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LIST OF ACRONYMS

CIRNAC	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
CNG	Cree Nation Government
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ECCP	Electrification and Climate Change Plan
FNQLSDI	First Nations of Québec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute
HFTCC	Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
JBACE	James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment
JBNQA	James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement
MELCC	Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques
MERN	Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles
MFFP	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
PAFIT	Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Development ("Plan d'aménagement forestier intégré tactique" in French)





Comité consultatif pour l'environnement de la Baie James
James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment
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March 31, 2020

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister
Environment and Climate Change Canada

The Honourable Benoit Charette
Minister
Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques

Dr. Abel Bosum
Grand Chief
Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) / Cree Nation Government

Ministers Wilkinson and Charette,
Grand Chief Bosum,

I am pleased to send you the report of the activities of the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment for the year ended March 31, 2019.

Yours truly,

Melissa Saganash
Chair



Chairperson's Message

It is with pleasure that I present to you on behalf of the Committee members the activity report of the James Bay Environmental Advisory Committee (JBACE) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Over the past year, the Committee has been very active on several fronts. A major project was the coordination of a consultation in the territory engaging community members to participate in the development of the Quebec Electrification and Climate Change Plan. The 2-day event, which included participation from MELCC Minister Charette and Grand Chief Bosum, was enriched by community members and land-users exchanging on their own observations and concerns regarding climate change and its impacts in Eeyou Istchee.

The JBACE also participated in the development of the regulatory framework for the implementation of the *Environment Quality Act*, which has been monitored and assessed by the Committee for several years now.

In the Fall of 2019, the Quebec Government began a review of potential role of the province in the development of critical and strategic minerals. The JBACE participated in the preliminary discussions with the MERN and intends to review the proposed strategy that must consider and balance Cree land-use and harvesting rights with sustainable development of the territory.

The JBACE also examined the tactical plans for integrated forest development covering the territory outlined in Chapter 22 of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement*, focusing on two aspects important for the territory, namely protection of wildlife resources and access to them.

Finally, a guide on public participation and involvement in projects in the Territory was produced providing project promoters with the necessary tools to approaching community collaboration and integration.

Our secretariat is critical to the efficiency and ability of the JBACE to fulfill its mandate as outlined in Section 22 of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement* that outlines *the environmental and social protection regime to minimize the negative impact of development on the environment, wildlife resources and Cree rights...while allowing developments that are coherent and compatible with these objectives*.

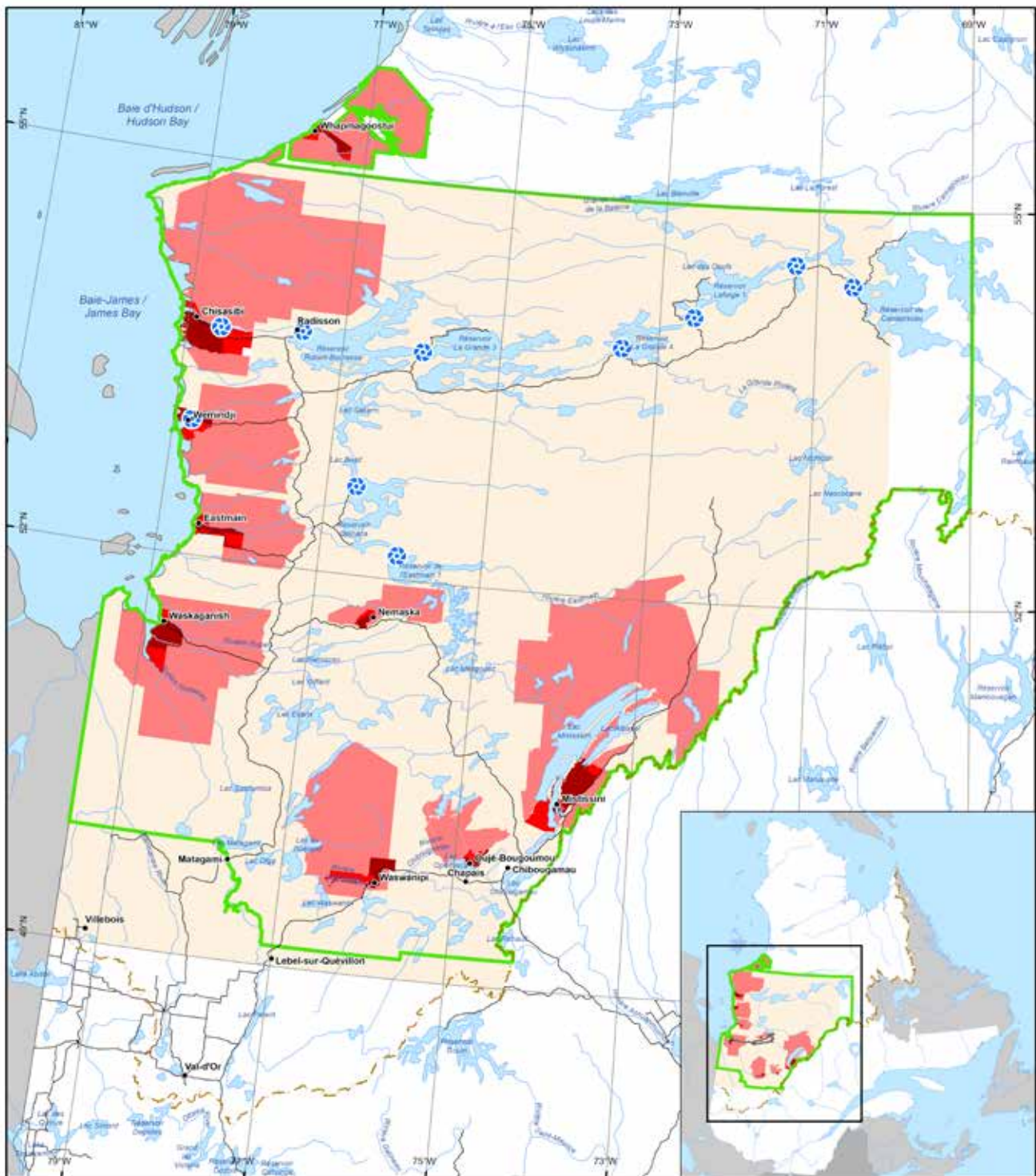
Over the years, the careful and delicate balance of planning the protection of the land and all that it provides with the development of resources respectful of Cree rights has been fruitful, not only for the Crees, but for the neighboring regions as well. The JBNQA provides an efficient model, inclusive of the rights of all, for a fair and balanced approach of sustainable development.

