2021-2022 Annual General Assembly August 30, 31st and September 1, 2022 Cree Nation of Waskaganish

Day 1: Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Meeting commences at 10:04 AM

1. **Opening Prayer:** Rita J. Mcleod from Waskaganish Quebec – Elders' Council.

2. Quorum & Chairperson:

Quorum is met. Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty will be the chairperson for Day 1 of the AGA. Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee will be chairperson for Day 2 and on Day 3 Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty will be chairperson.

3. Appointment of recording Secretaries:

Adoption of the Recording Secretaries; Janna Lee Hester and Cynthia Wischee to record minutes of the 48th GCCEI/45th Cree Nation Government Annual General Assembly.

Motion made by: Leona Hester

Seconded by: Daniel Mark-Stewart

The resolution was adopted and carried.

4. Opening remarks:

Welcoming Address by host Chief Clark Shecapio:

"Good morning Grand Chief. I am glad to see you again. Good morning, Deputy Grand Chief. I am glad to see you again also. I welcome all of you; chiefs and delegates from every community, directors and workers. I welcome everyone who is here, that came here to Waskaganish. I welcome the people that are listening to us on the Radio and the ones watching on the Livestream. I want to say welcome to Waskaganish to all of you. I hope your stay here will be good as our guests. It is a rather a grateful time to gather, to sit together face to face. This is my first AGA in person. It's been 3 years since I been a leader for the Crees of Waskaganish and it is the first time sitting here, sitting together, face to face. It is good to see familiar faces and always good to see new faces too. I am happy to see people. I also want to take a minute to welcome Bill. I am happy to see Bill. We all know he will be leaving his position; how much he has worked for us in Eeyou Istchee. I am grateful he was able to be come here as we go through what's been planned for tomorrow. Before I conclude, I would like to recognize someone; perhaps you know that here in Waskaganish, a female youth named Corrina Stephen, her parents Gordon Stephen and her mother Mary Stephen. In the past, as a young girl, she had a dream and it was to fly a helicopter, to become a helicopter pilot.

A few years ago, she went for her dream. It happens when a young person leaves, it was hard, a lot of sacrifices, and she also left behind her children so she could accomplish her dream. This Saturday, it worked out; she finished her studies, she flew to Waskaganish on her own using a helicopter. Once again, I want to say congratulations, on behalf of the leaders of Waskaganish. We celebrated Saturday. We look forward to the future that she may fly us to be at our hunting traplines in the Spring. It is exciting for Eeyou; especially a female youth for her accomplishment. That is what I wanted to express. I thank you Grand Chief".

Recognition Corrina Stephen for completion of Helicopter Pilot. Congratulations to Corrina Stephen.

- o Opening remarks by Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee
- Opening remarks by Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty

5. Introduction of 2022 Cree Nation community AGA Delegates

EASTMAIN	
Chief Kenneth Cheezo	Denis Moses
Daniel Mark-Stewart	
OUJE-BOUGOUMOU	
Susan Mark	Dinah Simard
Gaston Cooper	Sydney Coonishish
WASHAW SIBI	
Adrianna Trapper	Minnie Otter
Tommy Robert	Marianne Katapaytuk
Pauline Trapper-Hester	Billy Katapaytuk Sr.
NEMASKA	
Chief Clarence Jolly	Thomas Jolly
James Wapachee	Josie Jimiken
Walter Jolly	Elton John Salt
WASWANIPI	
Hattie Blacksmith	Marlene Kitchen
Louise B. Saganash	Judy Longchap
Don Saganash	
CHISASIBI	
Corrina Napash	Robbie Tapiatic
James Bobbish	Chief Daisy House
Janie Pachano	Roderick Pachano

WHAPMAGOOSTUI			
Wesley George	Maria Kawapit		
Lisa Petagumskum	Chief Robbie Kawapit		
MISTISSINI			
Chief Michael Petawabano	Justice Debassigne		
Willie Iserhoff	Dinah Snowboy Matoush		
Bella Moses – Petawabano	Kathleen Wootton		
MOCREEBEC			
Chief Allan Jolly	Greta Katapaytuk		
Lorraine Jolly	Mary Small		
Grace Delaney	Corina Wesley		
WEMINDJI			
Ernest Tomatuk	Chief Christina Gilpin		
Arden Visitor	Frank Atsynia		
Billy Natawapineskum	Drayden Mistacheesick		
WASKAGANISH			
Chief Clarke Shecapio	Neesha Chanan Shecapio		
Rite J. Mcleod	Susan Esau		
Leona Hester	Kaitlynn Hester-Moses		
CREE NATION GOVERNMENT			
Matthew Swallow	Adrian Gunner-Neeposh		
Mandy Gull-Masty	Norman A. Wapachee		
Bill Namagoose	Davey Bobbish		
RECORDING SECRETARIES			
Janna-Lee Hester – Waskaganish	Cynthia Wischee – Waskaganish		

6. Appointment of Resolutions Committee:

- Bill Namagoose
- Edna Neeposh Sr
- Matthew Swallow
- Paul John Murdoch

- Melissa Saganash
- Davey Bobbish
- Don Nicholls

Proposed by Gaston Cooper. Second by Frank Atsynia Carried.

- 7. **Review and Adoption of Agenda** Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty; three resolutions brought by Chief Michael Petawabano:
 - 1. Decentralization of the EEPF
 - 2. Increase of Social income security
 - 3. Cree owned subsidy for private housing

Resolution of the Agenda Proposed by Clarke Shecapio Second by Willie Isheroff

11:33 AM - Health Break

11:59 AM – Meeting commencing

8. Resolution updates:

Adoption of Minutes of the 2021 GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government Annual General Assembly Last year's minutes on zoom

- Proposed by Ernest Tomatuk
- Second by Chief Michael Petawabano

Reception and Acknowledgement of Minutes and Resolutions of:

- o Cree Nation Government
- Board of Compensation

Total of 7 minutes from previous assembly's and council board meetings can be found on: cngmeeting.com. Dates: May 25 & 26, 2021, July 21, 2021, August 31, 2021, September 28 & 29, 2021, December 9 & 10, 2021, February 8, 2022 and March 23 & 24, 2022.

- Proposed by Daniel Mark-Stewart
- Second by Elton-John Salt

12:07 PM – Lunch Break

1:34 PM - Meeting continues for the afternoon of Day 1.

9. **CNYC update – Youth Grand Chief Adrian Neeposh-Gunner:**

- o CNYC AGA 2022 in Old Nemaska
- Mentions Nemaska Delegate Marcus Jolly killed a moose using an axe at the AGA in Old Nemaska and they had a good meal the next day

Invited Inuit youth and others – they wanted to see how CNYC works together and we gifted them a paddle.

Resolutions at CNYC AGA 2022

- Nation to Nation table of discuss with Inuit: what our youth need in Quebec, and in the future of all indigenous youth across Canada.
- Youth to be included in current agreements and future negotiations of future agreements
- Supporting resolution Establishing of protected areas for Land Based programs
- Youth centers in all communities
- Support against discrimination for LGBTQ and two spirit youth and certain work places
- Head office for CNYC to be a referendum for which community
- o Grand alliance information session and consultation
- Next AGA to be in Fort George Island
- o In two years' time Washaw Sibi 35th AGA meeting
- EEYOU EENOU OUUSNEECHOUCH DAY on August 14 to celebrate youth in their communities, to recognize and play games and have supper
- o EEYOU EENOU OUUSNIICHOUCH MAAMOUU OUNAATAAMAADOUCH
- o Deputy Youth Chief Jordan Masty to be a full time until end of his term
- o New Staff: Ayden Gray multimedia communications technician
- Mistissini temporary head office 2022

10. **1:45 PM – Presentation and Consolidation of Cree Nation Government Laws - John Paul Murdoch** No laws were changed since the last meetings and all laws are available on cngmeeting.com.

11. 1:50 PM – Financial Statement of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government - Matthew Swallow – Treasurer - 2021- 2022 Audited:

4 ways of how the financial works:

- o Cree Nation Government
- o Eenou Eeyou Limited Partnership
- Cree Heritage Fund Foundation Inc
- o Cree Nation Government/ Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and related entities.

