

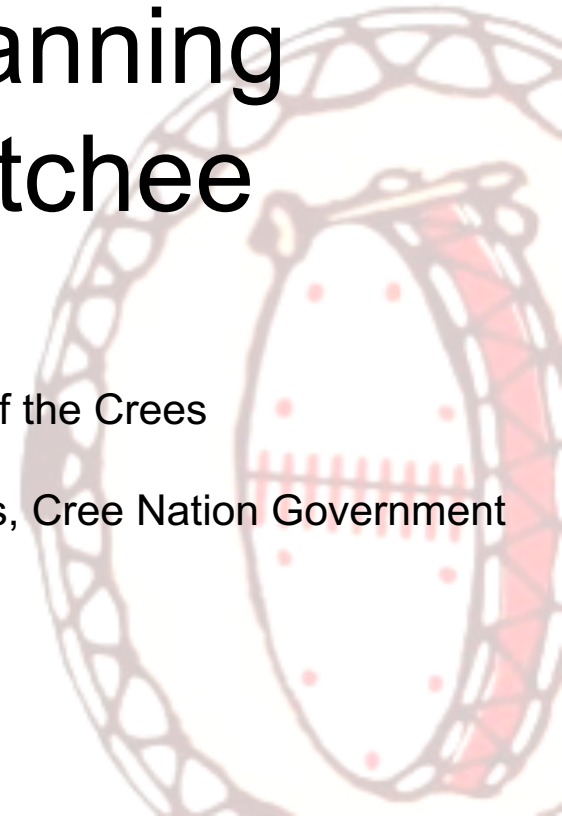
Moving Land Use Planning Forward in Eeyou Istchee

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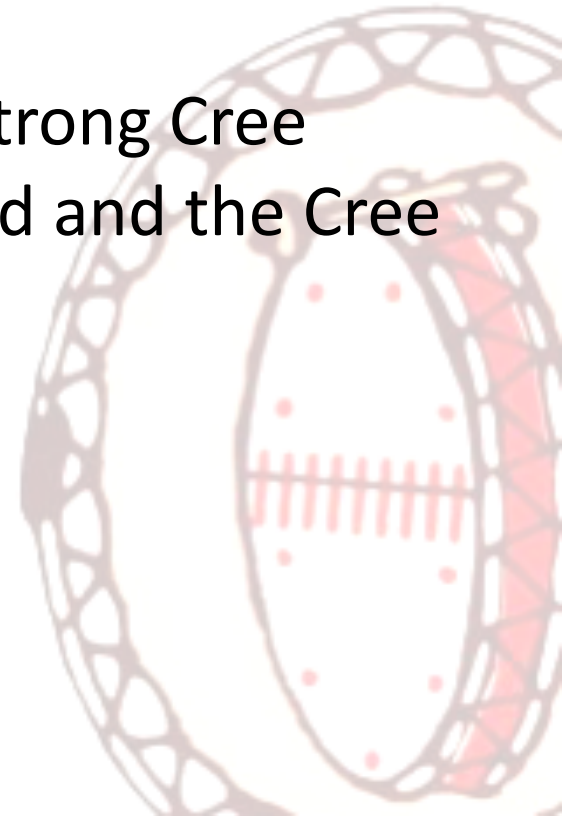
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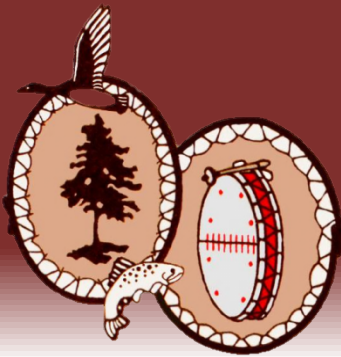




What is Land Use Planning?

- Land use planning is a tool to help **balance development and conservation** in Eeyou Istchee
- Provides framework for developing a strong Cree economy, while also protecting the land and the Cree way of life





Regional Land Use Planning Processes

Governance Agreement 2012

This agreement established a regional governance regime for Eeyou Istchee guided by the land categories listed under the JBNQA. This regime includes related responsibilities for the development of various land use plans.

