

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23**  
**SPECIAL PLACES 2000**  
**CARIBOU MOUNTAINS LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, December 6, 1999**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers of the Provincial Building**  
**High Level, Alberta**

**PRESENT:**

Betty Bateman	
Walter Sarapuk	
John Janzen	
Dave Skelton	
Ken Brink	
Ron Davies	
Lyle Duperron	
Marc McOuat	
Dave Brown	
Tom Hoffman	(left at 8:00 p.m.)
Eva Schmidt	M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23
Marilee Toews	
Vern Neil	
Randy Hughes	
Johnson Sewepagam	Chief, Little Red River Cree Nation
Aman Mangat	(arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

**ABSENT:**

Monica Kloeck  
Joy Friesen  
Garry Parenteau  
Jim Webb  
Geoff Morrison  
Hugh Klassen  
Carol Newman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

1. a) Call to Order

Chairperson Bateman called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

Chairperson Bateman read the letter from Little Red River Cree Nation appointing Verm

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

2. a) Adoption of Agenda

6 boundary issue, "will be approved" replace with "will be discussed".  
Will proceed with 1,2,3,4,6, 9,10,  
Tanya – Critical Wildlife Habitat Study

**MOTION**

**MOVED** by Tom Hoffman that the agenda be adopted with amendments.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**

**MOVED** by Tom Hoffman that

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF**

**MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the October 13, 1999 Council Meeting

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**MOTION** **MOVED** by Ken Brink that the mInutes be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:** 4. a) Letter from Dave Skelton  
RE: Special Places 2000 Caribou Mountains Candidate Site

**MOTION** **MOVED** by Randy Hughes that the leter from Ashton Mining be accepted as information and that a letter be written to Dave and Ken

**CARRIED**

**Old Business:** 5. **Petroleum and Natural Gas Exploration and Development**

**MOTION** **MOVED** by Ken Brink that Shirley sit in for Carol Newman at this meeting

**CARRIED**

**c) Stakeholder Presentation/Views and Concerns**

Randy Hughes Paramount is willing to discuss the allowable permitted uses within the boundary not just existing commitments. Will not push for oil and gas activity. Committee should recognize that oil and gas could be allowable within the Special places. Committee should recognixe that there are various degrees of permitted uses. Potentially environmental activity

Randy hughes it is up to this committee to decide if they want oil and gas or if they want to sterilize the area from oil and gas. Will honour consensus. Discussion of this committee should be the future permitted activity.

Shirley will make a statement on behalf of CAPP and presented a submission. Exisging PNNG will be honoured. Oil and gas will be premitted even at a modified way.

6. Boundary – Randy Hughes map

Chairperson Bateman asked for permission that Fish and Wildlife sit at the table. The Committee agreed and Kim Morton moved to the table.

Randy Hughes made a map presentation.

Public Participation

Chairperson Bateman asked for questions from the floor.

Tom Hoffman asked if there was an increase from the original boundary. Ken Brink that there is a change of approximately 2 twnships.

Marc asked if we are still capturing the significant features in the new boundaries. Ron stated that yes.

Marc stated that he was concerned that Paramount and little Red had negotiations outside the committee.

Randy stated that both parties had concerns with the boundary changes and the discussion revolved around those. Met with Little Red and nothing was put inot anyones pocket. The change in the boundary was done for the industry not only for Paramount.

Chief Sewepagaham looked at margaret Lake is a more traditional area for Little Red, some areas are more important than other areas, graves. Soon as we look at Margaret and eva Lake Council wants it protected as much as possible. Want little or no industry in the area, do not mean trappers.

Bateman in your perspective how far would you want to see the people to stay back from graves

Chief have not been very successful with the govt regarding burial sites, have not come to an agreement with govt on how far to stay away, but want them to stay away as far as possible.

Bateman how should we identify graves, think it is very important

Chief have been marking graves on a map and anyone can use it.

Bateman asked how far back should they stay, they should be identified.

Tom Hoffman stated that cultural inventories have been done and if the industrial approaches the Natives regarding activity, the Natives will identify the sites, flagging would draw attention to them.

Ken Brink when the site has been identified by the Forestry, they will tell them to go to Natives.

Dave Brown only need to know if there a protected area on a quarter section.

Vern Neal the special sites are identified in LRRCN

Marc do not write the boundary in stone until we know the permitted use.

