

FIRST NATION CONSULTATION RECORD

This Record of Consultation is an overview summary of the First Nations consultation process. The following record does not detail all communications and information processes undertaken in the planning process. Electronic mail has been used as a cost effective and expedient method of plan development, information and data sharing for much of the process.

Matachewan First Nation

- Letter informing Chief and Band Council of WMP process, Spring 2002
- Letter of invitation to participate in Water Management Planning Process
- Initial WMP meeting Aug 28, 2002, New Liskeard
- Forming of Steering Committee and Planning Team – appointment of representatives by Chief and Council
- First Steering Committee meeting, Oct. 25, 2002
- First Planning Team meeting, Nov. 25, 2002
- First Community Meeting, Feb. 14, 2003 – Information session introducing WMP process
- Second Community Meeting, Mar 2, 2003 – Scoping/Information session requesting input on First Nation issues and concerns
- Matachewan planning team representative and Band Administrative Office conduct community mail out of water management plan questionnaires seeking community input
- Matachewan planning team representative compiling responses for input into planning process
- Working towards compiling a First Nations issues document and the identification of and protection for First Nation values and traditional use areas which are affected by the operational management of the river system

Wabun Tribal Council

- At the request of the Matachewan First Nation a representative has been appointed by the Wabun Tribal council to the Steering Committee and the Planning Team

Temagami First Nation (TFN) and Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA)

- Letter informing Chiefs and Band Councils of WMP process, Spring 2002
- Letters of invitation to participate in Water Management Planning Process
- Initial WMP meeting Aug 28, 2002, New Liskeard
- Forming of Steering Committee and Planning Team – appointment of representatives by Chiefs and Councils
- First Steering Committee meeting, Oct. 25, 2002
- First Planning Team meeting, Nov. 25, 2002
- Development of joint TFN/TAA consultation proposal detailing consultation process and expectations for meaningful consultation
- First Community Meeting on Bear Island, July 15, 2003 – Information/Scoping session with TFN and TAA Steering Committee and Planning team representatives, Elders and Community members, introducing WMP process and requesting input on First Nation issues and concerns
- Working towards compiling a First Nations issues document and the identification of and protection for First Nation values and traditional use areas which are affected by the operational management of the river system

Mattagami First Nation

- Letter informing Chief and Band Council of WMP process, Spring 2002
- Letters of invitation to participate in Water Management Planning Process and invitation to initial WMP meeting Aug. 28, 2002, New Liskeard
- Forming of Steering Committee and Planning Team – appointment of Mattagami First Nation representative by Chief and Council
- MNR informed by Mattagami First Nation that in consideration of their involvement in the Mattagami /Abitibi WMPs they have chosen to limit their participation in the Matabitchuan WMP process to one of being kept informed of the process as it proceeds, reserving the right to more involved participation as needed
- Notices of Steering Committee/Planning Team meetings, Public Consultation sessions and WMP updates/meeting minutes sent on an ongoing basis, with an open invitation to participate at any time in the process