Minutes



February 7-9, 2023

Minutes by Catarina Owen

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

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ENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Hjđó Gogha Sėnégots'ı́ á	Planning for the Future
GNWT	Government of the Northwest Territories
PLS	Public Listening Session
Todzi	Boreal caribou

Day 1 – February 7, 2023

Participants

Board Members

George Barnaby
Camilla Rabisca
Camilla Tutcho
Sam Haché
Faye d'Eon Eggertson
Donna Schear
Rhea McDonald

Staff

Catarina Owen
Melanie Harding
Ben Dosu
Lori Ann Lennie
Manisha Singh
Leon Andrew

Guest

Christine Wenman (PlanIt North)

Agenda

1. Opening and introductions, review of agenda
2. Overview of the ᐱᕐᕈᕈᕐ ᑕᑕᑦᑕᑦᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦᑕᑦ Strategic Plan (2020-2025)

3. Overview of the ʔehdzo Got'Inę Gots'ę Nákedı Research and Monitoring Strategy (2020-2025)
4. Existing ʔehdzo Got'Inę Gots'ę Nákedı programs and projects
5. Barriers to implementation

Opening

- Prayer by Camilla Rabisca
- Quorum check: 7/8

M2023-032

M2023-032	Approve meeting agenda. Sam Haché/Camilla Tutcho	Consensus
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Strategic Plan

Presentation by Christine Wenman

- Vision – Working together to make a living on the land
- The SRRB is committed to talking care of wildlife and this requires:
 - Focusing on wellness and Dene ways of life
 - Fostering spaces for women and youth
 - Supporting all Dene and Métis to be leaders
- Central goal
 - Hıdó Gogha Sėnégots'ı́ á (Planning for the Future) is the foundation of wildlife stewardship in the Sahtú
- Continuing goals
 - ʔehdzo Got'Inę are strong, independent organizations, fully implementing their role as defined in *the Sahtú Dene Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement*
 - Research and monitoring in the Sahtú are collaborative, and support community and regional leaders to make wise decisions
 - Sahtú youth are strong environmental stewards and future community leaders
- Implementation goals
 - The SRRB has strong staff, contractor, and partnership teams, with a central focus of building Beneficiary capacity in the Sahtú
 - The Board has secured increased and diversified funding to support Plan implementation

Research Strategy

Presentation by Christine Wenman

Guiding principles

- We are alive as well as Dene
- Knowing both ways
- Stewardship – the people taking care of the world

- Working together
- Prioritizing what is important
- Youth are involved in learning
- Prepared for change
- Being happy in our work
- Taking pride in our work

Research strategy has specific actions that not only supports Dene and Métis people to build resilience to change through understanding and knowledge but also to use research knowledge to shape change, achieving the future that individuals and communities envision.

Programs and Projects

Presentation by all SRRB staff

Main programs and Projects (external funding)

- Njō Nę P'ęne
 - Following Trails of Mountain Caribou
 - Understanding Caribou Landscape
 - Mapping knowledge
 - Livelihoods and Climate Change
 - Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk
- Guardian support
 - BEAHR environmental monitoring course
 - Species Conservation and Recovery Fund
 - Community-based water sampling
- Sahtú Youth Network
 - Undergoing evaluation
 - Snowshoe making workshop
- Planning
 - Public Listening Series
 - Tqdzı Nënë range
 - Forest
 - Planning for the Future Policy & Guidelines, Toolkit
 - Conservation Coaches Network Steering Committee
 - NWT Healthy Country Planning Community of Practice
- Food Security
 - Dene Béré (Country Food)
 - Women's food security
 - Human Biomonitoring and Food Security
 - Human Flourishing
 - Lead in country foods
 - Muskox processing video
- Petroleum History project
- ʔehdzo Got'įnę governance

Barriers to implementation

Small group discussions on strengths, challenges, opportunities and barriers to plan implementation

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Day 2 – February 8, 2023

Participants

Board Members

George Barnaby
Camilla Rabisca
Camilla Tutcho
Sam Haché
Faye d'Eon Eggertson
Rhea McDonald

Staff

Catarina Owen
Melanie Harding
Ben Dosu
Lori Ann Lennie
Manisha Singh
Leon Andrew

Guest

Kelly Bourassa (Infrastructure, GNWT)
Patricia Coyne (Infrastructure, GNWT)
Heather Sayine-Crawford (ENR, GNWT)

Agenda Day 2

Opening

- Key findings and recommendations of the Report of the 2021 PLS and Upcoming PLS
- Species at Risk
- Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment update
- In-camera session
- Executive Director job description
- Variance report
- 2023-2024 Budget
- Approval of meeting minutes

Public Listening Series Overview and 2021 PLS Report

Presentation by Ben Dosu and Melanie Harding

- Overview – Public Listening Series was triggered in 2019 due to conservation concerns over Bluenose East, Bluenose West, todzi and northern mountain caribou.
- Overarching questions – what is the most effective way to conserve caribou in the Sahtú Region?
- Colville 2020 PLS - Hunting law and approaches to wildlife harvesting (what is the most effective way to regulate the harvest of caribou?) Co-hosted by SRRB and Colville Lake
- Délıne 2021 PLS - Living with wildlife: Predators and Competitors (what should people's role be in maintain healthy relationships between caribou and wildlife?) Co-hosted by SRRB and Délıne
- Key findings of Délıne 2021 PLS presented
- Topic of upcoming PLS – Wildfire and Climate Change
- Location Norman Wells