Shirley commented that oil and gas has proven that they are very environmentally aware and sensitive.

Tanya why the southern edge of the escarpment has been excluded because it is quite important for different wildlife species.

Tom Hoffman his understanding that the boundary was consensus driven LRRCN has been a strong component on an increased boundary. The mandate given by the committee

Dave Brown the mandate is land claim not wildlife protection

John from the public why did Paramount and LRRCN decide on a boundary what does LRRCN have to do with the boundary, it is not LRRCN land. How can

Randy Paramount modified the boundary as determined earlier by the committee. Would like to explore in the Caribou Mountains.

Chief when the treaties were signed the Natives agreed to share the land not reserves, have traditional land, are not trying to take back all of the north, but have interest.

Ron Davis the committee is made up of concerned stakeholders and interested parties, are trying to be fair to all interest groups, the objective is to establish a protected area.

Ken Brink the fens and bogs around Margaret Lake are being protected not just because of LRRCN.

Public What is the requirement for protection. How much of the theme are they trying to protect.

Dave Brown explained the process used in identifying the boundary.

Ron this committee is establishing a site in the Boreal Natural region. There are a number of special places in the province. This is only site for subarctic protection.

Public need to identify the permitted uses before a boundary is established.

Marc that is why he stated that boundary not be written in stone.

Randy the LC have a lot of power in what will be accepted in the special places site.

Public why not Wood Buffalo Park, has anyone checked out if it has the sites. Why do they need a special

Aman the reason why we are not looking WBP because that is federal not provincial we look only at provincial land protection.

Consensus on boundary not written in stone.

Shirley will this Committee revisit these boundaries

Chairperson Bateman stated that

Ken Brink we have consensus at this time, however if another use comes up we may not have consensus anymore.

Trapping

Ron Davis

John Janzen, cabins every 20 miles, need to cut trails, all senior trappers should have junior partners, mandate with fish and wildlife in FV, trappers need compensation if they can't sell, seems to be concern about caribou, remove trappers rights and there will be no more trappers, trappers want to keep their traplines and the right to sell. Question for LRRCN do you have a land claim in the area?

Chief land claim has not been ratified yet, has to go to a communities, possible they would look at Caribou Mountains, could also be south of Fox Lake, is a long process.

John Janzen land claims may have repercussions on traplines.

Chief don't think they would be affected, is a different ball game altogether.

Ken Brinks support mandate for trapping stays with F and W, need to cut trails, trappers have a right to sell, trappers need compensation

Aman asked what transportation would be used.

John Janzen stated that he uses snowmobiles.

Shirley asked for a trap line map.

Ron Davis distributed map.

Ken Brink asked if bombadeer could be used.

John Janzen stated that bombadeers could be used to bring in supplies.

Randy – Ken made a good comment last meeting that we can talk about all kinds of things but what the people are going to do out there could be different. Need to talk about transportation.

John Janzen stated that his lines would be difficult to get at with quads but some may need quads.

Ken if we follow the existing guidelines, can we get consensus that trapping is allowed as it is now.

Betty Is it allowable for trapping in the area?

Randy are there particular areas like the slumping that would suffer to trapping.

Dave Brown Forestry has no concerns with trapping.

Marc asked if trappers could destroy fauna

Kim Morton has no problems with trapping in the area.

Trapping is a permitted use, lines can be sold, cabins may be built, etc.

Dave Brown when the trappers build cabins should get a permit,

Chairperson Bateman recessed the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Chairperson Bateman reconvened the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Chairperson Bateman reiterated that trappers would be allowed in the Special Places site. Map shows 13 traplines in the area.

Shirley asked if we are suggesting that a new trapper can come in to establish a line.

Kim Morton stated that there could only ever be 13 traplines in the area, traplines can be sold but no new ones established.

Walter Sarapuk asked if trappers would be allowed in year round.

Marc stated they would.

Consensus on trappers and all they do be allowed.

Shirley trapline 16 has not been renewed.

Kim Morton stated that they would have to buy it.

Marc McQuat environmental protection has in place that the government will not agree to a native selling his trapline to a white person. White trappers may buy and sell traplines but native trappers may only sell to a white person if the band agrees.

Marc stated that there could be numerous junior trappers on a trapline with one senior traplines.

Shirley we have determined that trapping is an acceptable activity, there are no ending terms, and

Consensus was achieved.

Guiding and Outfitting will be set for the next meeting because Lyle Duperon is not present.

