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Building from Unity.**

Draft Minutes and Resolutions

42nd GCCEI - 39th CNG
Annual General Assembly

Held on

August 2, 3 & 4, 2016

Chisasibi, Eeyou Istchee

Day 1 - August 2, 2017

AGA 2016 COMMUNITY DELEGATES

CHISASIBI - HOSTING COMMUNITY <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Davey Bobbish2. Bobby Neacappo3. Paula Napash4. Jimmy Sam5. L. George Pachano6. Eddy Pashagumskum	EASTMAIN <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Kenneth Gilpin2. Florence Moses (Elder)3. Kenneth Gilpin4. Daniel Moses (Elder)5. Wendel Moar (Youth)6.
MISTISSINI <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Richard Shecapio2. Alfred Coonishish3. Andrew Coon4. Mary Matoush5. Murray Neeposh6. Amy Linton7. Extra: Hattie Coonishish	MOCREEBEC <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Allan Jolly2. George Small Jr.3. Grace Delaney4. Dorothy Wynne5. Kristin Wabano6. Rose Small
NEMASKA <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Thomas Jolly2. Joshua Iserhoff3. Abel Wapachee4. Walter Jolly5. John H. Wapachee6. Wabinjuksh Wapachee7. Extra: Diane Tanoush	OUJE-BOUGOUMOU <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Curtis Bosum2. Harry Bosum3. Gaston Cooper4. Gina Bernier5. Charlie Bosum6. Evadney Bosum
WASHAW SIBI <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Pauline T. Hester2. Kerrie Hester3. Billy Katapatuk Sr.4. Marianne Trapper5. Suzie Mowatt6. Fred Mowatt	WASKAGANISH <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Darlene Cheechoo2. Gordon Blueboy3. Susan Esau4. Bert W. Moar5. Simeon Trapper6. James Jonah Jr.
WASWANUPI <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Marcel Happyjack2. Mandy Gull3. Paul Dixon4. Allan L. Cooper5. Diane J. Cooper6. Mary Cooper (Elder)	WEMINDJI <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Dennis Georgekish2. Abraham Matches3. Frank Atsynia4. George Natawapinauskum5. Ernest Tomatuk
WHAPMAGOOSTUI <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Louisa Wynne2. Jacob Dick3. Eligah Sandy4. Frances George5. James Kawapit6. Tyrone Moses	

GCCEI/CRA Staff

Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come, Deputy Grand Chief Rodney Mark, Bill Namagoose, Executive Director, Eddie Diamond, Director General, Alexander Moses, Interim Youth Grand Chief, Melissa Brousseau, Director of Cree Quebec Relations, Judy Cooper, Executive Assistant to Deputy Grand Chief, Rita Blackned, Administrative Assistant to Director General

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

OPENING PRAYER

Thomas Jolly, Chief of Nemaska recited the opening prayer

OPENING REMARKS

Chief Davey Bobbish welcomed the leadership and the delegates to the community of Chisasibi and hoped that everything goes well at this assembly. He announced that there will be a special recognition ceremony to Mr. Robert Kanatewat at the evening feast to be held in the auditorium.

1. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARIES:

On a motion duly made by Alan Jolly and seconded by Susan Esau, it was resolved that the Assembly adopt Resolution **No.: 2016-01**

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly hereby name Gertie Neacappo and Robin Pachano to be the recording secretaries of the 2016 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

2. APPOINTMENT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

On a motion duly made by Chief Davey Bobbish and seconded by Gaston Cooper, it is resolved that the Assembly adopts Resolution **No.: 2016-02**

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly nominate Bill Namagoose, Executive Director, Michael Petawabano, Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Swallow, Treasurer, Melissa Saganash, Director of Quebec Relations and John Paul Murdoch to the Resolutions Committee of the 2016 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

1. INTRODUCTION OF DELEGATES

Delegates introduced themselves

3. OPENING REMARKS BY DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF RODNEY MARK

Deputy Grand Chief Rodney Mark welcomed everyone and wished everyone a good assembly.