Each of these are looked at by all the chiefs in meetings and council board.

Cree Nation Government

- Shows where all the money went and all the agreements are run through here
- Won't mention about Cree Health Board Financial statements or Cree School Board and Board of Compensation, JBNQA and Income security.
- We must understand how we find money and how the CNG receives it. It is already decided how it would go to each 9 Cree communities plus the 2 other communities.
- o Money comes 4 times in a year (April, July, October and January) and it is already decided where it would go in December.

Cree Nation Government/ Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee)

- o Financial comes from Cree Nation Government.
- o In charge of Cree Culture values and skills and for all laws to be respected.

Eenou-Eeyou Limited Partnership

- This group was first formed when there was the first Quebec agreement. This is where the money first went to and then given to the communities.
- o It was created because the government of Canada would give away money

Cree Heritage Fund

All financial statements are looked after by Eeyou-Eenou Partnership.

All financial statements are available on handbook, "Overview of the Financial results for the year ending March 31, 2022. Presented to the 2022 Annual General Assembly by Matthew Swallow – Treasurer".

2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Compensation – In the beginning of Bill's financial statements, he mentioned that he will not go over the Audited Financial statements of the Board of Compensation.

12. Appointment of Auditors:

Resolution; to be reported and documented by Raymond Chabot next year 2022-2023.

Proposed by Chief Clarke Shecapio Second by Gaston Cooper Carried

2:56 PM - Health Break

Meeting commences - 3:37 PM

13. **Cree Nation Government Annual Report** – appreciation by Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty to Melissa Saganash for her hard work and dedication on the report.

Report presented for the last time before retirement by Bill Namagoose.

First few pages are Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief stories and news and my story is on page 24 if you want to read.

Page 10 - There are 14 directors that worked on this,

- Michael Petawabano Deputy Executive Director
- Rodney Mark Social and Development services
- o Kelly Pepabano Child Welfare
- Melissa Saganash Communications
- Tina Petawabano Indigenous and Republic Federal Relations
- Anthony Mcleod Commerce and Industry
- Donald Nicholls Justice and Correctional Services
- Jason Ottereyes Forestry
- Isaac Voyager Environment
- John Longchap Capital works and Services
- Nancy Bobbish Human Resources and Human Relations
- o Abel Trapper Apatisiiwin Skills Development
- Matthew Swallow Treasurer
- Shannon Nakogee Police Director

Begins going through the pages briefly:

- o Page 30 The Role of the Cree Nation Government in Category II lands
- Page 35 agreements with Naskapi to help hunters and trappers.
- Page 39 & 41 Communications on livestreams and broadcasts
- Page 43 Livestream statistics
- Page 44 Cree-Canada Relations
- Page 45 United Nations
- Page 46 Nation Housing Strategy
- o Page 47 Land Registry System
- Page 50 Roman Catholic Mission Lands in Waskaganish. Ouje-Bougoumou Recognition and Mistissini Lands
- o Page 51 Cree-Quebec Relations
- o Page 54 & 55 La Grand Alliance
- o Page 59 Cree Health Board
- Page 61 Income Security Negotiations
- o Page 63 Cree Housing
- o Page 69 EEPF funding 10-year Agreement with Quebec, Canada and CNG
- o Page 71 Eeyou Istchee Agreements
- o Page 125 & 126 Disbursements of project funds for each community
- 14. **4:00PM** Mandy Gull-Masty asks John Paul Murdoch to give Report on resolution adopted at the 2020-2021 Annual General Assembly.

Josie Jimiken of Nemaska – Comments on the annual report for the Environmental review and impact assessment and quotes "the project may impact the hunting and harvesting rights of the Cree's". Does not agree with the word "may". Worries about the hunting and harvesting rights.

Grand Chief Mandy Gull Masty – Agrees with Josie. To define what it means and to see the impacts of it. To start a culturally based line study, to study of the changes and the impacts on the territory and its influence on Cree Culture.

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee – gives a clarification of the base line study.

4:10PM – Thomas Jolly of Nemaska - Happy to hear about our culture being talked out. And also wants a study to be done to see the impacts of the damming of our rivers since the beginning. Thanks, Bill, for his hard work for us Crees.

4:12PM – **Lisa Petagumskum of Whapmagoostui** – Not everyone feels welcome to hunt, to teach their children. How we can show our love to our youth, where they can hunt, they lost a lot of our Cree way of life. It is our right. Culture is when we pass on to our next generation, what are we passing on? We need access to the land. We need peace. Too much happening in our communities.

4:21PM – Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty – We have looked at it and I will make a resolution and analysis.

4:22PM - Youth Grand Chief – Adrian Neeposh- Gunner – Resolution to guarantee access to the land for youth to practice responsible harvesting.

Grand Chief – Will combine the tally man and trap line system resolution.

4:24PM - Don Saganash of Waswanipi – happy to hear these issues being discussed. 3 generations tallyman in Waswanipi, most of these new tallymen went to school. Back in the day, everyone was welcome. Today it is different. Also mentions about the cost of going to people's trap lines. Some cost a lot and others cost a very little amount. To help these tallymen that cost a lot to go out on the land.

4:33PM - Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty – The first phase of the culturally based line study, literature review of all the consultations with the tallymen. Phase 2 working with an advisory panel and with the tallymen. It is in the works.

4:34PM – **Rita J. McLeod of Waskaganish** – appreciates the baseline culture discussion. We have a lot of youth today, who are confused of what to do with their lives, and where to go when they want to learn the Cree culture. A lot of them stay in the community during spring. I was very pleased with our communities "Adopt a youth" during the spring. I remember those who lost their parents at an early age. I recognize and speak for them, that they have nowhere to go when they want to practice our culture. Also mentions Elder's Council receive a little amount. Our tallymen are getting sick and old to teach our culture. 2 weeks is too short to go out in the land. We need long term programs. A lot costs a lot to take youth out in the land. We must stand together so our youth can hold on to our Cree culture.

4:37PM – Mandy Gull-Masty – to review and modify the income security Program. For the users to teach and take youth and others out on the land so that they can get paid. I ask the resolution committee to write this down in the resolutions.

4:39PM – Norman A. Wapachee – Income security program – was on it about 6 years ago. It was my only income and it was not a lot. Loved being out on the land. Eeyou Istchee is not getting bigger, it's the population that's getting bigger. We have a lot of big families and lot of people don't have land. I see Parks and protected areas as community projects. To be discussed with the community members. Cultural baseline study – Phase 1, minimal consultations committee. Focused groups: Niishiiyuu Council of Elders, A member from the Cree health board, Cree school board, Cree Trappers association. To be bought in by December.

4:43PM - Launch of the Special Needs Awareness Campaign:

- Opening Remarks by Grand Chief
- Remarks by Chief Clarke Shecapio.
- Remarks by Chairperson of Cree School Board
- Remarks by Stella Mark

Special Needs Video

5:21PM – Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty – thanks to the family of Josiah for sharing their story. Remarks by Emily Wesley - Josiah's Mom – Gives thanks to Stella and her team. We have so much work to do for them and the opportunity is there. We just need to come together. Hoping to send a positive message to families to advocate for the youth and children. And we hope the Cree nation to stand with us.

5:25PM – Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty – Resolution from Daniel Mark-Stewart; to make an agreement for infrastructure and housing to be accessible for the Special needs.

5:29PM - Closing Prayer by Chief Clarke Shecapio.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

DAY 2: Wednesday, August 31, 2022
Chairperson Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee

Meeting Commences at 9:46AM

1. Opening Prayer & brief Introduction by:

Dina Simard – Elder's Council and Local Women's Association of Ouje-Bougoumou.

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee - Recap on yesterday's discussion:

- o Matthew Swallow on Financial Report
- o Executive Director Bill Namagoose's discussion on his work at the Cree Nation Government.
- Logging and forestry in Eeyou Istchee and the effects on Cree Culture and Cree Language
- Special Needs Awareness

Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty on Resolutions that were carried.