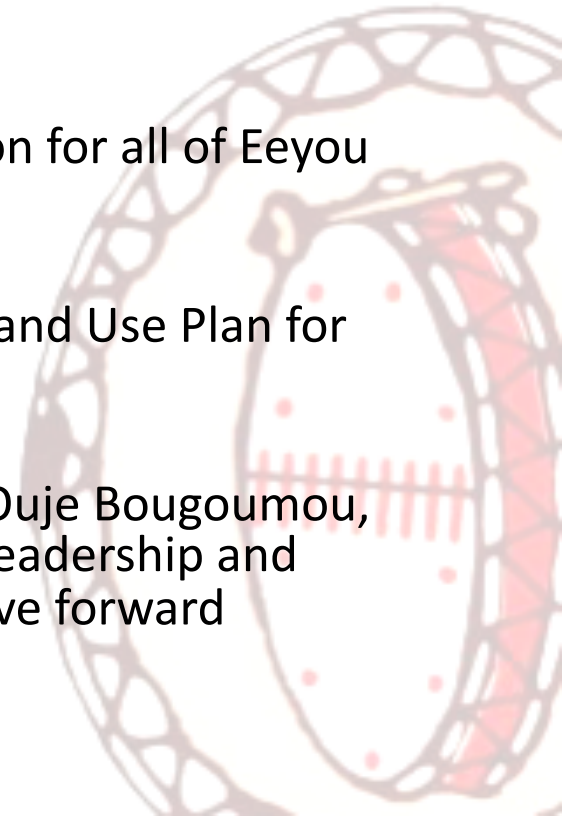
- **Category 1 lands:** planning to be done by local Cree Nation Governments.
- **Category 2 lands:** planning to be done by the CNG through the establishment of an *Eeyou Planning Commission* which will be composed of representatives from each Cree community.
- **Category 3 lands:** planning to be done by the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government (EIJBRG).

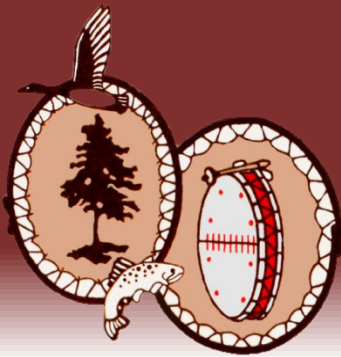
Eeyou Marine Region (Land Claims Agreement 2010) planning for the offshore are to be done by the *Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission*



Eeyou Planning Commission

- Governance Agreement (section 29)—CNG to “establish an Eeyou Planning Commission (EPC) composed of members of the Cree Communities designated by the CNG”.
- EPC—all Cree planning body:
 - facilitate the development of a Cree land use vision for all of Eeyou Istchee
 - Develop a Regional Land Use Plan for Category II
 - Collaborate with Quebec (MERN) on their Public Land Use Plan for Category II
- The EPC held its first workshop on July 12-13 2016 in Ouje Bougoumou, featuring presentations from representatives of CNG leadership and planning partners, as well as discussion on how to move forward





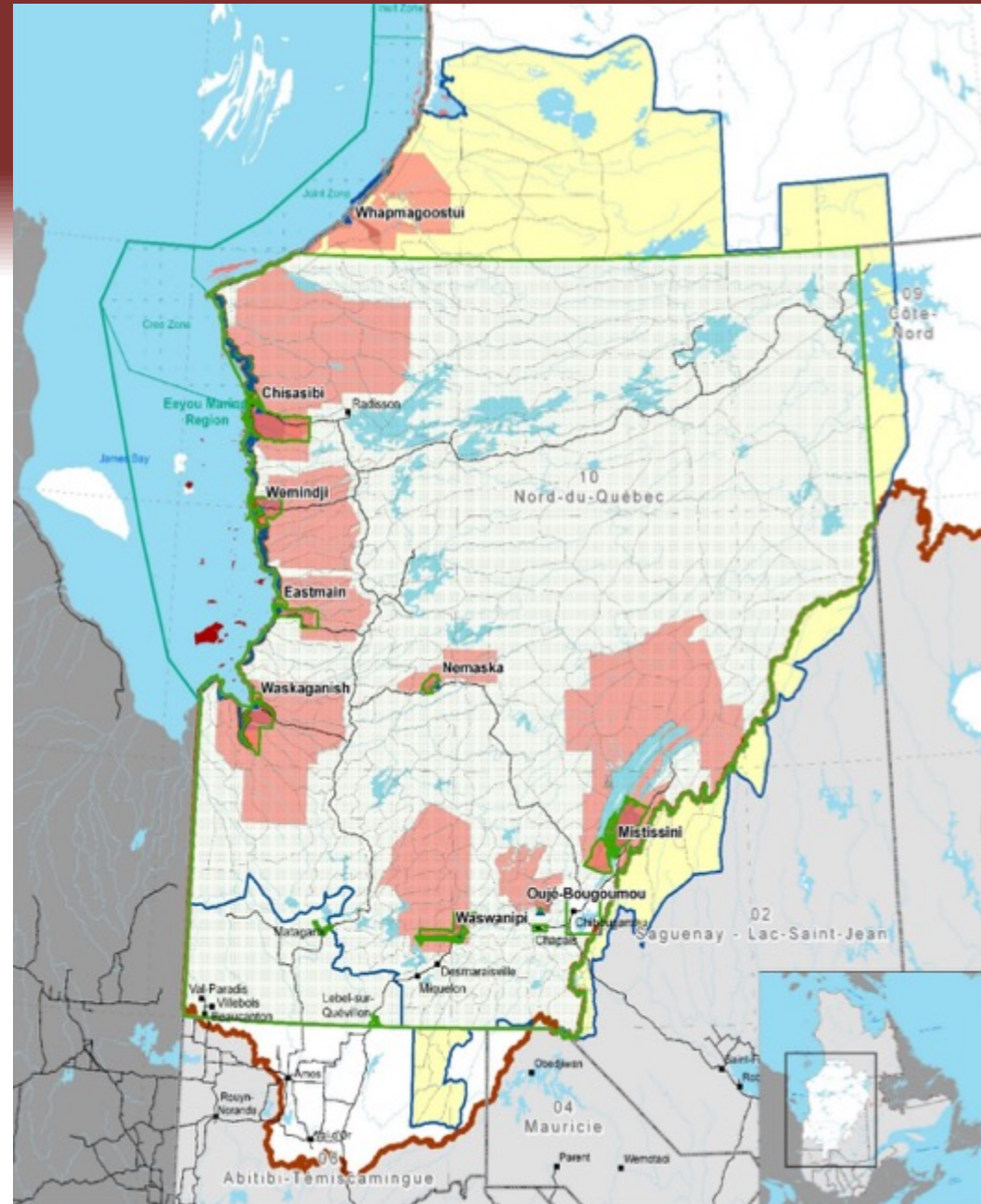
EPC Proposed Responsibilities and Mandates

