



**Mistik Management Public Advisory Group (PAG) Tour  
June 3, 2021, Update Notes**

**Meeting Location:**

NorSask Sawmill/MLTC BioEnergy Site

**Meeting Notes kept/prepared by:**

Niska Hodgson, Mistik Management Ltd.

**Meeting Facilitators:**

Brenda Nightingale, Al Balisky

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

<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Participant Name(s)</b>
'3rd Party' Softwood Quota Holders	Participant did not attend
Beauval Co-management Board Inc.	Participant did not attend
Big Island Lake Cree Nation	Participant did not attend
Birch Narrows Dene Nation	Participant did not attend
Buffalo Narrows Co-Management Board	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	Clem Durocher
City of Meadow Lake	Participant did not attend
Cold Lake First Nations	Kelsey Jacko, Fran Desjardin
CPAWS	Participant did not attend
Divide Forest Advisory Council Corporation	Participant did not attend
Ducks Unlimited Canada	Mark Kornder
Flying Dust First Nation	Participant did not attend
Forestry Contractors	Participant did not attend
Ile a la Crosse ICS4 Group	Participant did not attend
Innovative Climate Strategies	Sheri Andrews-Key, Brent Key
Interested Party – Bill Pedersen	Participant did not attend
Interested Party – Bob Wilson	Participant did not attend
Interested Party – Dale Sutherland	Dale Sutherland
Junior Forest Wardens	Participant did not attend
L&M Wood Products (2018) LP	Warren Locke, Michelle Manship
Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation	Participant did not attend
Makwa/Loon Lake Metis Local #32	Participant did not attend
Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp Management	Simon Imray
Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp Employees	Participant did not attend
Meadow Lake Métis Local #31	Participant did not attend

<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Participant Name(s)</b>
Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC)	Participant did not attend
Métis Nation SK - Environment Minister/NR 3	Participant did not attend
Métis Nation Saskatchewan (Provincial)	Participant did not attend
Ministry of Environment Forest Service ML	Kathleen Gazey, Logan McMahon
Ministry of Environment Forest Service PA	Participant did not attend
Ministry of Environment Wildlife Unit ML	Gerry Kuzyk
Ministry of Government Relations	Participant did not attend
Mistik Board of Directors	Brenda Nightingale, Al Balisky
Mistik Staff	Robert Follett, Steve Hankey, Niska Hodgson, April Lesko, Sherri Gregoire, Kevin Gillis, Joe Silva, Mike Sleightholm, Cheyenne Carey
Moosomin First Nation	Participant did not attend
NorSask Forest Products - Management	Al Balisky
NorSask - Union Employees	Participant did not attend
Northern Hamlet of Michel Village	Violet Herman
Northern Hamlet of St. Georges Hill	Participant did not attend
Northern Lights Snowmobile Association	Participant did not attend
Northern Village of Green Lake	Dale Hounsell, Brian Hoffart
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	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Outfitters Association	Participant did not attend
SK Public Safety Agency, Ops Div. (Wildfire)	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Water Security Agency	Participant did not attend
Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation	Participant did not attend
Saulteaux First Nation	Participant did not attend
Silvacom	Participant did not attend
Thunderchild First Nation	Participant did not attend
Town of 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	Don Eckel, Jack Purves

**Mistik Public Advisory Group June 3, 2021, update meeting and site tour notes:**

Participants met at the Mistik office parking lot at 1:00pm. After registration and Covid-19 screening, operations, planning, and mill updates were given. Following the updates, a tour of the NorSask yard and MLTC BioEnergy Facility was led by Al Balisky.

**Mistik and Mill Reports:**

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

- Mistik staffing update – We have 16 staff members. The Mistik workforce is 70% Indigenous (contractors).

- New management agreements were signed in January of 2021 with NorSask, Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp and L&M Wood Products.
- In 2020/21, total wood delivery to the three mills was 1.34 million cubic metres. It is anticipated that in 2021/22 it will be 1.32 million cubic metres. On the Mistik FMA (license area) 531,000 cubic metres were delivered in 2020/21. Projection for 2021/22 is 785,000 cubic metres. The 250,000 cubic metre increase is related to contracts that have expired on the Prince Albert FMA.
- Some points of note for 2020/21 were challenges due to Covid-19, high provincial crown dues rates and high lumber prices.
- Capacity was added in Canoe Lake with the addition of two new processors for CLRDI.
- Challenges ahead for 2021/22:
  - Carbon tax added \$375,000 to our costs for fuel as of April 1, 2021.
  - The provincial Caribou range plan has impacted merchantable timber for harvest in the Canoe Lake Management Unit by 30% (decrease)
  - There is a lack of tree planters (challenge to find workers gets more significant each year)
  - Potential development on the Prince Albert FMA could result in increased activity on the Mistik FMA (PA pulp mill, One Sky (OSB), Pivot furniture)

### **Mistik Planning (report given by Niska Hodgson)**

- The 2019 Forest Management Plan has an annual reporting requirement. The first annual report under the 2019 plan (covering the operating year 2019/20) is almost complete and will be presented at the fall PAG meeting.
- Tree planting is moving slow and is about 60% complete.
- Mistik's new Central and North area planner has joined us (welcome Joe Silva).

### **Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp (report given by Simon Imray)**

- The mill is running well and on track to produce 415 thousand tonnes this year.
- Pulp prices are not following lumber or chemical pulp prices (MLMP produces mechanical pulp)
- Paper Excellence is acquiring more mills and becoming a bigger player with the benefit of economy of scale.
- Fibre intake is 70% hardwood and 30% chips from NorSask and Carrier.
- There are 188 employees, 6 have had Covid-19.

### **NorSask (report given by Al Balisky)**

- Stumpage rates are very high, therefore so are delivered wood costs. The inventory in the yard is a big investment.
- The mill is in great shape and experiencing production records.
- NorSask's employees are made up of 30% MLTC members, 35% Indigenous and 35% Métis. Overall, 70% Indigenous.
- They are working at skills development with employees.
- This year is NorSask's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- NorSask with Mistik and as part of the FSC Certification program, contributed to a sustainable housing project (on a net-zero house).

### **L&M (report given by Al Balisky)**

- The sawmill itself is shut down, but the portable mills are using oversize logs to produce lumber.
- Production of posts and rails is up considerably as there are good markets for these products.