M2023-033

M2023-033	Call for next PLS in Norman Wells, pending ʔehdzo Got'ıne support of the timeline. Faye d'Eon-Eggertson/Camilla Tutcho	Consensus
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Species at Risk

Presentation by Ben Dosu

- Overview of Species of Risk Act
- Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan – objectives and recovery measures
- Boreal caribou relisting as threatened

M2023-034

M2023-034	Support reviewed Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan. Camilla Tutcho/ Camilla Rabisca	Consensus
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M2023-035

M2023-035	Support the relisting of Boreal Caribou as Threatened under the Federal Species at Risk Act. Sam Haché/Camilla Tutcho	Consensus
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Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment update

Presentation by Kelly Bourassa and Heather Sayine-Crawford

- One of 3 GNWT's initiatives to support increase quality of life
- 281 km Wrigley to Tulit'a
- Construction plans

- Prohibition Creek (phase 1 started, phase 2 to come)
- Great Bear River bridge (2024)
- Mount Gaudet Access Rd (project paused due to community concern)
- Terms of Reference issued in 2015
- Developer's Assessment Report (2018-present) looking at environmental and engineering studies, traditional knowledge studies, socio-economic impact assessment studies
- 3 rounds of engagement completed
- Feedback mainly on fish, wildlife, cultural protection, quarries & borrow sources and socio-economic considerations
- Wildlife studies – bear den, raptor, moose, moose surveys, caribou surveys
- Old collar info used for resource selection map

In-camera session

M2023-036

M2023-036	Move to go in-camera at 3:13pm. Camilla Rabisca	Consensus
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Executive Director job description

M2023-037

M2023-037	Approve updated Executive Director job description (Version 23-02-09). Faye d'Eon-Eggertson/Sam Haché	Consensus
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Variance report

Variance report presented by Catarina Owen

Human Resources Assessment

Reported presented by Catarina Owen

D2023-003

D2023-003	Change staff health and pension benefits to reflect what is offered by the Northern Employee Benefits Services and increase salary on selected positions.	Consensus
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D2023-004

D2023-004	Offer Jonathan Yakeleya a 1-year term position with benefits.	Consensus
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Approval of meeting minutes

M2023-039

M2023-039	Approve meeting minutes from the November 29, 2022 teleconference. Camilla Rabisca/Camilla Tutcho	Consensus
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M2023-040

M2023-040	Move to end in-camera session 4:29pm. Faye d'Eon-Eggertson	Consensus
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Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Day 3 – February 9, 2023

Participants

Board Members

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Camilla Rabisca
Camilla Tutcho
Sam Haché
Faye d'Eon Eggertson
Rhea McDonald

Staff

Catarina Owen
Melanie Harding
Ben Dosu
Lori Ann Lennie
Leon Andrew

Guest

Christine Wenman

Agenda Day 3

- Next steps for strategic plan
- Scholarship
- In-camera session

Opening

- Prayer by George Barnaby
- Quorum check: 6/8

Next Steps

Review of edits based on day 1 discussion

M2023-041

M2023-041	Approve the Strategic Plan and Research Monitoring Plan. Camilla Tutcho/ Camilla Rabisca	Consensus
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Scholarship

D2023-005

D2023-005	Approve Janelle Pierrot's scholarship application	Consensus
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In-camera Session

M2023-042

M2023-042	Move to go in-camera at 2:15pm. Camilla Rabisca	Consensus
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M2023-043

M2023-043	Approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Camilla Tutcho/Sam Haché	Consensus
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Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, September 25, 2023.



Donna Schear, Acting Chair

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
M2023-032	Approve meeting agenda. Sam Haché/Camilla Tutcho	Consensus
M2023-033	Call for next PLS in Norman Wells, pending ʔehdzo Got'jneq support of the timeline. Faye d'Eon-Eggertson/Camilla Tutcho	Consensus
M2023-034	Support reviewed Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan. Camilla Tutcho/ Camilla Rabisca	Consensus
M2023-035	Support the relisting of Boreal Caribou as Threatened under the Federal Species at Risk Act. Sam Haché/Camilla Tutcho	Consensus
M2023-036	Move to go in-camera at 3:13pm. Camilla Rabisca	Consensus
M2023-037	Approve updated Executive Director job description (Version 23-02-09). Faye d'Eon-Eggertson/Sam Haché	Consensus
D2023-038	Change staff health and pension benefits to reflect what is offered by the Northern Employee Benefits Services and increase salary on selected positions.	Consensus
M2023-039	Approve meeting minutes from the November 29, 2022 teleconference. Camilla Rabisca/Camilla Tutcho	Consensus
M2023-040	Move to end in-camera session 4:29pm. Faye d'Eon-Eggertson	Consensus
M2023-041	Approve the Strategic Plan and Research Monitoring Plan. Camilla Tutcho/ Camilla Rabisca	Consensus
M2023-042	Move to go in-camera at 2:15pm. Camilla Rabisca	Consensus
M2023-043	Approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Camilla Tutcho/Sam Haché	Consensus

Summary of Decisions

Number	Description	Result
D2023-003	Change staff health and pension benefits to reflect what is offered by the Northern Employee Benefits Services and increase salary on selected positions.	Consensus
D2023-004	Offer Jonathan Yakeleya a 1-year term position with benefits.	Consensus
D2023-005	Approve Janelle Pierrot's scholarship application	Consensus