4. OPENING REMARKS BY GRAND CHIEF MATTHEW COON COME

Grand Chief Matthew Coon-Come mentioned this gathering as the 42th/39th AGA and thanked Chief Davey Bobbish and to everyone for attending this said assembly.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and read by the Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come and the following item was added:

Cabin Insurance was added to the Agenda by Bert Moar.

On a motion duly made by Chief Curtis Bosum and seconded by Simeon Trapper, it was resolved that the Assembly adopt Resolution **No.: 2016-03**

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly hereby adopt the draft agenda of the 2016 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES AND RESOLUTION OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS

On a motion duly made by Joshua Iserhoff and seconded by Abel Wapachee, it was resolved that the Assembly adopt Resolution **No.: 2016-04**

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly having taken cognizance of the Minutes and Resolutions of the 41st/38th the Annual General Assemblies of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government held on August 4th to the 6th, 2015, in Oujé-Bougoumou (Eeyou Istchee) are hereby approved and adopted.

6. RECEPTION OF THE MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE 2015-2016 MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD/COUNCIL OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE CREES (EEYOU ISTCHEE)/CREE NATION GOVERNMENT

On a motion duly made by Chief Davey Bobbish and seconded by Bert Moar, it was resolved that the Assembly adopt Resolution **No.: 2016-05**

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly having taken cognizance of the Minutes and Resolutions of the 2015-2016 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 By-Laws.

7. RECEPTION OF THE MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE 2015-2016 MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE CREE NATION GOVERNMENT BOARD OF COMPENSATION

On a motion duly made by Chief Curtis Bosum and seconded by Chief Marcel Happyjack, it was resolved that the Assembly adopt Resolution **No.: 2016-06**

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly having taken cognizance of the Minutes and Resolutions of the 2015-2016 minutes of resolutions of the Cree Nation Government Board of Compensation hereby formally receive said minutes and resolutions as per the General By-Laws.

8. RECEPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE CREES (EYYOU ISTCHEE)/CREE NATION GOVERNMENT

Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come thanked all nine communities for providing the financial statements. He then indicated the importance of having them done; therefore the Government of Canada can acknowledge and comprehend how funds are disbursed within the nine communities.

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer presented the following financial materials:

- Overview of the Financial Results for the year ending March 31, 2016
- Cree Nation Government
- Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)
- Eenou/Eeyou Limited Partnership
- Cree Heritage Fund Foundation Inc.

Overview of the Financial Results for the year ending March 31, 2016

On page 2, an overview of the financial results for the year ending March 31, 2016 was presented showing a current year (2015-2016) surplus from operations of \$5,154,032.

This accounting surplus narrates to the Eenou-Eeyou Police Force and the Childcare Centers. The surplus amounts are restricted and set aside in appropriations on an accumulated basis so that the results for CNG have no surplus or deficit. This explains the 2015-2016 columns for the Unappropriated Accumulated Surplus is NIL.

On page 4 of the report, the combined revenues and expenditures of the CNG and the GCCEI are presented in order to compare and to reveal the importance of the financial volumes the organizations are responsible to manage. For 2015-2016, the Combined Revenues of the CNG-GCCEI were \$321,439,133 (excluding Capital Expenditures) versus \$303,138,789 for the 2014-2015 year. The total combined expenditures for 2015-2016 were 308,549,999. The major difference between combined revenues and expenditures is related to the Eeyou Minstuk Marine Trust Fund and the appropriated surplus amounts for childcare and EEPF assets.

Cree Nation Government

Mr. Swallow explained Cree Nation Government - General Fund Revenue and Expenditures History (2007-2016) as shown on graph(s) from page(s) 6 & 7. The graphs demonstrate a significant increase over the past ten (10) years. He then went on explaining pages 8-19 of where different revenues come from and how it is distributed amongst the communities and to other parts.

On page 8, the General Fund Revenues indicates the largest funding source derives from the AANDC.

General fund revenue totaled \$207,060,498 for 2015-2016.