- o Don Saganash to motion a resolution concerning Wildlife Directives.
- Youth Chief Adrian Gunner to motion a resolution for youth to be given the access to hunting and permission to hunt.
 - Resolution to be mindful of our hunting; responsible harvesting practices.
- Resolution for special needs; to have support for people caring for special needs family members not only for children but for adults also
- Daniel Mark-Stewart to motion a resolution a project consideration for special needs development in the community housing infrastructure at the local level.

Deputy Chief Norman A. Wapachee debriefs on Day 2 Agenda.

2. 9:57 - WASHAW SIBI UPDATE

Pauline Trapper-Hester – Brief Introduction:

A mention of appreciation to Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee for visiting and hearing the Washaw community.

o PowerPoint presentation – Report to the Cree Nation

Tommy Robert and his brother agreed to put their trapline for our community to be built; kilometer 184 south of Matagami. The members of Washaw Sibi made the decision in 2016. Washaw Sibi members request 1 square kilometer of Category 1 land from each community to help them have a Cree home.

Washaw Sibi council meetings with the councils of the Cree communities:

- June 2021 Waskaganish: Chief Clark Shecapio & Deputy Chief Samson Wischee
- o June 2021 Eastmain: Chief Kenneth Cheezo and Council
- o July 2021 Ouje-Bougoumou: Chief Curtis Bosum and Council
- o August 2021 Chisasibi: Chief Daisy House and Council
- o August 2021 Waswanipi: Chief Marcel Happyjack and Council
- o August 2021 Mistissini: Chief Thomas Neeposh and Council (meeting was on Zoom)
- o December 2021 Wemindji: Chief Christina Gilpin and Council

10:03AM – Billy Katapaytuk of Washaw Sibi to discuss the 2022 update. Billy is grateful to be present at the meeting and mentions that they need the most support from Cree Nation Government and the all the Cree communities and MoCreebec. Billy apologizes on behalf of Washaw Sibi Chief who could not be at meeting as she is with the grieving family. Mentions a passing of a community member George Trapper.

June 2022, Washaw Sibi members met with MoCreebec's Chief Allan Jolly and Council was a success and a passed a supporting resolution. Billy shares the passed resolutions from the following communities:

- o Ouje-Bougoumou
- Wemindji
- Whapmagoostui

They wait for a decision from the other communities on the dates provided in their presentation. They will again meet with the communities in the near future.

10:12 - Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee: debriefs on Category 1 land and calculations.

Opening for questions or concerns.

10:14 - Susan Esau of Waskaganish: Shares dream of Late Grand Chief Billy Diamond, Gertie Murdoch and Albert Diamond. Interprets dream. Susan recalls the first time Washaw Sibi started, they walked. A group of Washaw Sibi people from Amos to Joulac. Her grandson Quindon, who was only 9 years old at the time, walked with his grandfather Ronnie Trapper Sr and his grandmother Margaret. Susan hopes that they (Washaw Sibi Eeyou) will find a place to live together soon.

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee thanks Susan Esau for sharing and for standing in support with Washaw Sibi.

10:23AM - Roderick Pachano of Chisasibi: Shares. Let's treat our elders with respect. Let's not mistreat them. The government didn't give us the land. The Eeyou always said it is our land. Roderick encourages to the people to keep finding ways to help our people; referring to Washaw Sibi community. He hopes future plans work out.

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee thanks elder Roderick Pachano for his words.

10:32 – Youth chief Denis Moses of Eastmain: States he stands with the Washaw Sibi community. Denis agrees with elder Roderick Pachano. As a youth, Denis questions why we work so quickly to build workcamps, and mines but not work as quickly for the people of Washaw Sibi. Denis mentions that he does not understand why it takes so long for their community be built yet it doesn't take long for us to build workcamps that destroy our land. Why can't we give them land while it's still good rather than us destroying our land. As a youth, that is what is on my mind. That is my input for now.

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee thanks youth chief Denis for his questions/concerns.

3. 10:35AM - CREE NATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS ASSOCIATION

Kenneth Gilpin: Annual report 2021-2022.
 Cree Naka

10:46 – Gaston Cooper touches on previous topics, give an update

Gaston has now worked 3 years as Executive Director in Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association, Discusses the agreement, the establishment of local Arts committees in each community, in Washaw Sibi and MoCreebec. Once they are built, a chairperson will be appointed, and once chairperson is appointed, they will sit as Board of Director in the Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association.

The mission and vision: resources to help our people and one of them being Gateway information center for calls, or websites. They are a lot of funds to help the artists, some don't know about it and it is our responsibility to help them. Another one is, funds were set aside 50,000, is the max for an artist to receive to help them with their crafts, singing, making a CD or which talent they have. Deadline for financial application forms is October, February, April and July. Memberships are available for \$15.

- o Sponsorship programs 50, 000 funds; 35, 000 funds in the past.
- Bursary programs CNACA bursary program provides a \$500 bursary to graduating high school
 Cree students who excel in the field of arts and crafts.
- Training and Educational program
- Arts promotion programs.
- o Corporate Sponsors.

Visit the website – www.cnaca.ca

Artist Categories: Women – 64% Men – 36%

- o Arts and Crafts 33%
- Visual Arts 25%
- Multidisciplinary Art 22%
- Performing Arts 19%

Most of the members come from Chisasibi, Mistissini and Waskaganish.

Chisasibi Local Arts Committee	Eastmain Local Arts Committee	Mistissini Local Arts Committee
Chairperson: Dwayne Cox	Chairperson: Kenneth Gilpin	Llyod Cheechoo
Vice Chairperson: Lily Napash	Roger Weapenicappo	Beth Sealhunter
Darlene Bearskin	Pauline Tomatuk	Samuel Mianscum
Cinderella Visitor Chakapash	Kathleen Whiskeychan	Jerry Coon
Charlotte Kenatewat Moar		George Longchap
Christopher Napash		Emma Matoush
Marlene Bearskin		Rachel Neeposh
		Alexandrea Coon

Nemaska Local Arts Committee	Ouje-Bougoumou Local Arts Committee	Waskaganish Local Arts Committee	
Chairperson: Deborah Wapachee	Chairperson: Diane Bosum	Chairperson: Vanessa Stephen	
Vice-Chairperson: Elton John Salt	Kenny Mianscum	Jamie Joyce Jacob	
Danny Gull	Harry Sharl	Jimmy Tim Whiskeychan	
Helen Tanoush Gull	Alice Shecapio-Blacksmith	Carrie Weistche	
James Wapachee	Sam Bosum	Mary Jane Salt	
		Emily Hester	
		Darryl Salt	
Waswanipi Local Arts Committee	Washaw Sibi Local Arts Committee	Wemindji Local Arts Committee	
Chairperson: Caroline Happyjack	Chairperson: Minnie Otter	Chairperson: Edward Georgekish	
Louise B. Saganash	Johnny Salt	Vice-Chairperson: Emmett Georgekish	
Darryl Cooper	Lyne Sue Kistabish	Secretary Treasurer: Betty Stewart	
Sandra Mianscum	Jaedon Mapachee	Allan Matches	
Ella Neeposh	Jimmy Robert	Mabel Georgekish	
Whapmagoostui Local Arts Committee	MoCreebec Local Arts Committee		
Joshua J. Kawapit	(To be confirmed)		
Eddie Masty Sr.			
Betsy Kawapit			
Benjamin Masty			
Nellie George			

CNACA Eeyou Istchee Achievement Awards Winners:

- o Buckley Petawabano Award Luke MacLeod from Mistissini
- o Lifetime Achievement Award Margaret Sam-Cromarty from Chisasibi
- o Rising Star Award Angel Baribeau from Mistissini
- Self-Innovator Award Paula Menerick from Chisasibi
- o Best Fiddler Award Ronnie Rupert from Chisasibi.

There are more that we recognized in Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Traditional Arts, Contemporary Arts, Multidisciplinary Arts and a Youth Recognition; Sage Mukash.