We would like to thank our dedicated team who ensures a daily, quality support, as well as the many collaborators and advisors who have lent their expertise and guided our members.

Looking forward to the year ahead of us,

Melissa Saganash

Map of the Territory Covered by the Environmental and Social Protection Regime (Section 22)



Centrale hydroélectrique / Hydroelectric power station

Convention de la Baie James et du Nord québécois / James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement and North-eastern Quebec Agreement

Territoire d'application du régime de protection de l'environnement et du milieu social / Territory covered by the environmental and social protection regime ¹

Gouvernement régional d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James / Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government ²

Terres de catégorie / Categories of lands

IA Cri / Cree
IB Cri / Cree
II Cri / Cree

¹ La limite sud du territoire d'application tel que définie sur la carte n'est pas reconnue par les cris. / The Cree do not recognize the southern limit of the regime.

² Le territoire du Gouvernement régional d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James exclut les municipalités de Chapais, Chibougamau, Lebel-sur-Quévillon et Matagami. / The territory covered by the regional Government excludes the municipalities of Chapais, Chibougamau, Lebel-sur-Quévillon and Matagami.

Note: Cette carte n'a aucune portée légale et ne doit pas être utilisée pour définir des limites officielles. / This map is for consulting purposes only and should not be used for defining official boundaries.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

Section 22 of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement* (JBNQA) establishes an environmental and social protection regime to minimize the negative impact of development on the environment, wildlife resources and Cree rights. The rights and guarantees recognized in the hunting, fishing and trapping regime set out in Section 24 of the JBNQA must be protected by the procedures established by Section 22. Laws and regulations as well as environmental and social impact assessment and review procedures must thus allow developments that are coherent and compatible with these objectives.

The JBACE is mandated to oversee the administration and management of the environmental and social protection regime of the JBNQA. In this capacity the JBACE is also the preferential and official advisory forum for responsible governments concerning the Territory covered by Section 22 of the JBNQA (see map p.v). The Committee advises the governments concerning the formulation of laws and regulations that may affect the environment or the communities in the Territory. The Committee also examines environmental and social impact assessment and review procedures and mechanisms in order to ensure that, among other things, the Cree special status in the region is respected. Moreover, the JBACE provides technical and scientific data, advice, and support to the local administrations as obtained from responsible government bodies.

The activities, recommendations, and advices of the JBACE are formulated according to the guiding principles of Section 22 of the JBNQA and guided by the expected results established in accordance with the four areas of activity set out in the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan:

1. Modernization and optimization of the Section 22 environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure;
2. Reinforce the JBACE's strategic partnerships in the region;
3. Increase awareness and dissemination of environmental and social issues linked to the Territory; and
4. Ensure coherence between land use planning and management initiatives and the Section 22 regime.

The Strategic Plan is available on the JBACE website at www.ccebj-jbace.ca.

