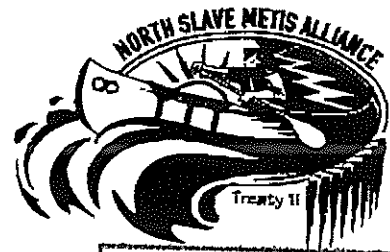


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April 23, 2003

Attn: Glenda Fratton,

Re: Changes to the Jan. 29, 2003 Meeting Notes

Dear Glenda,

Please find attached the changes the NSMA would like made to the January 29, 2003 meeting notes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Kris Johnson  
Land & Resource Coordinator  
North Slave Métis Alliance

**#51163****Requested Changes to the January 29, 2003 Meeting Notes**

We would request the following additions to those minutes under the Introductions section:

"Rachel Crapeau asked Gartner Lee to explain the role they would be playing in the rest of the process. It was explained that Gartner Lee would provide technical advice to the Board. In response to Janet Hutchison's question, staff advised the Board had not yet decided if those reports would be released to the parties.

Alan Erlich indicated he would not be comfortable doing a first draft of the reasons for the Board and needs Gartner Lee's assistance on the technical aspects. John Donihee would also review it for rules of legal fairness. Glenda Fratton will help draft sections of the report along with a group of Gartner Lee consultants. After the draft goes through channels large chunks of Gartner Lee's work may go before the Board."

Under the Prehearing conference section the following points should be noted:

The NSMA was one of the parties to raise concerns about timelines and noted that the Board has discretion to adjust the schedule to make the process fair. Specifically, Janet Hutchison raised concerns that the Board was willing to make arbitrary changes to the workplan without consulting the parties but would not make changes at the parties' request. Janet Hutchison noted that changing the schedule is inappropriate and that the Board is already aware the process is placing undue stress on Aboriginal communities and their resources. Rachel Crapeau noted that their people were already booked and had other matters scheduled. The change is not appropriate. They will not be able to participate.

Glenda Fratton indicated that parties did not have to have matters finalized at the Prehearing Conference. Janet Hutchison noted that was not what the Prehearing Conference guide indicates. Mr. Azzolini indicated that all document exchange must occur by the date of the PHC. Janet Hutchison noted her understanding was that the PHC was the time to disclose all issues and documents to funnel down the issues. Mr. Azzolini refers to the PHC as a "drop dead date". Janet Hutchison indicated that while this was, in the NSMA's view, a gross violation of procedural fairness- it was their understanding that that was the process as set out in the PHC guide. Alan Erlich commits to clarifying this point.

Alan Erlich notes that it is not the most productive use of hearing time to bring all your issues to the Board. Janet Hutchison notes that the Board has discretion to hear whatever they feel is relevant and appropriate.

Board staff suggests there are no further concerns regarding hearings not being in the communities. Janet Hutchison advises that it is still a concern- it is just clear that the Board is not going to do anything to change the location. Janet Hutchison notes that there are still many outstanding items from the technical sessions and that no decision has been received regarding the reasons for refusing IR's and invites the Board to consider how that affects the deadlines set for technical reports and the Prehearing conference.