On page 9, the General Fund Revenue by Source and on page 10, the General Fund Expenditures for 2015-2016 depicts the most important expense relates to the O & M allocations to the communities. On page 11, similar information is shown for the fiscal year 2014-2015. Allocation of funds disbursed to the communities is based on the population of each community.

On pages 12 to 19, the allocation of funds through the CNG to the communities is presented for the fiscal 2015-2016.

On page 12, the allocation of the O & M Funding for 2015-2016 is \$89,913,836; page 13 provides a similar breakdown for 2014-2015.

On page 14, the allocation of the Capital "A" Base Funding for 2015-2016 is \$13,940,491; the figures do not include the 25% portion transferred directly to the communities by INAC. Page 15 provides similar information for the year 2014-2015.

On page 16, the allocation of the Cree Nation Trust Funding for 2015-2016 is \$75,000,000. Page 17 provides the allocation of the CNT funding for 2014-2015.

Pages 18 provide a summary of the financial revenue and expenditures of the Cree Human Resources Development Fund to allow the members to review the expenditure by community.

Pages 19 provide similar information for the year 2014-2015.

Just before Mr. Swallow could continue with his presentation, Grand Chief Matthew CoonCome interrupted to announce and introduce Romeo Saganash, Member of Parliament for New Democratic Party in the assembly. Mr. Saganash was in attendance to listen in.

Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)

Pages 21-22 provide a breakdown of the General Fund Revenue and Expenditure History [2007-2016] of the GCCEI. Moreover, the Treasurer pointed out that in 2011, the government gave a onetime special increase in funding for the Eeyou Communications Network Fibre Optic Network.

Page 23 provides the General Fund Revenue by source. The largest source revenue for 2015-2016 funding derived from the Eenou-Eeyou Limited Partnership Agreement in the amount of \$3,466,017.

Page 24 provides the general fund expenditures for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Page 25, shows the general fund expenditures from year 2014-2015.

Eenou/Eeyou Limited Partnership

Page 27-30 provide the Financial Highlights of the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the Eenou-Eeyou Limited Partnership. The Eenou-Eeyou Limited Partnership was established to act as the

recipient funding following the Cree-Quebec New Relationship Agreement or Paix des Braves. The EELP was chosen to protect the tax exempt status of the payments and to allow the accumulation of the Capital in the Wyapschiniwigun Fund, our Heritage Fund. Furthermore, the EELP ensures the protection from Own Source Revenue inclusion of the revenues generated in the Wyapschiniwigun Fund for the term of the Agreement. Pursuant to the Limited Partnership Agreement, the EELP receives and allocates the Capital paid by Quebec. Since year 3 of the agreement in 2004-2005, 15% of all capital payments, are allocated to the Wyapschiniwigun Fund and reinvested for the life of the agreement until 2052. Page 27 - Provide a general breakdown of the Distribution of the Capital Contribution from the Government of Quebec in 2015-2016, in the amount of \$90,186,705. Page 28 gives a similar breakdown for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The graph on page 29 presents the Composition of the Wyapschinigun Fund's 2015-2016 investments and their cost and market values. On page 30, the Investment History (Costs VS Market Value) for the period 2007-2016 was presented.

Cree Heritage Fund Foundation Inc.

On pages 32, the Cree Heritage Fund Foundation Inc.'s Financial Highlights for the 2015-2016 fiscal year are presented. The foundation is the General Partner responsible for administering the EELP. The expenses incurred are recovered from the Limited Partnership in accordance with the Limited Partnership Agreement.

Page 34 is a summary of the Cree Nation Government and related entities allocation of funding to the communities and certain entities in 2015-2016. The total allocation was \$257,766,884. Page 35 provides similar details for 2014-2015.

The Treasurer concluded that over the past years, they have been working on trying to simplify the financial reports to ensure that the members can see the overall results and the funding that is allocated to all the communities. The Directors of the CNG – GCCEI and related entities continue to manage their affairs within the allocated resources and that Cree Nation still continues to invest in the Wyapschiniwigun Fund for future generations.