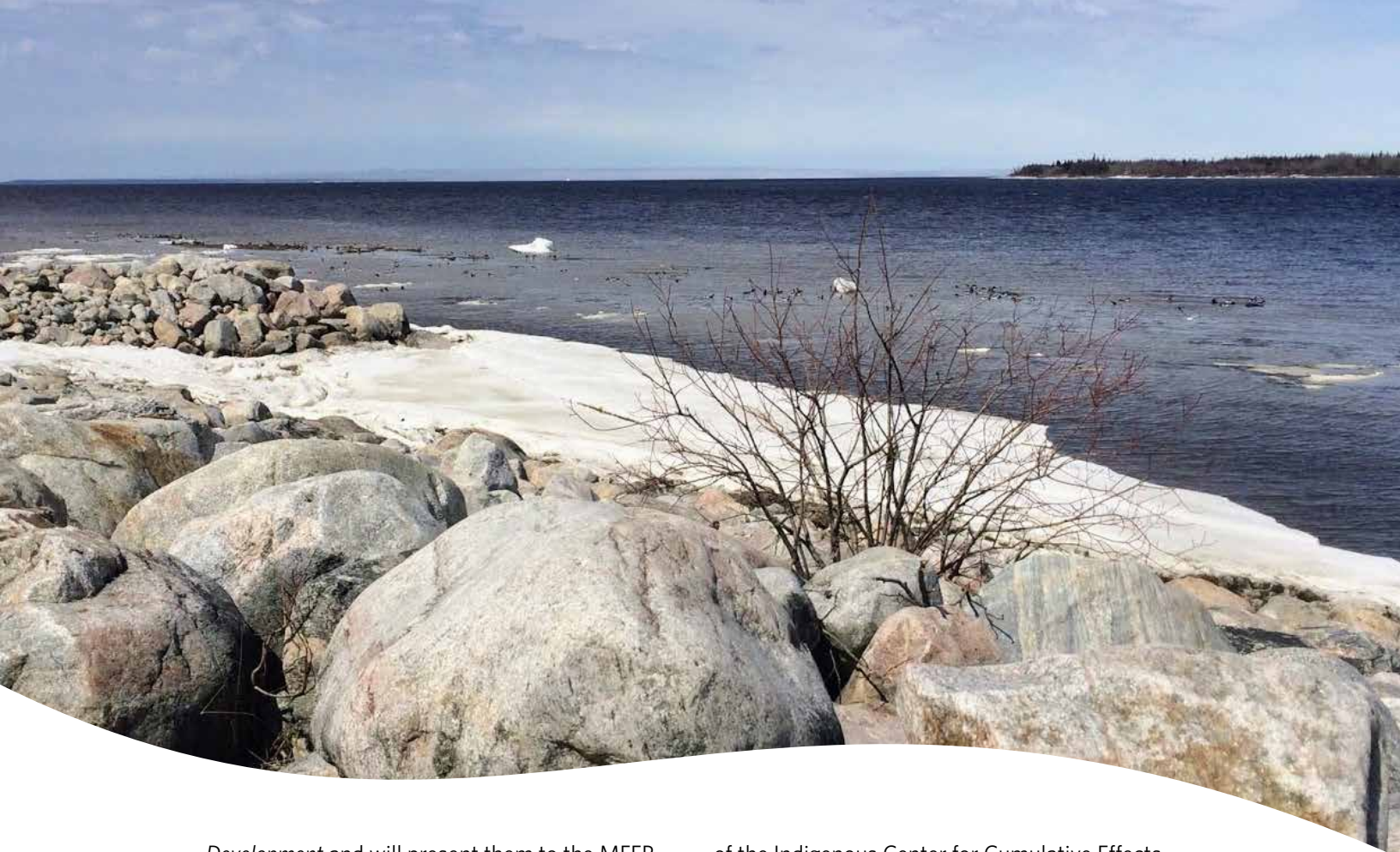
Summary of activities

The following is a summary of the activities undertaken in 2019-2020. A detailed description of the activities is available in the next section and a summary table of actions by area of activity is presented in Appendix 1.

Provincial

The JBACE participated in the activities of the sectoral co-creation tables established for the development of the regulatory framework for the implementation of the revised *Environmental Quality Act* and submitted its comments on the draft regulation that resulted from this exercise. The JBACE acted as a coordinator of a consultation event for the drafting of the Electrification and Climate Change Plan¹ which took place in the Oujé-Bougoumou Cree Nation, and will continue to work with the MELCC for the preparation of post-consultation documents. The committee prepared its comments and recommendations stemming from its review of the *Tactical Plans for Integrated Forest*

¹ Renamed *Plan d'économie verte* ('Green Economy Plan' - JBACE translation) following the 2020-2021 budget presentation.



Development and will present them to the MFFP in early April. In addition, the committee provided comments on an anticipated review of the *Mining Act*, the review of the role of the Gouvernement du Québec in the development of critical and strategic minerals and other files, namely a policy on wildlife sanctuaries and a revision of the *Natural Heritage Conservation Act*.

Federal

The JBACE was consulted on the new federal *Impact Assessment Act* which came into force in the summer of 2019. In addition to commenting on the draft regulations for the implementation of the Act, the committee participated in information sessions and training sessions. The *Fisheries Act* also came into force during the summer and the JBACE commented on a number of draft regulations for its implementation. Finally, the committee commented on other initiatives related to indigenous knowledge and kept abreast of climate change initiatives.