Ken if there is no opposition to guiding and outfitting then we could reach consensus.

Dave Brown to set up a guiding outfit there is a lot of process to go through to set up a lodge so that allows for a lot of public input. Most outfitters set up temporary tents.

Ken may have consensus on guiding and outfitting today with fish and wildlife control.

Walter no problem, almost the same as trapping

Shirley will support it

Vern need to speak to Lyle

Chief need to speak to Lyle

John support it need to speak to Lyle

Marc support if

Randy support it should hear Lyle

Kim support if with Fish and Wildlife management would like to hear Lyle

Ken support without Lyle present

Aman support it but would like to discuss access with Lyle

Betty would like to hear from Lyle

The Committee supports guiding and outfitting but would like to discuss access with Lyle Duperon.

Next agenda. Ask Lyle to speak to the access requirement.

Hunting and Fishing

Ron stated that it kind of ties in with guiding and outfitting.

Ken maybe we can say that hunting and fishing is supported but treat access as a separate issue.

Aman asked if planes and helicopters should go there

Ken if the plane is above 300 feet is no issue but under 300 feet it scares wildlife. Suggest that the impact on the land surface will be the major.

Shirley is hunting and fishing perceived to be non commercial would it be individual persons.

Ron non commercial.

Chief concerned about non-resident hunters eg. Americans need to be addressed.

Chairperson Bateman stated that she does not know if this committee can deal with this or that has to be dealt with by the Provincial government.

Take consensus at the next meeting and discuss access.

#### 10. Tanja Schramm – Critical Wildlife Habitat Study

Tanja Schramm using indigenous knowledge rather than biological knowledge. Indigenous people have developed their own system of dealing with animals and have developed a strong . Do not take more than they need, to waste no food, most native groups all over the world have respect animals, trees, etc, have systems of exclusive use of resources, this

Her study is a partnership with the LRRCN spoke to a number of hunters, elders, trappers. In her study focus mainly on moose, caribou and bison but also beaver, lynx, martin. Look at relationship between people and land.

Tanja made a map presentation.

Areas around Margaret and Eva lake are main caribou habitat, area around the southern escarpment is first and the caribou come here. Strong concern about the bison there is a group of bison that LRRCN is trying to protect. There is an overlap on the southern escarpment between moose, caribou, and bison. Barren ground caribou do migrate through the Caribou Mountains maybe once in 40 years. A lot of concerns with native trappers, hunters. Native hunters find disrespectful to not take the whole animal, not take only parts. Future use maybe ensure that hunters, guides and outfitters treat animals respectfully. Natives have a strong

Chairperson Bateman asked if there were any questions.

Shirley asked if the Bison could create a negative land issue.

Tanja stated that this herd is not growing it is declining, bison is important for tree growth.

Shirley asked what is a large herd and what size of herd could do harm.

Vern stated approximately 120 bison

Tanja does not know how many would do harm.

Marc asked how many bison have been shot in the area.

Tanja asked Malcolm who said the last count was eight.

Opened to the Public

Public white hunters hunt only for the trophy, how many have you seen.

Tanja bears particularly about 20 carcasses.

Public not commercial fishing but commercial angling, someone hiring a guide will that be acceptable.

Betty Bateman stated that

Ron preserving the landscapes and protecting biodiversity, must keep reminding ourselves about the mandate to protect the landscape more than the activity itself.

Public is more commercial angling going to be developed. Will further development be allowed?

Betty Bateman stated that she cannot answer that question at this time as this will be discussed at future meetings.

Public the trapline issue year round access is very beneficial because of the necessity to provide firewood, cabin repairs is good but then we need access by quads and ATV's cannot go through the bogs.

Betty Bateman that is a very important concern and will be discussed when access is discussed with the committee.

Ken the committee will probably not be able to say how access will be given over a number of years. Maybe the committee should format a regular committee that meets regularly to discuss access.

Public what are the possible alternative access means might be.

Public if there are any more changes to the boundary that all the trappers be notified of the changes.

Betty Bateman stated that the government will notify the stakeholders.

Public wants to be notified as soon as boundary is changed.

Date for next meeting.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Monday January 10, 2000 in the Council Chambers of the Provincial Building, High Level.

**MOTION**

**MOVED** by Walter Sarapuk that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Walter Sarapuk, Vice-Chairperson

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Eva Schmidt, Municipal Secretary