As written in the JBA, and with the help of the chiefs, we built the Local Arts and Crafts Committee:

INTRODUCTION TO WACHIYA

There used to be a store in Val-d'Or in the past; it was closed. There was no longer a place for our people to sell their arts and crafts. Wachiya became too costly. It is said, Wachiya is in the process of reopening. As of now, your purchases can be made through online services.

Wachiya won't be in Val-O'or because the town is too small. There are three possible locations to rebuild the Wachiya establishment: Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa. As of now, Montreal is most likely.

11:05AM - Kenneth Gilpin address previous discussion. We can help save our young people if we show them these talents.

11:10AM – **Deputy Grand chief Norman A. Wapachee** shares briefly about mother and craft making. He sends greetings to Waswanipi as today is voting day for their community. He encourages the community members to go vote, and participate. Deputy Grand Chief Norman briefly introduces Maitee Lebrecque-Saganash; National Assembly Ungava Riding Candidate.

11:14 – Health Break (10-minute break)

Meeting commences - 11:40AM

4. Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association

Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation – Director Raymond Shanoush of Eastmain Rodney Mark of Wemindji

Briefly discusses his past job as a police officer and his experiences during his duties. He went to
University for Psychology to have a better understanding where our trauma came from looking
at Residential Schools. Raymond found peace in sports and recreation. He was able to help
himself along with others that found peace in sports.

Presentation:

- How to help put youth
- History of Sports and Recreation in the past; and future
- The people working with; how partnerships will help us to host sporting events
- Programs

For 20 years since the development of Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation; we want to help every youth in Eeyou Istchee, regional, provincial and international level.

EISRA is formally supported and recognized Cree Nation Government; a service agreement, Cree communities and receives funding from CNG, Board of Compensation, Ministry of Education (MEESR) and Sports Canada.

Structure

EISRC is governed by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee that oversees staff in the delivery of its mandate. There are several branches of the operations including:

- Training, National and Provincial events
- Leagues, Regional tournaments, Festival & Events; Regional Native Events on an Invitational basis for youth teams in the Cree Nation are:
 - Hockey
 - Broomball
 - Softball/fastball
 - Basketball
 - Volleyball
 - Cree Nation Summer games
 - Cree Nation Winter games
 - Others to come

Desired outcomes:

- o Promotion of excellence
- o Enhanced education and skills development
- o Improved health and wellness
- o Increased community pride, engagement and cohesion
- o Capacity building & capacity development through training and development of,
- o Increased economic & social development and prosperity

Greater success among our youth through sports includes an increase in graduate levels, healthier life choices, positive social development resulting in successful citizens and our future leaders.

Cree Nation Demographics

Cree Nation	Males	Females	Total	Population	%
Age group up to 19	3870	3698	7568	20642	37%
Ages 20 to 34	2532	2413	4945	20642	24%

Health & Wellbeing - Diabetes & Obesity

Diabetes

- Cree Health Board Stats last 10 years as per 2017 report
 - Adults over 20 are 26.7% diabetic
 - Over 1 in 4 people have diabetes
- o People under 20 have difficulty managing diabetes
 - 1in 3 over 39.4% are able to manage glucose levels
 - 60% of diabetics are showing kidney damage

Obesity

- There has been an increase in obesity since covid changed our realities
- This has increased complications in the health and activity levels of youth.

Recommendations

- o EISRA needs consistency in funding to maintain sustainable program operations
- When funding is inconsistent, cuts are required and this often leads to cancellation of youth programs
- The retentions of quality employees to drive the programs also requires sustainable funding; employees who don't have the competitive employee package choose to leave for better opportunities
- The population in the Cree is heavily weighted towards youth, the opportunity the impact Eeyou Istchee is now.

12:06PM - Raymond gives it over to Rodney Mark from Wemindji; recap.

Youth programming in the communities, ensure that Cree Culture and Cree Language is a priority. It is very important to look at how do we engage, how do we empower, how do we give out young people a sense of belonging within our community.

12:08PM – Raymond Shanoush on sports concentration.

12:10PM – Deputy Grand chief Norman A. Wapachee speaks briefly about health and sports. Mentions he received a letter from Rugby Quebec stating they want to introduce the Rugby sport in the Cree Nation. Will forward it to Raymond and Rodney. Norman shares he ran in the international marathon in Los Angeles and how it helped his concentration.

12:12PM - Open for questions or concerns:

Gaston Cooper – His children; 1 whom is in arts playing the cello and plays for the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, his son plays midget triple A. Without sports or without the arts, I don't know if youth would overcome. Because they have these, they overcame; both are in university. His daughter is at University of Ottawa with a Scholarship. His son who just turned 18, enrolled in university and it was all because of hockey. Gaston encourages and fully supports the initiatives as they continue to bring sports into Eeyou Istchee.

Minnie otter – shares about grandson who loves hockey, he recently graduated and went to college. Last month, there was a hockey tryout in Rouyn and he played for Vill-Marie. He was selected to play for the team. There is another tryout in Gatineau. He is a serious player. He does not drink or do drugs. He works hard in school. If selected for the hockey league, it will cost \$4,500, and would like to ask if he will get funding to support him.

Raymond Shanoush states the EISRA are reviewing where the funds are going that comes in. Sometimes, funds are set aside to help youth while they play. Once they return, they will again review how funds are that come in. Not everyone will get financial support because they can't set aside a lot of money.

12:17PM – Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee mentions a foundation available to help funds those who excel in sports. He mentions Minnie can ask Gaston for support information.

12:18PM – Chief Daisy House of Chisasibi – mentions for young ones under 18, Jordan's Principal available for help. As Rodney reminded us; every child matters and it starts at young age. Deputy Grand Chief said our ancestors we always active but now, we don't move. The cellphones are a big distraction because we don't move. We need to work on this in all Eeyou Istchee; locally and regionally. We need a more permanent basis support from the Government. There is a lot taught in playing sports; waking up early, healthy eating, and there's responsibilities. Daisy says again, 600 hundred thousand is not enough for 60 percent of the population and thinks their budget needs to be reviewed. She challenges the CNG to look at it and do something with it so it's more permanent and to have security.

12:23PM – **Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee** to Raymond and Rodney; if they wish to meet with the Resolution Committee to motion a resolution; Norman expresses they will stand in support as they look at future funding.

5. Cree School Board Update (Presentation) – 12:25PM
Chairperson Dr. Sarah Pashagumskum – Cree School Board

Creation of new departments:

- o Complementary Services, Catherine Rutherford
- Digital Learning, Sherry Weistche
- Eeyou lihtuwin Research and Development, Angela Bearskin-Gates
- Higher Learning, Darlene Cheechoo

Creation of new Deputy Director General:

- o DOG Adult and Higher Learning, Stella Lameboy
- o PSSS, SAES and Higher Learning

Youth Sector Overview 2021-2022

- Student Success: 79 secondary graduates for the past school year 2021-2022.
- Staying Safe: Health Measures by Alert Level and COVID-19 Procedures to follow in schools.
- Digital Transformation:
 - iPads and storage carts were purchased for all elementary students
 - Laptops and docking stations were purchased for all teachers
- o Moziak Portal: successfully launched in all communities.

Youth Sector Recovery Plan

- Elephant Thoughts
 - 12 weeks in community support for Secondary 4 & 5
 - Summer school support for Secondary 3
 - Summer science camp for elementary for two weeks
- Frontier College Literacy Camp
 - 4-week camp to elevate reading ability for 5–12-year-olds
 - Adolescent programming evenings through July; literacy based & other areas of learning

Literacy Recovery Plan

- Tier 1 (General Classroom Instruction)
 - Support the instruction of the CSB Essential Targets (English, Cree, French)
 - Continue the RTI Sequence Implementation
 - Offer ongoing support to Teachers in best practice instruction and assessment
- Tier 2 (Additional Intervention and Support)
 - Identifying groupings
 - Scheduling Tier 2 intervention periods
 - In progress of purchasing board-wide Lexia license
 - Reviewing online professional development support
- o Tier 3 (Intensive Intervention)
 - Identification of Empower reading students
 - Placement in Empower groups
 - Material and Training ready for August

Special Education Services

- o To support of Special Education Policy:
 - Special Education Pathways to offer all programs in all schools
 - Individual Educational Plan for each student identified with special needs
 - Collaborate with Cree Nation Government to ease the transition from daycares to schools
 - Recruitment campaign for six (6) Speech and Language Pathologists
 - Offer 30 on-site neuropsychological and psychological assessments the in schools of Whapmagoostui, Wemindji, Chisasibi, Waswanipi, Nemaska, Ouje-Bougoumou and Mistissini this year.