Other initiatives and Secretariat operations

In 2019-2020, the JBACE continued its work in the area of cumulative effects. The committee participated in the discussions leading to the creation

of the Indigenous Center for Cumulative Effects and attended the Indigenous Forum on Cumulative Effects which was held in February 2020. The committee continued its gap analysis to better hone its understanding of the issues and needs regarding the consideration of cumulative effects, in addition to carrying out internal strategic analysis to develop a work plan for its next steps.

The committee pursued its efforts in relation to two information-sharing initiatives. The committee developed, and is still currently honing, a strategy to disseminate information stemming from its climate change report that was published in 2018. The JBACE published its best-practice guide on public participation for project proponents, which was also the topic of a training workshop that the JBACE provided as part of the Québec Mines+Énergie 2019 conference.

On the administrative front, the JBACE secretariat began an update of its computing resources. This began with the installation of a new document storage system and will be completed by updating the email system.



DETAILED SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Provincial initiatives

Implementation of the revised Environmental Quality Act

In March 2017, the revised *Environmental Quality Act* came into force. Since then, the JBACE has followed the development of regulations for the implementation of the Act. In March 2019, the MELCC launched the work of the sectoral co-creation tables, in collaboration with the stakeholders involved, in order to assist it in the development of regulations for the authorization and oversight of development activities. As soon as the co-creation tables were launched, the JBACE attended several meetings. The Committee met with representatives of the MELCC during three meetings specially organized for the Committees created by the JBNQA which were held on April 9, June 14 and September 27, 2019. The JBACE also sent its comments to the MELCC, which included a detailed analysis of the draft regulations based on the specificities of the environmental and social protection regime set out in Section 22 of the JBNQA.

In February 2020, the JBACE attended the information sessions announcing the beginning of the comment period for the draft *Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact*. Thus, in addition to the specific discussions that took place during

the co-creation tables, the JBACE will also send its comments as part of the public consultation process on the draft Regulation, in early April 2020.

The active participation of the JBACE throughout the process of developing the draft regulations enabled the Committee to ensure the applicability of the regulations in the James Bay Territory and to highlight the particularities of the Territory and the protection regime set out by Section 22 of the JBNQA.

Electrification and Climate Change Plan

For several years, climate change has been an important issue for the members of the JBACE. The committee continues to explore possibilities for actions in this file in the Territory.

In August 2019, the MELCC launched a public consultation period accompanied by a regional tour to proceed with the development of the *Electrification and Climate Change Plan* (ECCP)². In the James Bay Territory, the consultation of Cree communities for the development of the ECCP was coordinated by the JBACE.

The JBACE worked in collaboration with a planning team made up of members of the JBACE, the Cree Nation Government and the MELCC. The consultation was held in the form of a participatory workshop on November 26 and 27, 2019 in the

² Renamed *Plan d'économie verte* ('Green Economy Plan' - JBACE translation) following the 2020-2021 budget presentation.

Oujé-Bougoumou Cree Nation. The event opened with addresses by the Minister of the Environment, Mr. Benoît Charrette and the Grand Chief, Dr. Abel Bosum. Subsequently, the Assistant Deputy Minister Mr. Éric Thérout and the Chair of the JBACE and Director of Cree-Quebec Relations of the Cree Nation Government, Ms. Melissa Saganash, launched the workshop. During the first part of the workshop, several presentations were provided to the participants to share the information available and communicate the initiatives already in place in the Territory. First, an Ouranos researcher shared existing data concerning climate change on the Territory. Then, participants watched the video entitled “*Call to Action – Climate Change Adaptation in Mistissini*” and had a chance to exchange with a representative of the community. Ms. Saganash discussed the work of the JBACE in the area of climate change in the past years. Finally, representatives of the Cree Nation Government presented the conclusions of the Cree Climate Change Regional Forum that was held in the Cree Nation of Eastmain in November 2018.

Following presentations, participants were brought together in discussion tables to exchange on topics developed from the conclusions that were identified during the 2018 forum and that were presented as questions:

1. What actions can the Cree Nation take to participate and benefit from economic development and emerging markets arising from climate change in a sustainable future?
2. How can the *Electrification and Climate Change Plan* address ecosystem and biodiversity changes, promote food security and reduce health-related issues in Eeyou Istchee?
3. What actions could enhance built environment and infrastructure resilience in the context of a changing climate?
4. How may the different types of knowledge (local, traditional, scientific, industrial) be combined to better understand, coordinate and develop climate change adaptation solutions?

The involvement of the JBACE as a coordinator made it possible to bring together various stakeholders working on this area in the Territory, giving them the opportunity to share their knowledge, concerns and needs facing climate change. A consultation report is in development and will be circulated in the coming months to the participants of the workshop and be made available to those interested in the subject.