Since the Federal Government forced First Nations to disclose the remuneration and other expenses of their elected officials, even if this law does not apply to the Cree Nation Government or to our communities, we must continue as we have always done in the past, to promote transparency and to report to our members the salaries of the members who are elected in public office. The remuneration of members of the council of the CNG is shown in section 22 in the financial statements.

The Treasurer thanked all staff on the department of Finance and Treasury who have devoted their hard work in ensuring that the proper follow up of the decisions made by leadership were successfully met. He also thanked the Grand Chief, Deputy Grand Chief, the Chiefs and the members of the Council Board for their support.

Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come thanked Matthew Swallow for his presentation. He briefly explained that the Executive Committee and Council Board have always thoroughly reviewed and analyzed on how funds are allocated. Once the Audited Financial Statements are

complete, lawyers are then invited to review the financial statements to ensure that there are no lawsuits on what is reported.

Grand Chief also mentioned that there are various court cases that have been launched against the Grand Council of the Crees, and that we are named “party” in the proceedings, therefore we are obligated to intervene and protect Cree rights.

Chief Davey Bobbish enquired about the Eeyou Minshtuk Marine Trust Fund (EMR) and asked where it is managed from. He informed that they have made a report regarding Eelgrass in the Chisasibi Traditional Territory and asked where to submit the report.

Grand Chief stated that Bill Namagoose will be doing his presentation on the Annual Report, he will briefly explain about the Eeyou Marine Agreement.

Grand Chief also mentioned that CNG/GCCEI sure have come a long way, where at the beginning, Grand Council had only 2M\$ to manage, and today, we have 300M\$ to manage.” CNG/GCCEI now has a total number of 356 employees, with 305 Crees and 50 non-Crees.

On a motion duly made by George Small Jr. and seconded by Chief Davey Bobbish, it was resolved that the Assembly adopt Resolution **No.: 2016-07**

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly having taken cognizance of the 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government hereby formally adopted said financial statements.

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

On a motion duly made by Chief Marcel Happyjack and seconded by Gaston Cooper, it was resolved that the Assembly adopts Resolution **No.: 2016-08**

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th 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.

Tabling of Cree Nation Trust Financial Statements

Bill Namagoose presented a summary of the Cree Nation Trust’s Financial Statements. He indicated that the financial statements are not available but can be accessed on the website.

When the New Relation Agreement (NRA) came into force in 2008, the \$1.4 billion resulting from the New Relationship Agreement with Canada was meant to be spent over the 20-year term on the Federal obligations. The “Cree Nation Trust” was designated to look after the Fund. These assumed federal JBNQA responsibilities include certain aspects of Cree community and economic development, the administration of justice, and the development of human resources, in consideration of certain funding provided by Canada. However, only those federal JBNAQ responsibilities specifically identified in the federal NRA are assumed by the CNG. In all other cases, federal responsibilities under the JBNQA remain with Canada. An additional amount of \$200,000,000 is to be paid by Canada upon the adoption of the Cree Governance Legislation.

The Board of Trustees consists of the following:

Ted Moses, O.Q., Chairperson
Albert Rondeau, Vice-Chairperson/Treasurer
George Wapachee
Katherine Moses
Matthew Rabbitskin
Mathew Swallow CNG
Bill Namagoose CNG
Jean Paul Murdoch

Summary of Funds

Funds received from Canada in 2008	\$
	1,400,000,000
Allocation from Cree Nation Trust 2015-2016	\$ 75,000,000
Investment Income	\$ 56,000,000
Remaining balance (as of 2015-2016)	\$ 865,000,000

Susan Esau stated that she wanted to see the Cree Nation Trust’s financial statements and asked if they will soon be provided.

Jean Paul Murdoch replied that they can provide her the financial statements in paper format. Mr. Murdoch also added that the financial statements are also accessible on the website (without providing a password) at Cree Government.org, and that all other financial statements or related documents from previous years are also available on the website. Esau stated that the financial statements in paper format are essential during question periods.

Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come also replied to Esau that the financial statements were not available on time for this assembly and that the financial statements were only completed a week before the AGA.