Reminder: A special Needs Symposium for parents and caregivers of children with special needs. All who are present at AGA will receive a save-the-date announcement. It is booked at: Hilton Lac Leamy in Gatineau, November 29^{th} - December 1^{st} 2022.

Sabtuan Adult Education Services

Program offerings at the Sabtuan Regional Vocational Training Centre in Waswanipi

- o In Session:
 - Construction Equipment Mechanics
 - Northern Heavy Equipment Operations
 - Professional Cooking
 - Recreation Leadership
 - Welding and Fitting

Coming Soon: Fall:

Refrigeration Bus Driving

Photography Surveying and Topography

Programs offerings by Community:

- Whapmagoostui: Accounting
- Chisasibi: Beneficiary Attendant, Bus Driving, Construction Business Management, Health Assistance and Nursing, Secretarial Studies, Starting a Business
- Eastmain: Carpentry
- Waskaganish: Beneficiary Attendant, Plumbing and Heating
- Nemaska: Secretarial Studies and Starting a Business
- Ouje-Bougoumou: Carpentry
- Mistissini: Automobile Mechanics, Bus Driving and Protection and Development of Wildlife Habitats.

Post-Secondary Student Services

- 461 post-secondary sponsored students in 2021-2022, as of January 2022.
- PSSS approved supplementary amounts due to the high increase of housing and living costs, which will be allocated three times within the school year 2022-2023.
 - \$1,500 per student, additional \$250 per dependent

Regional General Assembly Community Tour 2022 - Theme: Continuing Our liyiyiu Education Journey.

Week 1		Week 2	
Monday, October 3	Whapmagoostui	Monday, October 17	Nemaska
Tuesday, October 4	Chisasibi	Tuesday, October 18	Waswanipi
Wednesday, October 5	Wemindji	Wednesday, October 19	O-Jay
Thursday, October 6	Eastmain	Thursday, October 20	Mistissini
Friday, October 7	Waskaganish		

Looking Forward

- Cree Language Study
- Teacher training program intakes
- Partnership with EISRA

Sarah is asking that people will feel free to connect through the website; eeyoueducation.ca, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and the Newsletter. It is important that people come put to the Commissioner's meetings; they are making a commitment to return the meetings to the communities. Extends an invite to people to join the meetings.

12:59PM - Deputy Chief Norman A. Wapachee

Translation and summary of Cree School Board Update presentation from Dr. Sarah Pashagumskum.

- 1:06PM Discussion/question period.
- 1:37PM ANNOUNCEMENTS from Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee.
- 1:40PM Dr. Sarah Pashagumskum Sharing student data
- 1:45PM -Billy Katapaytuk prayer
- 1:47PM LUNCH BREAK Dismissed.

Day 3: September 1, 2022

Chairperson - Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty

9:37 AM - Opening Prayer:

The Lord's prayer in Cree by Incoming Executive Director: Davey Bobbish of Chisasibi.

9:39 AM – Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty:

Announcements and acknowledgements, appreciation remarks to Chief Marcel Happyjack and Ronnie Ottereyes, and Congratulatory recognition of newly elected of First Female Chief of Waswanipi, Chief Irene Neeposh and Rhonda Oblin as Deputy Chief.

9:43 AM – QUEBEC ELECTION CANDIDATE SPEECHES; Presentation from the Candidates running for Provincial Office

- O Statement to the assembly from representative of the Liberal Party: Candidate Tunu Napartuk. Mayor of Kuujjuaq of two terms of 3 years each. Introduction, shares of support and experiences.
- Statement to the assembly from National Assembly Ungava Riding Candidate:
 Maitee Labrecque- Saganash from Waswanipi. She worked for the Cree Board of Health for past 5 years, also the elected Commissioner for Waswanipi Cree School Board council of Commissioner. Introduction, share of accomplishments and experiences.

10:11AM – Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty

Introduces and invites Chairperson of Cree Health Board Bertie Wapachee and Daniel St. Amour. Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay Presentation by Public Health Director: Dr. Alain Poirier (Update & strategic planning)

10:27AM – Cree Board of Health and Social Services: Project Leader Taria Matoush of Mistissini. Introduction and Greetings, Online Presentation by ZOOM; Youth Protection

Awash-Uschiniichisuu Task Force Members:

- Chair: Bertie Wapachee
- o Executive Director: Daniel St. Amour
- o Assistant Executive Director Pimuhteheu: Taria Matoush
- o Director of Youth Protection (DYP): Marlene Kapashesit
- Advisor to DYP: Alissa Mark
- Director of Professional Services and Quality Assurance (Psychosocial): Chloe Nahas
- o Director of Youth Healing Services: Jessica Jackson Clement
- o Youth Protection Team Leader: Eva Longchap
- o Assistant Executive Director Miyuppimaatisiiun: Christina Biron
- Assistant Executive Director Nishiiyuu: Lisa Petagumskum
- o Cree Board of Directors member: Christine Petawabano (Vice-Chair)

In Collaboration with:

- o Cree Nation Government
- Department of Justice and Correctional Services
- Department of Child and Family Services
- o Eeyou-Eenou Police Force
- o Department of Social and Cultural Development
- Cree School Board
- Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee Association
- Nishiiyuu Council of Elders
- o Cree Nation Youth Council

Project Manager: Linda L. Shecapio of Mistissini; Cloud Woman Introduction and greetings. Presentation Online ZOOM:

- o Dialogue Gathering for Entities
- Themes Development
- o Plan & Design of Community Engagement Action Plan
- o Community Engagement Action Plan
- Implementation of Community Engagement

Community Engagement Process – Next Steps

September 2022: Selection and hiring of two commissioners Fall 2022: Dialogue Gathering for Entities – Project Launch Winter 2022-Summer 2023: Community Consultations Summer-Fall 2023: Evaluations, review, proposal.

Creehealth.org @creehealth Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

A request for a full hour for Presentations for Cree Health Board – Bertie Wapachee.

Daniel St. Amour – 3 main challenges at Cree Health Board to express:

- Staff shortage reassure they are working really hard on the issue; let's encourage our youth to choose those good paying jobs and get into health professions
- After COVID; issues of inflation with close to a billion dollars in projects and because of the increase in cost we may have to look at reducing the number of projects but we don't want to do that. Good news on the construction front, at 8:15 this morning from the Ministry, he has a written confirmation for the building of the CMC in Waskaganish. It is going to be built 2 years earlier than planned because of the Hemodialysis crisis. We should start the foundation soon.
- Patient Satisfaction; issues around covid, access to care working on a model of care that will
 optimize the resources we have and get more resources.

Grand Chief Mandy Gul-Masty acknowledges Bertie; when Bertie started working, there was a lot of work especially with OMICRON this year. They really put a lot of effort into protecting the Cree Nation. Mandy acknowledges the work that Daniel, Bertie and our public health Doctors in the past and the new ones that have committed to the health of the Cree Nation. Mandy also acknowledges his communications team; they are very good showing all sorts of things, they have an excellent website. She encourages the people to go online on the website to voice our concerns in the SRP. Mandy's commitment to Bertie is to give him additional time at the Council Board and appreciates his patience.

10:52AM – Language Commissioner Update - Jamie Moses of EASTMAIN.

Introduction and greetings; 5-year term for Language Commissioner, from Cree Nation Government and working with Rodney Mark, and Shannon Atsynia of Wemindji.