Review of the MFFP’s Tactical Plans for Integrated Forest Development

One of the JBACE’s mandates is to study and comment, before their ministerial sanction, the *Tactical Plans for Integrated Forest Development* (‘PAFITs’)³ covering the territory subject to Section 22 of the JBNQA. The review takes into account the adapted forestry regime of the *Agreement concerning a new relationship between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec* as well as the provisions of the *Agreement on Governance in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory between the Crees of Eeyou Istchee and the Gouvernement du Québec* that relate to forestry. The JBACE also took into consideration the new terms and conditions of the 2018 Adapted Forestry Regime. In order to avoid duplication, and with the objective of presenting constructive comments to the MFFP, the JBACE members adopted two novel parameters for the review: 1) the protection of wildlife resources; and, 2) continued access to these resources. Criteria and indicators were developed from the parameters and used during the review.

The JBACE hired an external firm, Le groupe CAF, to conduct the review. In January 2020, the MFFP sent the PAFITs to the JBACE and the review started. The committee is working on its recommendations stemming from the exercise and will send its comments to the MFFP in early April 2020.

Québec’s Mining Act

In the fall of 2019, the MERN consulted a number of groups with the aim of developing a bill to amend the *Mining Act*. The JBACE was consulted

3 The “*Plans d’aménagement forestier intégré tactiques*,” in French. These plans are most commonly referred to using their French acronym – ‘PAFITs.’

on questions concerning the consultation of the Indigenous communities and monitoring committees. In addition to participating in a webinar on the issue, the committee also had the opportunity to meet with the MERN team responsible for the file. The JBACE then sent its comments on the aspects targeted by the ministry in which the Committee underlined the importance of adequate authorizations for activities and recommended the withdrawal from mining activity of certain heritage sites and Native protection areas. The JBACE also reiterated its concerns regarding the clean up and removal of equipment from exploration sites that do not require restoration and rehabilitation plans and financial guarantees. The committee is monitoring the progress of this matter and will be ready, if necessary, to comment on a possible bill once drafted.

Critical and Strategic Minerals

On November 19, 2019, the MERN initiated a review regarding the Gouvernement du Québec's role in the development of critical and strategic minerals. The JBACE participated in an information exchange meeting in Montreal on December 16, 2019, hosted by the Associate Deputy Minister of Mines, Ms. Natalie Camden. Subsequently, the JBACE attended an information meeting held in Oujé-Bougoumou on January 23, 2020, as an observer, in the presence of members of the Eeyou

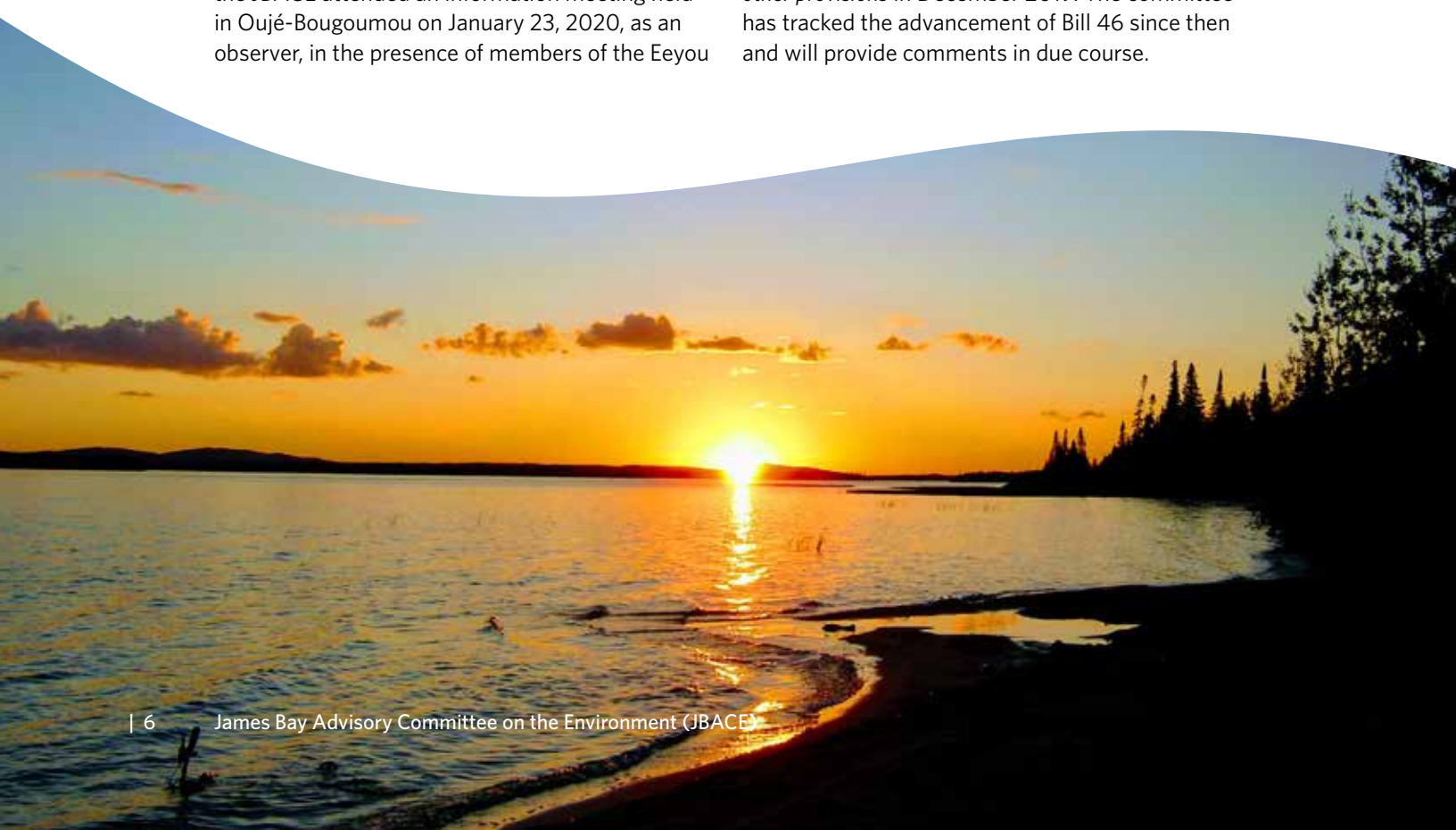
Istchee James Bay Regional Government. The JBACE provided its comments to the MERN on February 7, 2020, to remind the ministry that Cree rights regarding the use of the Territory and wildlife harvesting cannot be reduced or made secondary following the discovery of these minerals in the Territory. The Committee also noted that there are several initiatives and plans that concern the James Bay Territory and that it will be essential to know how these elements will all fit together.

