



**Mistik Management Public Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Location:**

Online via Microsoft Teams

**Meeting Notes kept/prepared by:**

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**Meeting Facilitator:**

Niska Hodgson/Kevin Gillis

**Meeting Attendees (name and affiliation):**

| Interested Party                            | Participant Name                 |
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| '3rd Party' Softwood Quota Holders          | Participant did not attend       |
| Beauval Co-management Board Inc.            | Jerry Morin & Shirley Bell-Morin |
| Big Island Lake Cree Nation                 | Participant did not attend       |
| Buffalo Narrows Metis Local #62             | Participant did not attend       |
| Buffalo River Dene Nation                   | Participant did not attend       |
| Canoe Lake Co-Management Board              | Participant did not attend       |
| City of Meadow Lake                         | Participant did not attend       |
| Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society (CPAWS) | Participant did not attend       |
| Cold Lake First Nations                     | Darren Frederick                 |
| Divide Forest Advisory Council Corporation  | Participant did not attend       |
| Ducks Unlimited Canada                      | Participant did not attend       |
| Flying Dust First Nation                    | Participant did not attend       |
| Forestry Contractors                        | Participant did not attend       |
| Ile a la Crosse ICS4 Group                  | Participant did not attend       |
| Buffalo Narrows (Interested Party)          | Bill Pederson                    |
| Junior Forest Wardens                       | Participant did not attend       |
| L&M Wood Products Ltd.                      | Participant did not attend       |
| Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation              | Participant did not attend       |
| Makwa/Loon Lake Metis Local #32             | Participant did not attend       |
| Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp                 | Tammy Hossain                    |
| Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp Employees       | Lorne Neale                      |
| Meadow Lake Metis Local #31                 | Participant did not attend       |
| Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC)           | Participant did not attend       |
| Metis Nation SK - Northern Region 3         | Participant did not attend       |
| Ministry of Environment Forest Service ML   | Kathleen Gazey, Logan McMohan    |
| Ministry of Environment Forest Service PA   | Nadine Penney                    |

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| Ministry of Environment Wildlife Unit ML     | Participant did not attend  |
| Ministry of Government Relations             | Participant did not attend  |
| Mistik Board of Directors                    | Participant did not attend  |
| Mistik Management Ltd.                       | Niska Hodgson, Colby Dennis, Robert Follet, Kevin Gillis, April Lesko, Wendy Soulsby, |
| Moosomin First Nation                        | Participant did not attend  |
| NorSask Forest Products LP                   | Participant did not attend  |
| NorSask Union Employees (IWA Local 1-184)    | Participant did not attend  |
| Northern Hamlet of Michel Village            | Participant did not attend  |
| Northern Hamlet of St. Georges Hill          | Participant did not attend  |
| Northern Lights Snowmobile Association       | Participant did not attend  |
| Northern Village of Green Lake               | Participant did not attend  |
| Northern Village of Ile-A-La-Crosse          | Participant did not attend  |
| Rural Municipality of Loon Lake #561         | Participant did not attend  |
| Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake #588       | Participant did not attend  |
| Saskatchewan Environmental Society           | Allyson Brady   |
| Saskatchewan Outfitters Association          | Participant did not attend  |
| Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (Wildfire) | Chris Dallyn  |
| Saskatchewan Research Council                | Participant did not attend  |
| Saskatchewan Water Security Agency           | Participant did not attend  |
| Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation             | Richard Petersen, Jim Vancha  |
| Saulteaux First Nation                       | Participant did not attend  |
| Silvacom                                     | Ryan Spooner, Rhett Andruko   |
| Thunderchild First Nation                    | Participant did not attend  |
| Tourism Saskatchewan                         | Participant did not attend  |
| Town St. Walburg                             | Tony Leeson, Merrill Leeson   |
| University of Saskatchewan                   | Participant did not attend  |
| Village of Loon Lake                         | Participant did not attend  |
| Waterhen Lake First Nation                   | Participant did not attend  |
| West District Stakeholder's                  | Participant did not attend  |
| Zone 8 Trappers                              | Participant did not attend  |
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**Proceedings of the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Mistik Public Advisory Group meeting:**

Niska Hodgson gave an overview of the topics to be covered. Introductions were made and a brief overview of using Microsoft Teams functions for asking questions and using the "chat" feature were noted.