- Update on Cree Language
- Upcoming job opportunities and plans
- The importance of Cree Language and we should encourage speaking more Cree and not pronounce in English; it is our responsibility to speak and keep our Cree Language. We have the power the keep our Cree Language. Listen to our Cree teachers. Put your leaders first and listen to their teachings.
- Jamie handcrafted paddles as a gift to the chiefs of each community; asks Youth Chief Adrian Gunner to present to the Grand Chief, Deputy Chief and chiefs.

11:13AM - 10-minute Health Break

Meeting Commences - 11:28AM

Policing

- Swearing-In Ceremony for Director of EEPF; Sign-In Oath of Office Shannon Nakogee and Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty.
- o Remarks by Shannon Nakogee; words of job dedication, responsibility, work history.

11:38AM - Report from Eenou/Eeyou Police Commission - William McLeod.

Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty congratulates New Police Officer: Leon Whiskeychan.

William McLeod congratulates New Police Director Shannon Nakogee.

- Thank you to Sherman Masty -Interim Police Director 2 years.
- On behalf of the Police, thank you to Bill Namagoose for the Police Commission and EEPF.
- There are 11 members on the Police Commission; 2 members from CNG. William was elected as Chairman and Simeon Trapper of Waskaganish as Vice Chairman.

William McLeod touches on:

- Look after and help the EEPF
- Policing By-Law to review and modify (revision)
- Governance
- Mandate
- Human Resource Committee/Human Resource Department
- Retention and communication
- To have partnerships
- To help our officers to have high standards of competency

11:58AM – Opens for questions or concerns

Chief Clarence Jolly congratulates newly elected EEFP Director Shannon Nakogee. Roderick Pachano tells a story an SQ officer.

12:00PM - Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty

- An increase in CTA funding their job is extremely important
- Funding to Nishew Elder's Council Association and Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee
- Vision to build Cree Knowledge Centers in each community
- Moose population moose management plan
- Funding for youth; total of allocation of 670 thousand +

12:11PM - Signing Ceremony: Cree Language and Culture Preservation

Cree Language and Cultural Preservation Signing Ceremony between Cree Nation Government, Cree Nation Youth Council and Cree Trappers Association.

Leaders Participants: Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee Youth Grand Chief Adrian Neeposh-Gunner Deputy Youth Grand Chief Jordan Masty

President Arden Visitor

Vice-President Elijah Sandy

Chief Clark Shecapio

Deputy Chief Samson Wischee

- Welcoming by Master of Ceremony Stella Mark
- Opening prayer: Stella calls upon local Elder Sanders Weistche to bless the ceremony.
- Opening remarks by Chief of Waskaganish Clark Shecapio acknowledges youth leaders.
- Signing Ceremony
- Remarks by Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty
- Remarks by Youth Grand Chief Adrian Neeposh-Gunner; words of encouragement
- Remarks by Deputy Youth Chief Jordan Masty;
- Remarks by President Arden Visitor.
- Exchange of gifts and photos
- Closing prayer Sanders Weistche and end of event.

12:53PM - LUNCH BREAK

1:39 PM – meeting continues after lunch

Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty announces of the Acts of Service Medal to be presented annually – Medal was designed by Tim Whiskeychan with Samuel Mcloed and Esquay Masty. Medicine wheel of colors, Red, Yellow, white and black, to represent of their journey and volunteerism. Next AGA will open to the people to nominate.

Bill Namagoose was the first person to receive the 1st medal at his retirement supper in his hometown of Waskaganish after 40 years of service.

Three people will be given this medal this year:

- Robbie Matthew 97 years old, Advisor for the CNG.
- Late Alice Shecapio from Waskaganish. Worked for the Waskaganish band for many years in the financial department, local committees, Sports and Dance competitions coach. Show of healthy living. Medal was accepted by her daughter Ardelle Shecapio. Speech from Chief Clark Shecapio, (Brother of Late Alice Shecapio and Uncle of Ardelle Shecapio).
- Artist Tim Whiskeychan of Waskaganish.

2:20 PM - MOCREEBEC UPDATE - Chief Allan Jolly

Decision was made that MoCreebec will reside in Moosonee. Signing between Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty and Chief Allan Jolly to show we support the

3:15 PM - REVIEW OF 12 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS - John Paul Murdoch

1. Assessment of Eenou Eeyou Police Force

Proposed by Christina Gilpin Second by Kenneth Cheezo

2. Assessment of Eeyou Istchee Trapline System

Proposed by Thomas Jolly Second by Willie Isheroff

3. Support of the CNACA

MoCreebec.

Proposed by Clarke Shecapio second by Denis Moses

4. Access to Private Housing fund for Cree Entrepreneurs

Proposed by: Lisa Petagumskum,

Second: Susan Esau

5. Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association

Proposed by Daisy House Second by

6. Ensuring Youth to have access to Eeyou listchee

Proposed by Kaitlynn Hester Second by Don Saganash

7. Immediate implementation of the wildlife directives

Proposed by Elton John Salt, Second by Clarence Jolly

8. Economic Security Program of the Cree Hunters

Proposed by Clarke Shecapio Second by Michael Petawabano

9. Development of Cree harvesting Practices

Proposed by Willie Isheroff Second by Billy Natawapineskum

10. Promotion of the Cree Businesses while maintaining a Separation from Governance Responsibilities

Proposed by Denis Moses Second by Justice Debassigne

11. Taking into Account Special Needs in Infrastructure and Housing

Denis Moses: Special needs transportation Proposed by: Kaitlynn Hester-Moses Second by: Dinah Matoush Snowbooy

12. The gasoline Program through the Kativik Regional Government delivers meaningful support to subsistence harvesters by facilitating their access to hunting and fishing

Proposed by: Chief Michael Petawabano. Second by: Dinah Simard

5:10 PM - YOUTH GRAND CHIEF ADRIAN NEEPOSH-GUNNER - 4 SUPPORTING RESOLUTIONS

1. Youth Centers with staff to facilitate programs and for the youth help design their own buildings.

Proposed by Youth Grand Chief Adrian Neeposh-Gunner Second by Kaitlynn Hester Moses

- 2. Deputy Grand Chief to be paid permanently. Proposed by Youth Grand Chief Adrian Neeposh-Gunner Second by Maria Kawapit
- 3. Ensure consultations, negotiations and agreements with the youth Proposed by Youth Grand Chief Adrian Neeposh-Gunner Second by Elton John Salt

4. Head office and Youth Department to be under the Cree Nation Government Proposed by Youth Grand Chief Adrian Neeposh-Gunner Second by Chief Clarence Jolly and comments head office to be in Nemaska

5:37PM - End of resolutions - Grand Chief Mandy Gull Masty handing over to Deputy Grand Chief.

5:39PM – Closing Statements: Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee.

5:44 PM – Closing Statements: Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty - states that of all her years of working for the people, it is the first time she sees the youth speaking and voicing their concerns.

5:45 PM – Closing Prayer by: Kaitlynn Hester-Moses

5:47PM - Meeting Adjourned

Next Annual General Assembly: August 29, 30 and 31, 2023 – Eastmain, Quebec.



RESOLUTION 2022-01

SUBJECT: Appointment of Recording Secretaries

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby name Cynthia Wischee and Jenn-Lee Hester to be the recording secretaries of the 2022 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: Leona Whiskeychan

Seconded by: **Daniel Mark Stewart**

August 30th, 2022 Carried:

dna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary



RESOLUTION 2022-02

SUBJECT: Resolutions Committee

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly nominate:

- Bill Namagoose, Executive Director
- Matthew Swallow, Treasurer
- Melissa Saganash, Director of Quebec Relations and
- Don Nichols, Director of Justice
- Davey Bobbish, Executive Director
- Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary
- Paul John Murdoch, Corporate Counsel

to the Resolutions Committee of the 2022 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: **Gaston Cooper**

Seconded by: Frank Atsynia

August 30th, 2022 Carried:

Neeposh, Corporate Secretary



RESOLUTION 2022-03

SUBJECT: Adoption of Agenda

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby adopt the draft agenda of the 2022 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: Chief Clarke Shecapio

Seconded by: Willie Iserhoff

August 30th, 2022 Carried:

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary



RESOLUTION 2022-04

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Minutes and Resolution of the 2021 Annual General

Assembly Minutes and Resolutions

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly having taken cognizance of the Minutes and Resolutions of the 47th/444th the Annual General Assemblies of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government held on September 1st and 2nd, 2021 via video conference are hereby approved and adopted.