The participation of the JBACE in these information exchange meetings was beneficial for maintaining the Committee's contact network and for solidifying its position as the preferential and official advisory forum in the Territory.

Other provincial initiatives

In July 2019, the JBACE was invited by the MFFP to comment on the draft *Québec Policy on Wildlife Sanctuaries*. The comments were sent in August 2019 in which the committee provided suggestions to adapt the policy to the context of the Territory.

The committee also undertook discussions and benefited from a presentation on Bill 46 – *An Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions* in December 2019. The committee has tracked the advancement of Bill 46 since then and will provide comments in due course.



Federal initiatives

Federal Impact Assessment Act

The *Impact Assessment Act* came into effect in August 2019. The JBACE members attended a presentation by the IAAC in February 2020. The JBACE's secretariat employees also participated in a webinar and in a training day in early 2020 to learn more about the provisions of the new law and its application.

The JBACE commented on two draft regulations associated with the new law, the draft *Regulations Designating Physical Activities* and the draft *Information Requirements and Time Management Regulations*. The Committee underlined the importance of adapting consultations to the realities of the communities (e.g. adapted calendar, documents available in an appropriate language, coordination between different consultations for the same project) and to consider the cumulative impacts of multiple projects. The committee also commented on a draft ministerial order establishing the categories of projects and activities that will have negligible effects on federal lands by recommending to outline how the procedures for the implementation of the Ministerial Order will apply in the James Bay Territory and how these procedures will account for the existence of the procedures set out in Section 22 of the JBNQA. The committee recommended that appropriate notification, consultation and accommodation should take place before the commencement of all projects and activities that are to occur in Cree communities, regardless of how routine or minor they may appear.

Fisheries Act

The amended *Fisheries Act* came into force in August 2019. Committee members received a presentation from DFO in October 2019 to learn more about the changes to the *Fisheries Act* and its application. In addition, the JBACE commented on the proposed amendments to the *Applications for Authorization under Paragraph 35(2)(b) of the Fisheries Act Regulations* in May 2019 by underlining the need for a regulated process for notifying First Nations of project authorizations, coupled

with a clear regulatory regime for projects. The JBACE also underlined the need to ensure robust project monitoring with the assistance of local land users, while also supporting the obligation for proponents to include relevant information stemming from public participatory activities that they undertake in the context of their projects and their related requests for authorizations. During 2020-2021, the committee will continue to follow up on the provisions and initiatives related to the implementation of the amended law.

Other federal initiatives

In June 2019, the committee provided comments as part of the development of a federal *Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework* in the context of proposed project reviews and regulatory decisions. Then, in September 2019, the JBACE also provided comments on the draft *Strategic Assessment of Climate Change*.

In June 2019, the federal government tabled the fourth *Federal Sustainable Development Strategy*. To learn more about the strategy, JBACE members attended a presentation by Environment and Climate Change Canada on the matter in February 2020.

Other JBACE initiatives

Climate change

In addition to coordinating the consultation of the Cree communities for the development of the ECCP (see p. 4), the JBACE pursued its other activities related to climate change. During the past year, the JBACE kept abreast of climate change initiatives from different governments by asking representatives from ECCC, MELCC and the CNG to present their actions. The presentations were followed by a discussion session between members to explore avenues of action for the committee in the coming years.

The committee is currently working on developing a series of fact sheets based on the state-of-knowledge report entitled "*State of Climate Change and Adaptation Knowledge for the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory*" that the JBACE published in



2018 and that is available on its website. The fact sheets are expected to be produced in the year 2020-2021.

Cumulative Impacts

For several years, the JBACE has been interested in this matter and often stresses the importance of taking into account cumulative impacts in its comments regarding the development of laws, regulations, policies and programs that have an impact on the Territory.