Q=Question, A=Answer, C=Comment

**Mistik and Mill Reports:**

**Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp (report given by Lorne Neale)**

- The mill is running well despite Covid-related challenges, pulp grades are stable and there are no

major issues

- They are working on a plan for 2021 production and waste management planning
- The highest production months this year have been this fall
- Process improvement initiatives are ongoing
- (Robert) – Waterhen Forestry is now the yard management contract holder.

#### **NorSask (report given by Robert Follett)**

- NorSask has also had Covid challenges this year and they had a 2-week shutdown
- Lumber prices were expected to drop however, the opposite has happened and they have had a 3<sup>rd</sup> shift on and off since this summer.

#### **Mistik (report given by Robert Follett)**

- Pulp fibre supply has been a challenge due to excess rain resulting in limited production. Improvements in the weather (cold) is helping. Using an aggressive stockpiling program to help the situation
- April Lesko joined Mistik in August as an Operations Forester. April is from Meadow Lake and has several years working in the forest industry and with the Ministry of Environment
- The excess rain has caused some culvert issues and one minor rutting incident
- There are currently operations in Beauval, Canoe, Divide, East/West Road, and L&M.
- No harvesting is planned for Buffalo Narrows, Ile a-la-Crosse, Dillon, or Peter Pond for this year.

Q – (Shirley) Are you harvesting in Beauval right now?

A – (Steve) Yes, we just finished south of Beauval. We have had to install berms on the roads until the wood is hauled. Individuals looking for firewood have been taking processed wood that is meant for the mill. After the wood is hauled, there will be an opportunity to get firewood before the roads are reclaimed.

#### **L&M (report given by Robert Follett)**

- The scragg mill is running at L&M
- Harvesting is on Saulteaux First Nation land right now
- Post and pole production have doubled. Poles are used in California for grape stakes

Q – (Jim) Where is the East West Road

A – (Robert) It is between Meadow Lake Provincial Park and the Air Weapons Range

Niska will provide an FMA map with main roads with the meeting minutes.

#### **2017 & 2018 Annual Reports Summary (given by Niska Hodgson)**

An overview of the two final operating years under the “old” 2007 Forest Management Plan was given by Niska. Under the “new” Forest Management Plan, the first annual report (2019) will be available in April.

A copy of the presentation will be provided with the meeting minutes

Q – (Allyson) What is the size of the buffer on the lake in the photo?

A – (Niska) The stream buffer is 30m and the lake buffer is 90m (overview of 15, 30, and 90m buffer requirements given).

Q – (Allyson) How much SR is there?

A – (Rhett) 67,000ha

Kevin discussed why soil disturbance is off target.

A short break was taken at this time.

## **High Conservation Values - "HCV" (given by Kevin Gillis)**

Mistik's HCV program addresses forest values and conservation. An overview was given as to what HCV are and why we care about them, what the requirements are, how we audit, and the practical approach that is taken. Other specifics were covered including cultural appropriateness, environmental and social aspects, GIS tracking of values, and mitigation options.

Q - (Tammy) Does Mistik submit a report to the ministry?

A - (Kevin) Yes, the annual report, which is available on the Mistik website

Q - (Jim) The moose population is under stress. How does this factor in?

A - (Kevin) Mistik uses road closures and reclamation to limit new access into areas. We also try to aggregate harvest areas so there are fewer active areas on the landbase.

Q - (Jim) The ministry is doing a big study. What is Mistik's involvement?

A - (Kevin) The wildlife biologist is involved in our operating plan review (planning process). There is often discussion around this topic including levels of retention in harvest areas.

Q - (Allyson) One of the photos shows an ephemeral stream with no apparent reclamation/retention

A - (Robert) This is an area that we are working on. There is some retention but it is also the location where the road was previously constructed.

Q - (Tammy) What is the status of the SK2 West Caribou area?

A - (Niska) The ministry has been working on this and Mistik participates in that process. We will be working with them to implement the requirements once they are set.

Q - (Bill) Are there plans to harvest in Dillon?

A - (Robert) We have blocks in the plan each year and we have explored options, but there isn't likely to be operations in the north this year. Canoe Resource Development was inquiring about opportunities for the area.

## **Species at Risk – Kevin Gillis**

Overview of Mistik's species at risk program was given. Mistik monitors for any species with a designation that occur on the FMA (endangered, threatened, etc.). Training is provided annually to staff and contractors and plans are developed with consideration for these species.

There were no further questions. The meeting was finished at noon.