

# Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council

## Meeting #6 Minutes

Feb 10, 2021 | 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm | Via Zoom

Attendees	
Simoogit Hleek (Chief Harry Nyce Sr.)	
Nancy Wilkin	
Andrea Barnett	<i>Staff:</i>
John Bergenske	Tara Szkorupa
Mike Demarchi	Maryam Mofidpoor
<i>Luke Doxtator – regrets</i>	Dennis Paradine
Adam Ford	
Caylin Glasser	<i>Consultants</i>
Megan Hanacek	Derek Thompson
Doug Heard	Judith Cullington
Shaun Hollingsworth	Sairah Tyler
David Hooper	
Doug Janz	
Jasper Lament	
Richard McLean	
<i>Muq'vas Glaw (White Bear) (Douglas Neasloss) - regrets</i>	
<i>Malii (Glen Williams) -regrets</i>	
Kari Stuart-Smith	
Jen Psyllakis	

<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirming approach to workplan; meet with Forum</li> </ul>
<b>Handouts provided for the Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda</li> <li>Minutes from the Jan 13 meeting #5</li> <li>Discussion notes: Thoughts about next steps and Work planning process and structures</li> </ul>
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harry opened the meeting and provided a prayer.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Approval of meeting minutes (Jan 13, 2021)</b>	<p><b>DECISIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from the Jan 13 MWAC meeting #5: no changes. <i>Moved by Doug Janz; seconded Kari Stuart-Smith to approve meeting minutes. Approved.</i></li> <li>Harry confirmed action items from last meeting completed as shown on agenda</li> <li>Jen provided updates from letter to Minister: received, has generated compliments and connections to other Directors and Ministries</li> <li>Letter from Minister to colleagues replaced with invitation to meet with appropriate Ministers (e.g., members of the Environment and Land Use Committee): introduction of Council members and its strategic objectives</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister’s mandate letter includes language on better protecting shared wildlife and habitat corridors. For discussion at future meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff to request a meeting date with Ministers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Thoughts about next steps</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Derek reminded Council of need for strategic approach going forward; recognize capacity limitations for staff and council members.</li> <li>Need to stay high level and look at common barriers (what has prevented change) &amp; solutions.</li> <li>Regional level work important, but Council needs to retain provincewide focus; regional tables should not precede government to government/reconciliation discussions</li> <li>Focus Council work through the Working Groups (WG)</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tara will send out a summary of regional species and habitat priorities when ready.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Staff priorities</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tara shared PPT on Council roles and staff priorities</li> <li>Next step is work planning for WGs.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="422 924 1380 1617"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Policy development</b></p> <pre> graph TD     subgraph Cycle         A[Identify issues] --&gt; B[Conduct research &amp; analysis]         B --&gt; C[Develop options]         C --&gt; D[Make decision]         D --&gt; E[Implement]         E --&gt; F[Evaluate performance]         F --&gt; A     end     I[Input on issues] --&gt; A     R[Recommendations for research] --&gt; B     O[Oversee implementation] --&gt; E     A2[Advise on a decision] --&gt; D     P[Advise on performance measures] --&gt; F     D2[Develop options] --&gt; C     D2 --&gt; O2[Input on draft options]     C2[Potential Council Role]   </pre> </div>
<p><b>5. Work planning</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MWAC will meet every second month (6 x per year)</li> <li>Working Groups should meet monthly or as needed</li> <li>Five Working Groups (leads): Funding (Jasper and Doug Janz); Research (Adam); Objectives and Stewardship (Mike); Governance and Reconciliation (Andrea and Cailyn); Foundations (Shaun and Rick, group inactive until needed)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ A staff member will be assigned to each WG, though not all WG meetings will require staff/consultant support, discussions can occur through Teams. Some groups requested scheduling assistance.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Judith to post a list on Teams and encourage all Council members to sign up to at least one WG</li> <li>♦ Staff and consultant to work with each WG to develop a workplan (template to be provided), and notify Maryam of anticipated need for staff/consultant support (ASAP)</li> <li>♦ Judith to add WG reports and a report by Tara on implementation as a standing item on Council agendas</li> <li>♦ Staff to develop a template for Council briefing notes/decisions</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. BC-First Nations Forum presentation</b></p>	<p><b>PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Forum co-chairs Hunter Lampreau and Lisa Helmer provided an overview of the development of the Forum and its workplan</li> <li>♦ Building trust and relationships are foundational to a new way of doing business with First Nations</li> <li>♦ Creating project (Limited Entry Hunt Cultural and Educational project) – piloting ability to provide LEH applicants with First Nations history and culture as guests to the area</li> <li>♦ Shared decision-making working group and Indigenous Knowledge (action 18 and 23) – Forum to come back to Council for further input</li> <li>♦ Reporting of standardized harvest data desirable, but sensitive. It is important to respect self-governance and individual Nations’ approach. Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI, 4 groups) and Collaborative Stewardship Forum (CSF, 5 groups) working on regional approaches.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Forum Terms of Reference (ToR) have been added to Teams; staff will share MWAC ToR with Forum</li> <li>♦ Co-chairs to ensure regular check-ins between Forum and Council; need to figure out reporting relationships</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Closing and Next Meetings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ March 10, 2021: to include review of workplans from WGs; discussion of financial documents</li> <li>♦ April meeting: Discussion of shared wildlife corridors and invitation extended to FRPA leads.</li> <li>♦ Date TBD: MWAC co-chairs to attend Provincial Hunting and Trapping Advisory Team meeting.</li> </ul>