In early 2019, the JBACE was invited to participate in discussions surrounding the creation of the Indigenous Center for Cumulative Effects. The JBACE answered the call and the committee's Executive Director participated in meetings held in Victoria (February 2019), Halifax (April 2019) and Montreal (June 2019). The Center entered a new phase in the fall, during which the JBACE opted to keep abreast of developments while not actively sitting on the board of directors. In February 2020, the Center organized the Indigenous Forum on Cumulative Effects, which was attended by over 270 participants from 128 Indigenous organiza-

tions and communities across Canada, as well as researchers, consultants, and representatives from various provincial and federal ministries. The JBACE's Analyst attended the forum as an observer in order to gather information and network with actors in the country on the matter.

In December 2019, the JBACE was invited to participate in a workshop organized by the FNQLSDI to discuss issues related to cumulative effects. The Analyst presented the work of the committee in the past few years. The JBACE is committed to follow the work of the FNQLSDI in this file and share relevant information when necessary.

The JBACE secretariat has started work on a gap analysis in order to fully understand the issues and possible solutions relating to the consideration of cumulative effects. During the summer of 2019, the JBACE welcomed an intern who reviewed the legal framework applicable to cumulative effects assessment at project level (in terms of environmental assessment) and at the regional and local level (in terms of planning). The intern also carried out an inventory of the information available in Québec, Canada and in the McKenzie Valley



(NWT) concerning baseline reference data, on the modeling and monitoring of such data, and on how these practices combine with wildlife, land, air, and water resources. The JBACE secretariat has also started to compile information on issues relating to project and regional methods, approaches and frameworks. Work on this file will continue over the next years.

Guide on public participation for project proponents

In June 2019, the committee published its guide entitled *“Best Practices for Project Proponents – Project-related Public Participation and Engagement in the James Bay Territory.”* The guide was the result of collaboration with many stakeholders working in the Territory. The guide was made available on the JBACE’s website and sent to the JBACE’s partners, local and regional bodies, and other external collaborators.

As part of the 2019 Québec Mines+Énergie conference held in November 2019, the JBACE’s Executive Director and Analyst led a training workshop jointly with the MERN. This workshop,

entitled *“Building relationships with the community: how to make it effective and appreciated by citizens?”* aimed to illustrate initiatives to establish positive relationships with communities, to successfully organize monitoring committees, and to draft public participation and engagement plans. Forty people participated in the workshop, which was also offered to members of the Quebec Mining Association that met during a parallel event on the margins of the Québec Mines+Énergie conference.

Secretariat

During the year 2019-2020, the JBACE secretariat started an update of its computing resources. The first phase of this update entailed the establishment of a cloud for document storage and sharing and was completed in the winter of 2020. A second phase started in March 2020, and will culminate in 2020 with the installation of an upgraded email system that will enable for smoother in-office and remote communications.



CONCLUSION

The JBACE was very active in 2019-2020. Much of the JBACE's efforts focused on the development of regulations for the implementation of the *Environment Quality Act*, the review of tactical plans for integrated forest development, and in the coordination of a consultation for the drafting of the Gouvernement du Québec's electrification and climate change plan.

All the while, the many commentary exercises, events and presentations undertaken over the course of the year allowed the committee to share its expertise, knowledge and experience with various government bodies, regional partners and project proponents. In so doing, 2019-2020 provided many opportunities for the JBACE to fulfill its mandate as the preferential advisory forum regarding the administration and application of the environmental and social protection regime set out

in Section 22 of the JBNQA. In this regard, the year afforded many interesting platforms for the JBACE to highlight a number of issues affecting the James Bay Territory for a wide breath of stakeholders, while also serving to further bolster the JBACE's network of partners.

Over the next year, the JBACE plans to maintain this level of involvement in order to further solidify its position as the official and privileged environmental and social advisory body for the Territory. While continuing to exercise its mandate regarding the formulation of federal and provincial laws, regulations, and policies, the JBACE is committed to continue its work on improving impact assessment procedures, the fight against climate change, and the consideration of cumulative impacts. The committee also expects to improve its efficiency once its computer infrastructure is fully updated.