Ernest Tomatuk Proposed by:

Seconded by: Chief Michael Petawabano

August 30th, 2022 Carried:

Neeposh, Corporate Secretary



RESOLUTION 2022-05

SUBJECT: Reception of the Minutes and Resolutions of the 2021-2022 Minutes

and Resolutions of the Board/Council and Board of Compensation of

the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation

Government

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly having taken cognizance of the Minutes and Resolutions of the 2021-2022 minutes of resolutions of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government hereby formally receive said minutes and resolutions as per the General Laws.

Proposed by: Daniel Mark Stewart

Seconded by: Elton John Salt

Carried: August 30th, 2022

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary



RESOLUTION 2022-06

SUBJECT: Reception and Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of

the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation

Government

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby confirm their reception and examination of the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government.

Josie Jimiken Proposed by:

Seconded by: Susan Esau

August 30th, 2022 Carried:

dna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary



RESOLUTION 2022-07

SUBJECT: Nomination of Auditors

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly having received the recommendation of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominate the firm of Raymond Chabot Grand Thornton to act as the auditors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: Chief Clarke Shecapio

Seconded by: **Gaston Cooper**

August 30th, 2022 Carried:

Neeposh, Corporate Secretary



RESOLUTION 2022-08

SUBJECT: Assessment of Eenou Eeyou Police Force

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly have reviewed a Resolution tabled and adopted at the Annual General Assembly of the Cree Nation of Mistissini calling for the decentralization of the Eenou Eeyou Police Force;

WHEREAS the Eenou Eeyou Police Agreement was established as a Regional Police force in 2011 through negotiations with the Governments of Canada and Quebec for the implementation of policing services promised under the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement Treaty;

WHEREAS Policing is one of many important ingredients in ensure peace, order and good governance of our communities to ensure that they are safe places for families to grow and flourish;

WHEREAS there is a need and a commitment under the Treaty and Agreements relating to policing for periodic reviews, audits and assessments to ensure that standards and policing services are maintained at the high level possible;

WHEREAS the maintenance and delivery of consistent policing services in 2022 is proving very challenging throughout the province of Quebec, Canada and in particular for Eeyou Istchee;



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IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby recommend that the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government oversee an assessment and audit of the current status of policing services in Eeyou Istchee, including an assessment of the options and on the consequences and costs associated with a potential decentralization of policing services in Eeyou Istchee.

Proposed by: Chief Christina Gilpin

Seconded by: Chief Kenneth Cheezo

Carried: September 1st, 2022

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary



RESOLUTION 2022-09

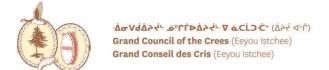
SUBJECT: Assessment of Eeyou Istchee Trapline System

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly have discussed many issues related to the traditional way of life and its importance to the vitality of the Cree Nation:

WHEREAS the trapline system currently applied in Eeyou Istchee is based on a mix a traditional principles, values and traditions with influence and reaction to Western or foreign governments;

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Cree Nation hold on to those values and traditions that enhance the strength of the Cree Nation and limit or eliminate those elements and influence that harm or inhibit Cree traditions and values as a legacy of colonial occupation;

WHEREAS the Cree Trappers' Association has long served the Cree Nation in the preservation and maintenance of programs, registry and other initiatives aimed at preserving and enhancing the Cree way of life;



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IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request the Cree Trappers' Associations to lead Cree governments, organizations, and entities in an assessment of the current trapline system in Eeyou Istchee to ensure that matters such as terminology, titles, processes and principles are a true reflection of Cree values and traditions.

Proposed by: Thomas Jolly

Seconded by: Willie Iserhoff

Carried: September 1st, 2022

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary



RESOLUTION 2022-10

SUBJECT: Support for Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association Plan

WHEREAS the Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association ("CNACA") was established pursuant to Section 28.7.1 of the James Bay & Northern Québec Agreement with the mandate to supervise and be responsible for programs for the development of native arts and crafts with local arts and crafts committees in each Cree community;

WHEREAS the members of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government ("GCC(EI)/CNG") met on August 31st, 2022 for the 48th Annual General Assembly of the GCC(EI)/CNG;

WHEREAS the Chairman of CNACA presented the document entitled: "CNACA Presentation – CNG August 2022", which detailed CNACA programs, mission and objectives;

WHEREAS CNACA wishes to provide additional programs for the Cree beneficiaries, implement Local Arts and Crafts Committees and arts and crafts centers in each Cree community and to develop the Wachiya store, an online shop to sell and purchase arts, crafts and raw material ("CNACA Plan");

WHEREAS CNACA Plan is in accordance with Section 28.7.1 of the James Bay & Northern Québec Agreement;

WHEREAS CNACA will seek funding from Cree and non-Cree entities and organizations to implement the CNACA Plan;



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BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly support the CNACA Plan;

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly authorize CNACA to publicize their support to the CNACA Plan when seeking funding with Cree and non-Cree entities and organizations.

Proposed by: Chief Clarke Shecapio

Seconded by: Denis Moses

Carried: September 1st, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-11

SUBJECT: Access to Private Housing Fund for Cree Entrepreneurs

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has established a Private Housing Fund and Private Housing Program with a view to addressing the housing crisis and shortage in Eeyou Istchee:

WHEREAS the access to private property or residential lots in Eeyou Istchee is governed by the Local Governments of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the Fund is currently only available to individual Cree community members and there are Cree Entrepreneurs of wholly-owned and locally-based Cree companies which could assist in fighting the housing shortage if they were allowed to access the Private Housing Fund;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request that the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government develop and implement amendments to the Cree Nation Private Housing Fund Program to allow Cree entrepreneurs that are Cree wholly-owned and locally-based to access the fund and help in addressing the housing shortage in Eeyou Istchee.

Proposed by: Lisa Petagumskum

Seconded by: Susan Esau

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-12

SUBJECT: Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly have received and reviewed a presentation from the Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association:

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to work with the Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association and explore the options for the sources of funding for a possible Department to address the sports and recreation initiatives in Eeyou Istchee.

Proposed by: Chief Daisy House

Seconded by: Chief Michael Petawabano

September 1st, 2022 Carried:



RESOLUTION 2022-13

SUBJECT: Ensuring Youth Have Access to Eeyou Istchee

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly have discussed the desire and the need for the Youth of Eeyou Istchee to have access to and opportunities to learn and practice Cree traditional activities throughout Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the wildlife resources and Eeyou Istchee itself are limited resources requiring that all governments and members of the Cree Nation do what they can for their preservation for generations to come;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request that the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government with the Cree Trappers' Associations, the Cree Nation Youth Council's and Elders' Councils of Eeyou Istchee develop a strategy to enhance access and opportunities to learn and practice Cree traditional activities throughout Eeyou Istchee for the Youth of Eeyou Istchee in a manner respectful of Cree customs, safety requirements, our obligations to the land, the wildlife and one another.