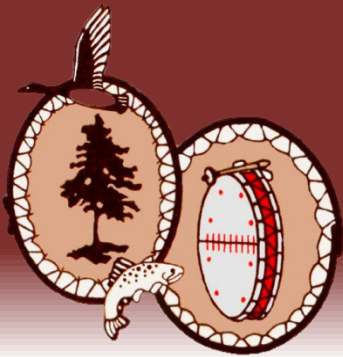
1. Develop and oversee land and resource use plans for category 2 lands
2. Harmonize category 3 and category 2 land use plans
3. Support the implementation and harmonization of land use planning for the Eeyou Marine Region (EMR)
4. Work with Cree communities on local level land use planning initiatives, and build a shared long term vision for the whole of Eeyou Istchee



Harmonization

- Creating a land use plan that works for the Crees is a challenge
- There are many overlapping planning regions and Categories of land
- There are many different partners to work with (e.g. Jamesians, Inuit, Innu, Quebec, etc.)
- This why the **CNG must play a key role in coordination and harmonization**





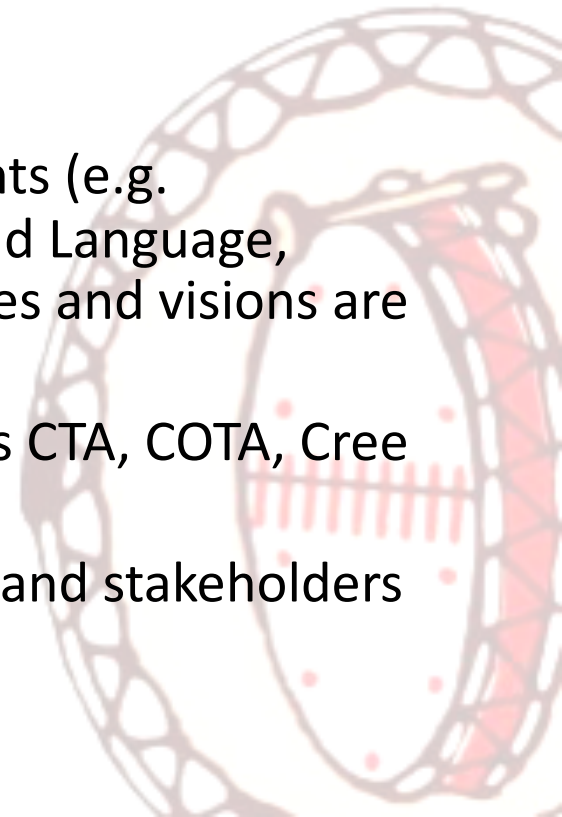
Environment and Remedial Works Department Land Use Planning Unit