APPENDIX 1: ACTIONS BY AREA OF ACTIVITY

Area of activity	Action
Modernization and optimization of the Section 22 environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.	- Participation in the sectoral co-creation tables for the development of regulations for the authorization and oversight of development activities (implementation of the revised EQA) and comments on the draft <i>Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact</i> - Comments on the review of Québec's role in the development of critical and strategic minerals - Comments on preliminary work for the revision of the <i>Mining Act</i> - Comments on the regulations for the implementation of the <i>Fisheries Act</i> - Comments on the regulations for the implementation of the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> - Comments on the development of an <i>Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework</i> in the context of proposed project reviews and regulatory decisions - Gap analysis for cumulative impacts - Publication of the guide on public participation for project proponents and presentation of the training workshop
Reinforce the JBACE's strategic partnerships in the region.	- Coordination of the consultation for the development of the ECCP that was held in Ouje-Bougoumou in November 2019 - Participation in the meetings in the context of the review of the role of Québec in the development of critical and strategic minerals - Participation in the work leading to the creation of the Indigenous Center for Cumulative Effects - Presentation of the training workshop on the content of the guide on public participation for project proponents
Increase awareness and dissemination of environmental and social issues linked to the Territory.	- Coordination of the consultation for the development of the ECCP that was held in Ouje-Bougoumou in November 2019 - Comments on the development of an <i>Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework</i> in the context of proposed project reviews and regulatory decisions - Presentation of the training workshop on the content of the guide on public participation for project proponents
Ensure coherence between land use planning and management initiatives and the Section 22 regime.	- Comments on the review of Québec's role in the development of critical and strategic minerals - Review of the <i>Tactical Plans for Integrated Forest Development</i> - Comments on the draft <i>Québec Policy on Wildlife Sanctuaries</i>

APPENDIX 2: PRESENTATIONS GIVEN TO THE JBACE

Presentation given by	Date	Topic
Frédéric Beauregard-Tellier, Environment and Climate Change Canada	May 7, 2019	Presentation on the work of ECCC in the area of climate change
Annie Roy, Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques Sandra Garneau, Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques	May 7, 2019	Presentation on the work of the MELCC in the area of climate change in the context of the <i>Environmental Quality Act</i>
Kaitlin Lloyd, Cree Nation Government	May 7, 2019	Presentation on the work of the CNG in the area of climate change, particularly regarding the Eastmain Forum that was held in November 2018
Suzie Boudreau, Fisheries and Oceans Canada	October 2, 2019	Presentation of the new <i>Fisheries Act</i>
Hadrien Paquette, Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques	December 6, 2019	Presentation of Bill 46 – <i>An Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions</i>
Susan Winger, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada Marcelle Chabot, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	February 26, 2020	Presentation of the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i>
Gail Haarsma, Environment and Climate Change Canada Rebecca Shewfelt, Environment and Climate Change Canada	February 26, 2020	Presentation of the federal <i>Strategy on Sustainable Development</i>

APPENDIX 3: COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS OF THE JBACE

Composition of the JBACE

Members appointed by the Cree Nation Government

Marc Dunn, Niskamoon Corporation
Kelly LeBlanc, CNG (since February 2020)
Pamela Macleod, Cree Nation of Mistissini
(until February 2020)

Chantal Otter Tétreault, CNG, Vice-Chair
Melissa Saganash, CNG, Chair

Members appointed by the Gouvernement du Québec

Maud Ablain, MELCC
Mélanie Chabot, MELCC

Manon Cyr, Ville de Chibougamau
François Provost, MFFP (until January 2020)

Members appointed by the Government of Canada

Suzie Boudreau, DFO (since November 2019)
Alexandre-Guy Côté, ECCC (since February 2020)
Madeleine Green, CIRNAC (since December 2019)
Judy Doré, IAAC (until August 2019)

Caroline Girard, CIRNAC (until December 2019)
Jean Picard, ECCC (until October 2019)
Jean-Yves Savaria, DFO (until June 2019)

Ex-Officio Members

Mandy Gull, HFTCC

Secretariat

Michèle Leduc-Lapierre, Executive Director
Graeme Morin, Environmental Analyst
Eva Wolf, Secretariat Officer

Composition of the subcommittees

The list of the JBACE subcommittees and their composition is available at:
www.ccebj-jbace.ca/en/about-us/composition

JBACE Meetings

The Committee held five meetings in 2019-2020:

211th meeting	Québec City, May 6-7, 2019
212th meeting	Teleconference, July 17, 2019
213th meeting	Québec City, October 2, 2019
214th meeting	Montréal, December 6, 2019
215th meeting	Québec City, February 26, 2020

APPENDIX 4: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDED ON MARCH 31, 2020

(Unaudited – see notice to reader*)

INCOME

Subsidy from MELCC, CEAA and CNG	
JBACE secretariat	\$351,000
COMEV secretariat	\$30,000
Contract MELCC – coordination of consultation for the ECCP	\$3,449

Total income

\$354,449

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Salaries, wages and benefits	\$209,381
Restructuring expenses	\$(284)
Travel expenses	\$10,682
Insurance	\$471
Rent (office space)	\$31,103
Telecommunications	\$4,964
Dues, fees, memberships, conferences	\$1,386
Translation	\$772
Reprography	\$1,083
Messenger services, postage	\$304
Office supplies, furniture and computer equipment	\$20,477
Training	\$677
Website	\$912
Professional fees and legal costs	\$1,763
Expert opinions, meeting expenses	\$745
Implementation of the Strategic Plan	\$685
Forest development plan exam	\$34,631
Interest and bank charges	\$380
Depreciation, amortization	\$1,907
Subtotal - JBACE	\$322,039
COMEV secretariat	\$30,000

Total operating expenditures

\$352,039

OTHER FINANCING ACTIVITY

Interest income	\$225
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