Proposed by: Kaitlyn Hester Moses

Seconded by: Don Saganash

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-14

SUBJECT: Immediate Implementation Of The Wildlife Directives In The Areas

Of Special Interest For The Cree

WHEREAS one of the first objectives of the Adapted Forestry regime is to take into consideration the Cree way of life as stipulated in section 3.1 of Chapter 3 Forestry -Agreement concerning a new relationship between le Gouvernement du Québec and the Cree of Québec;

WHEREAS specific management standards are to be applied to maintain or improve the habitat of very important wildlife species (moose, marten, beaver, hare, fish, caribou and partridge) in the areas of special interest for the Cree as agreed in Chapter 3—Forestry amendment no.6 JBNQA 3.10 Areas of special interest to the Cree;

WHEREAS these areas of special interest for the Cree were clearly identified in 2002 by the tallyman in all the traplines within the Chapter 3—Forestry application;

WHEREAS those areas of special interest are to benefit from specific protection to improve the level of harmonization between forest development activities and traditional activities including hunting, fishing and trapping as agreed in chapter 3—Forestry amendment No. 6 JBNQA 3.10 Areas of special interest to the Cree;

WHEREAS wildlife directives guiding the elaboration of development strategies that will take into account the protection and development of wildlife habitats remain to be implemented as agreed in chapter 3—Forestry article 59 of Schedule C-4 Agreement concerning a new relationship between le Gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec and amendment No. 6 JBNQA Schedule C-3;

WHEREAS a wildlife draft directive on the protection and development of wildlife habitats was submitted to the Quebec government on March 29, 2005, for approval and was never implemented;



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WHEREAS a wildlife directive joint committee was set in place in 2019 (following amendment No. 6) to elaborate again a new set of wildlife management directives. The Cree members of the joint committee have submitted interim measures to be implemented without delay in order to maintain and protect the wildlife habitat in the areas of special interest for the Cree;

WHEREAS interviews and numerous testimonies from the tallymen reveal that the extent of forestry activities (harvesting and road building) in the areas of special interest for the Cree (25%) is excessive. There remains a strong sentiment that the ecological integrity of these forest areas is not being preserved and that very important wildlife habitat for the Crees are being jeopardized;

IT IS RESOLVED THAT

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly request that every effort be made to implement interim measures to maintain and improve moose habitat, including the moose habitat directives related to the protection of Winter habitats (moose yards), Protection of summer habitat, protection of unique habitats, riparian travels and access corridor, wildlife habitat and silvicultural treatments and seasonal schedule of harvesting operations, until such time as permanent wildlife directives have been established;



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THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly further request that the directives on the protection and development of Wildlife habitats on the territory foreseen under the Agreement concerning a new relationship between le Gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec be finalized as soon as possible, subject to the appropriate consultations of communities and land users;

THAT the Cree Nation Government is hereby mandated to do all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing and provide the appropriate reporting.

Proposed by: Don Saganash

Seconded by: Elton John Salt

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-15

SUBJECT: Economic Security Program for Cree Hunters

WHEREAS the Economic Security Program for Cree Hunters (previously "Cree Hunters' Income Security Program") is a constitutionally guaranteed program under the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement which has been instrumental in helping preserve the Cree way of life;

WHEREAS the program has not kept pace with the increases in cost of living, the increase in challenges of accessing the territory and practicing the Cree way of life and the increase in the number of communities entitled to and wanting to access the program;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request that the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to undertake formal negotiations with the Government of Quebec and the administration of the Economic Security Program for Cree Hunters to increase the availability of the program to members of the Cree Nation, increase benefits to ensure that beneficiaries can pursue the program with economic security and ensure that the rules and restrictions protect the dignity of all beneficiaries.

Proposed by: Chief Clarke Shecapio

Seconded by: Chief Michael Petawabano

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-16

SUBJECT: Cree Harvesting Practices

WHEREAS there is considerable pressure on the land and wildlife resources of Eeyou Istchee from increased access to the territory, sports hunts, development and the growth of the population of Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Cree Nation develop and implement tools to ensure the preservation of healthy wildlife populations, such as;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby requests that the Cree Trappers' Associations to lead Cree governments, organizations and entities in the acknowledgement and reaffirmation of Responsible Cree Harvesting Practices to be used in guaranteeing the maintenance of healthy wildlife populations throughout Eeyou Istchee.

Proposed by: Willie Iserhoff

Seconded by: Billy Natawapineskum

September 1st, 2022 Carried:



RESOLUTION 2022-17

SUBJECT: Promotion of Cree Business While Maintaining a Separation From

Governance Responsibilities

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly have discussed the need for the promotion and development of Cree private entrepreneurial expertise and capacity which is very important to keep distinct and separate from government or public service roles and responsibilities;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to develop and implement policies for ensuring the promotion and development of Cree private entrepreneurial expertise and ensuring that elected officials, public servants refrain from placing themselves in conflicts of interest during their tenure with the Cree Nation Government or from using information acquired during the term for personal gain.

Proposed by: Denis Moses

Seconded by: Justice Debassigne

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-18

SUBJECT: Taking into Account Special Needs in Infrastructure and Housing

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly support the Special Needs Initiative of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay, Cree School Board and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government:

WHEREAS the issue of Special Needs has been neglected for some time creating a situation where not only children with special needs but adults with special needs urgently require assistance;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation is constantly developing and implementing infrastructure, public buildings and housing programs at all levels of Government in Eeyou Istchee which require adaptations and options to properly accommodate the special needs members of our communities of all ages;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request that all government of Eeyou Istchee take into account special needs members in all our communities of all ages in the design and implementation of transportation programs, infrastructure, public buildings and housing programs.

Proposed by: Kaitlyn Hester Moses

Seconded by: Dina Snowboy Matoush

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-19

SUBJECT: Whapmagoostui Access to Government Fuel Subsidy

WHEREAS the Gasoline Program through the Kativik Regional Government delivers meaningful support to subsistence harvesters by facilitating their access to hunting and fishing areas;

WHEREAS the harvesting activities are of crucial importance for Cree to continue practicing their way of life and generates an important source of food and contributes to preservation of our cultural identity. Traditional food is moreover recognized for its high nutritional value;

WHEREAS the high price of gasoline in the region is due, in part, to additional costs incurred for the transportation of fuel from the south to the community Whapmagoostui and, in part, to additional costs incurred for the financing of annual fuel stocks:

WHEREAS the annual fuel supply to Whapmagoostui must be carried out during the short summer months when marine shipping lanes are ice-free. Federal and provincial taxes are applied after transportation and financing costs have been added to the price paid for the gasoline by local distributers;

WHEREAS the impact on the community members of Whapmagoostui has been increasing substantially each year and this year, the price is the highest ever recorded:

WHEREAS a subsidy is available for isolated municipalities in Quebec from the Quebec Government including gas subsidy;

WHEREAS a subsidy of 30% of the gas price at the FCNQ co-op will serve to alleviate the fuel cost of continuing the way of life;



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IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby give fully support for the community of Whapmagoostui to access the same subsidy as their twin community of Kuujjjuaraapik and the rest of the Nunavik communities;

THAT the Director General be hereby given direction to do all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

Proposed by: Chief Michael Petawabano

Seconded by: Dinah Simard

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-20

SUBJECT: Youth Center Spaces in Each Community

WHEREAS it is imperative that the youth of Eeyou have a space reserved for youth activities with sufficient resources and staffing where they are not required to compete with other community programs or activities;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby call for collaboration between the Cree Nation Government, Local Governments of Eeyou Istchee in collaboration with youth organizations to ensure and investigate that there are spaces dedicated for Youth activities in each community.

Proposed by: Youth Grand Chief Adrian Gunner

Seconded by: Kaitlyn Hester Moses

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-21

SUBJECT: Remuneration of Deputy Youth Grand Chief

WHEREAS currently the remuneration of the Deputy Youth Grand Chief is funded from surplus program funding for the current year;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly support the examination of funding remuneration for the Deputy Youth Grand Chief from operational funding subject to an examination of a demonstration of the full time nature of the position.

Proposed by: Youth Grand Chief Adrian Gunner

Seconded by: Maria Kawapit

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-22

SUBJECT: Ensuring the Participation of Youth in Consultations on Renewal or

Approval of Agreement

WHEREAS it is important that youth participate to the fullest extent possible in the governance of the Cree Nation;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to ensure the participation of the Youth in consultations in the renewal or approval of Agreements to be signed by the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: Youth Grand Chief Adrian Gunner

Seconded by: Elton John Salt

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-23

SUBJECT: Re-Establishment of the Youth Department of the Cree Nation

Government

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Youth Council is currently under staffed and lack the necessary office space;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to examine the re-establishment of the Cree Nation Government Youth Department including the construction or provision of a head office.

Proposed by: Youth Grand Chief Adrian Gunner

Seconded by: Chief Clarence Jolly

Carried: September 1st, 2022

Veeposh, Corporate Secretary