Ms. Esau also asked if a resolution is required to have these financial statements passed at this assembly and also questioned if they were audited financial statements.

Jean Paul Murdoch clarified that in Matthew Swallow’s presentation earlier regarding the financial statements of the GCCEI/CNG require resolutions here at the AGA whereas, the Cree

Nation Trust's financial statements only need to be shown in the minutes that it was tabled at this AGA. He explained that the Council Board has that responsibility of allocating the Cree Nation Trust Fund, and that Council Board is where the Cree Nation Trust's audited financial statements are approved and accepted by resolution. He also added that, in the GCCEI/CNG's financial statements, it specifies how funds were allocated from the Cree Nation Trust.

Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government Annual Report

Bill Namagoose presented the 2015-2016 Annual Report of the GCCEI/CNG. Some of the highlights presented by Mr. Namagoose were the following:

- Cree Canada Governance Negotiations
- Cree-Canada Standing Liaison Committee
- Federal NRA - Assumption of Federal Responsibility
- Police Funding
- Funding for Access Roads
- Existing Agreements and Financial Arrangements
- Cree Associations
- Cree Human Resource Development
- Cree First Nations - Financial Administration By-Law
- Amendments to the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement
- Ten-Year Clause
- Eeyou Marine Region Agreement
- Section 22 of the JBNAQ and Bills C-38 and C-45
- Mocrebec

- Cree Harricana Land Claim (Ontario)
- Cree-Quebec Relations
- Cree-Quebec Standing Liaison Committee
- Cree-Quebec Governance Agreement
- Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government

Lunch Break

Mr. Namagoose continued with his presentation of the GCCEI/CNG's 2015-2016 Annual Report.

- Regionalization of Services
- Cree-Inuit Working Table
- Vald'Or Crisis
- Forestry
- Agreement to Resolve the Baril-Moses Forestry Dispute
- Forestry Harmonized Agreement
- Collaborative Forestry Management Regime

- Cree Traditional Activities Enhancement
- Forestry Access Road
- Woodland Caribou
- Environment and Protected Areas
- Energy
- Health and Social Services
- Chisasibi Hospital Infrastructure
- Chilcare Services
- Cree Customary Adoption and Youth Protection Matters
- Reconfiguration and Final Land Descriptions for Cree Communities
- Ouje-Bougoumou Recognition and Mistissini Lands
- Plan Nord
- Eeyou Communication Network
- Cree Development Corporation
- Negotiations with Mining Companies
- Stornway Diamond Corporation - Renard Project
- Blackrock Metals Inc. - The BlackRock Project
- Nemaska Lithium
- Other Mining Projects
- Taxation
- Quebec Health Contribution
- Quebec Fuel Tax
- Operations and Maintenance and Capital Grants
- International Affairs and NGO Activities
- Stronger Together Conference
- 40th Anniversary for the JBNAQ

Matthew CoonCome introduced some of the Staff of the GCCEI/CNG who were presently at the assembly, and also announced Henry Mianscum, Director-Capital Works and Services' retirement.

Land Use Planning

Deputy Grand Chief, Rodney Mark presented the following:

- Land Use Planning
- Regional Land Use Process
- Land Use Planning Commission
- Harmonization of Land Use Planning

With all the changes that are occurring in Eeyou Istchee, it is important that the Government of Quebec, the Cree Nation Government, the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government, the Eeyou Marine Region and the Government of Canada begin identifying priority areas for protection and possible prime areas for development.

Preparations are underway to establish the Land Use Planning Commission. Land Use Planning Commission will be responsible to consult the individuals, communities, and other interested parties on the potential future activities that may take place across Eeyou Istchee.

Both the Crees and Jamesians must collaborate in the preparation of the Regional Plan for Integrated and Resource Development for Category III lands while the CNG is responsible for the Regional Land Use Plan for Category II lands. Both these plans will reflect the parties' vision on development issues related to recreation, tourism, energy, forest use, mining, etc. for Eeyou Istchee. The Land Use Planning Unit, as part of the Environment and Remedial Works Department will fulfill these new responsibilities.

