

MEMO

TO: HARTT FILE

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I met with Heather Ross and Cathy Beamish (Norman Zlotkin's articling student who will be the lawyer for Treaty #9 after she is called to the Barr in March), today to discuss the position of Treaty 9. Treaty 9 endorses the concept of a third party umbrella group to pull together environmental, academic and public interest groups. At the moment, Treaty 9 would not be a participant in such an umbrella group as they are worried about affecting their impartiality with respect to the hearing. Cathy and Heather both indicated to me however that they are attempting to change this position so that they would be part of the umbrella group.

Their preference would be to have CELA do the organization of the umbrella group due to their close working relationship with us.

They suggested that the umbrella group would be organized with a Board of Directors with representation on the Board from the various groups.

They envision three functions of the umbrella group:

1. Co-ordinate legal research or other research that was deemed necessary.
2. Present the research to Hartt.
3. Encouraging public participation

Obviously if these functions all were to be done by the umbrella

group, full-time legal representation would be necessary. They have asserted the third point because they are concerned about the ~~maximum~~ amount of participation that will be encouraged by the person who is in charge of public information and participation.

They are also interested in ensuring that the data/^{that}has been collected by various research groups is made available well in advance of the hearing. Treaty 9 would be prepared to handle all aspects of how the data that has been established relates to the Indian position.

Heather Ross will be out of the office for most of the remainder of August, and Cathy Beamish will be out of the office after the middle part of the August.

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