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# **Colville Lake Draft 2 Community Consultation**

## **Minutes**

**February 8, 2010, 2pm-8pm**

### **B&B**

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#### **Participants:**

Heidi Wiebe, SLUPB  
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Alphonsine McNeely, Translator

Marie Kochon, elder  
Hyacinth Kochon, elder  
John B Gully, elder  
Wilbert Kochon, Land Corporation President  
John Blanco, elder  
Richard Kochon, Chief  
Jennifer Lafferty  
Marie Blanco, elder  
Sarah Kochon, elder  
Mike Kochon, elder  
Charles Gully, elder  
Rita Kochon  
Madeline Blanco, elder  
Antoine Kochon, elder

Marie and Hyacinth arrived at about 3pm and Heidi told the elders that we were in town to see if they were in agreement with the Fort Good Hope requested changes. She went over the

zoning maps and asked if these changes were acceptable. Hyacinth said that we should wait until more show up before they decide anything.

We waited until suppertime for more people.

Start time: 6:39pm

Collin gave introductory comments.

Marie Kochon started with a prayer.

Heidi mentioned that we were meeting to verify: the FGH requested changes, the Horton Lake zoning, the PAS report and the DFO feedback on Lac Belot.

Chief: We have an elders committee. Anytime we have meetings such as with the oil companies we tell them that they have to pay them \$250.00-\$300.00 a day for their knowledge. If you're not budgeted for this, it's something to keep in mind. Elders are paid for their knowledge.

Wilburt: You get paid to be here and they should be too. Some of the elders have been here since 3:00pm. You can't just come here and expect people to participate. The elders don't feel comfortable participating because they can only give recommendations. They are not guaranteed to get their recommendations approved since the Board can decide whether or not to accept their recommendations. They don't feel like they have power over the process and as a result they don't feel that this is their plan. Given the circumstances, they are giving you their knowledge and they expect to be paid for it. If you don't get any feedback tonight, that will be the reason why.

Heidi spoke about the FGH requested changes.

Wilburt: We may not have CZs (Conservation Zones) in our areas but we will protect our lands ourselves by talking to companies. There are places where they are not allowed to go. We don't agree with the PAS like the Ramparts. You're giving the land back to the government. We want to keep our lands and decide what happens on them.

The SLWB seems to want us to get permits to build a cabin on our own land. We don't need to get permits to build on our own land.

Collin: That's good to know because they don't have a right to tell you that you need permits. Permits are mostly for development and not personal use.

Wilburt then translated for the elders.

Heidi: RE: Horton Lake. Deline agreed with Chief Kochon that they want Horton Lake to be SMZ instead of CZ.

Wilburt was in agreement as long the caribou are not affected.

Heidi explained the PAS analysis and maps and asked the community whether or not they wanted to take them into consideration.

Wilburt: We never saw anyone on the land. Is this a computer analysis? Maybe we can get some money to get our elders out there so they can tell us which areas are important. The elders don't really trust computers.

Heidi: Our current areas are based on what the elders told us. We're just wondering if there are other areas that you would be interested in including.

AJ: We think that the elders should be identifying the areas and not scientists looking at computers.

Wilburt: The elders are not comfortable with the PAS analysis. They would rather call the shots.

Heidi: Ok. So we understand that you do not want to take into consideration the PAS report.

RE: Lac Belot. In the last draft we were told that there should not be water taken out of Lac Belot for road construction because of rapid draw down. DFO wrote back and told us that the lake is very deep so it should not matter. We need further discussion to understand the differences between the community's concern and DFO's information.

Wilburt: The lake is really good for drinking water and it's good for fish. We don't want them playing around with the water. DFO doesn't live here. They should come here and talk to us. We'll need water in the future so we should be careful with it. We know that the water level drops. We're the ones who use the water. It's fine if they want to take water from Colville Lake but not Lac Belot.

Heidi: So we'll tell DFO to come here and work it out with the community through more research?

Wilburt: Yes. Tell DFO to come here and talk to us.

Hyacinth: We live here we don't want other people to play with our water. The water is dropping lots already and it's really important.

Wilburt: The islands that used to be under the water are now much higher. In just 20 years there have been significant changes in the lake. There is one island that is about 1km longer now due to drops in water level. You can send them here and we'll talk to them.

Heidi went over timelines and the public hearing.

Wilburt mentioned that everyone is on the land in the fall (September-December) and that it would be best to do consultations in July or August.

Wilburt then put names in a hat for the two \$100 gas/heating fuel draws.

Meeting ended at: 7:23pm