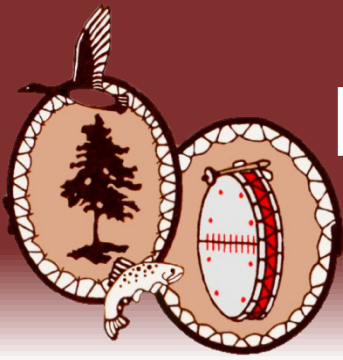
Role of the Land Use Planning Unit (LUP)

- to synthesize, or to bring information and people together for decision making about lands planning and management

LUP's Work

- the unit will work closely various CNG Departments (e.g. Environment, Commerce and Industry, Culture and Language, Capital Works and Services) to ensure their policies and visions are part of land use plans
- The unit will also work with Cree entities (such as CTA, COTA, Cree Health Board, etc.), and the Cree communities
- And with a whole range of external collaborators and stakeholders (e.g. Cree companies)





Future CNG Land Use Planning Office in Waskaganish





Land Use Planning Unit

Composition:

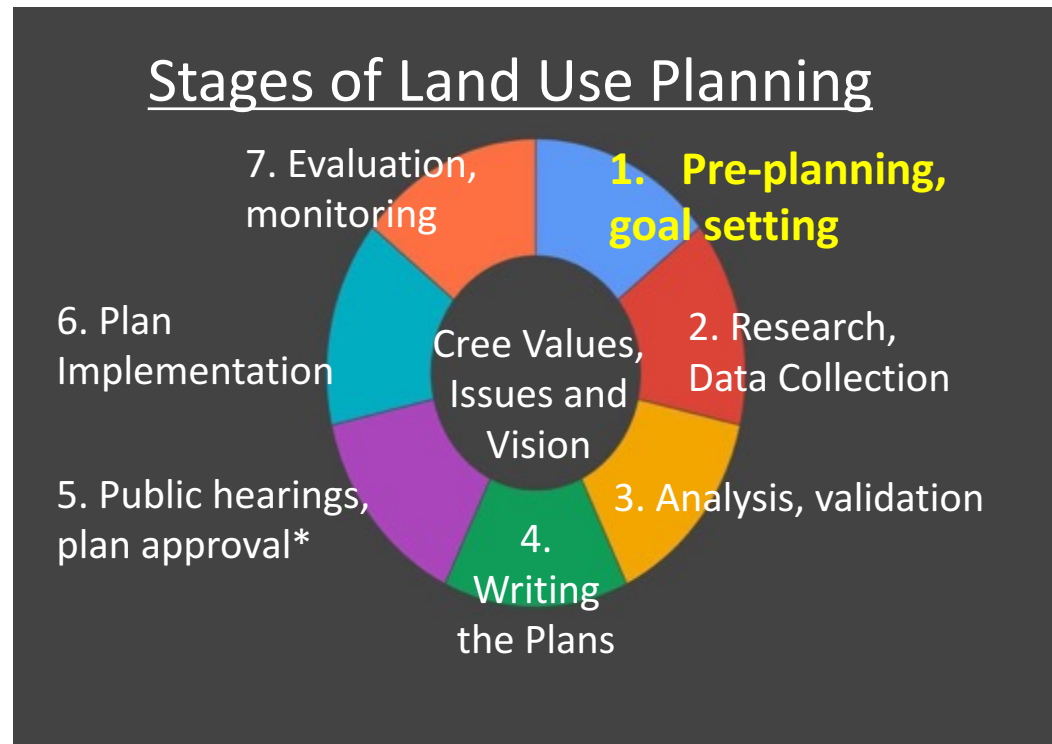
- Coordinator of Land Use Planning (Montreal)
- Land Use Liaison (to be filled, Waskaganish)
- Land Use Officer (to be filled, Waskaganish)
- Land Use Planner (to be filled, Montreal)
- Land Use Researcher (Montreal)



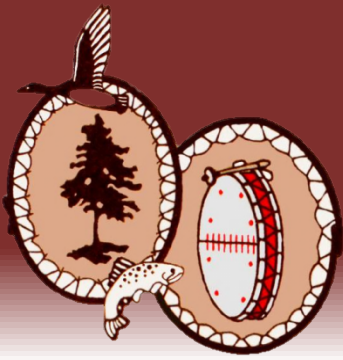


Next Steps

- CNG is at stage 1 of Land Use Planning
- CNG will be working with communities to finalize of the composition of the Eeyou Planning Commission and then begin the work to advance through these stages of planning



*Consultation and engagement with Cree communities and stakeholders will continue throughout the planning process



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Questions?