Once the land planning regimes are in place, the planners and the respective governments will work together to develop consensus on compatible priorities for future developments.

Chief Richard Shecapio stated that he was informed by Mistissini individuals, who hunt in the areas of "Over the height" territory, that non-natives camp in the areas with the authorization from the Piekuaqmiu Innus. Chief Shecapio said he hopes to see the overlapping claims from the Baril-Moses dispute be resolved soon. He suggested that the granting of cottage/cabin leases be placed under moratorium until the issues are resolved. Mr. Shecapio also stated that he is aware that the hunting territories he just mentioned are outside the map.

Grand Chief Matthew CoonCome asked Abel Bosum to brief on the Baril-Moses file. Mr. Bosum informed that a table has been established with the representatives of the Innus, The Crees, Canada, and Quebec including Mistissini "Height of Land" claim. Certain of these issues have been discussed in the Baril-Moses dispute. Mr. Bosum stated that he supports the idea of Chief Shecapio in regards to the moratorium imposed upon the Government regarding the granting of cottage/cabin leases.

Bobby Neacappo stated that Chisasibi still has more areas to confirm and identify as protected areas according to the Chisasibi tallyman. He also mentioned that he still cannot fully support the idea behind the Category III land on how it is defined in the JBNQA. The idea of Categorizing the land does not come from Crees. He stated that he remembered what his father told him, that Crees were the first to occupy the land before anyone else.

Chief Marcel Happyjack from Waswanipi stated that one of the areas that they wish to protect is situated in Category III, his concern was; how would that be looked into. He also mentioned that he would like to hear updates on the consultations regarding the forestry access roads and also to the territorial trapline overlaps disputes. He hasn't heard any updates lately.

Chief Thomas Jolly stated that Nemaska had already started working at identifying some of the protected areas in their region. He mentioned that he has encountered non-natives entering the area without any notification or authorization, and had to shut down five lakes in the Nemaska area due to over fishing.

Bert Moar questioned Bill Namagoose's presentation in regards to the Cree-Quebec relations on page 32 and wanted more clarification on the matter.

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Grand Chief Matthew CoonCome briefed a bit on the matter of the Cree-Quebec relations, that the Crees continue to maintain relations with the Quebec Government at the highest level. The Cree-Quebec Standing Liaison Committee provides a forum to resolve differences as they arise, and helps to strengthen relations between the Cree and Quebec.

Elder, James Kawapit from Whapmagoostui briefed about the importance of listening to an elder. They have lived long enough to share their life experiences, the knowledge and understanding of Eeyou teachings, and they also share stories that can help leaders make decisions.

Fred Mowatt from Washaw Sibi had a question; he wanted to know how far back in history can hunters share their stories as to where they hunted in the past, and will it become beneficial for the land planning once those stories are shared. Mr. Mowatt informed that he heard stories of where most Crees hunted in the overlapping areas. He also informed that the majority of Washaw Sibi came from Waskaganish. He also mentioned that before lines were put up that separated into provinces, Crees shared the land with other natives.

Grand Chief Matthew CoonCome replied to Mr. Mowatt's that the Planning Commissioners will be travelling to each community to gather up all the information required from individuals, tallyman, etc. In terms of what was discussed, they will not look at the number of years back but rather, where you want to the land protected and what you know now is what will be considered.

Eddie Pash shared his point of view on the land use issues. He recalls that land was never separated until the Government imposed it on us. Nowadays we are being told where to hunt and where not to hunt.

James Jonah shared his thought on the Ontario/Quebec land claim. He stated that the Crees that live in Moose Factory are actually from Waskaganish.

Coffee Break

Report on Sub-Section 3.2.7 (Ten Year Clause)

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director and John Paul Murdoch, Corporate Secretary of the GCCEI-CNG presented the preliminary report on the Ten Year Clause.

The Crees, Canada, and Quebec representatives continued discussions regarding changes to Section 3 of the JBNQA that would ensure that Cree beneficiaries who are outside the Territory for more than ten years would continue to be entitled to exercise rights and receive benefits under the JBNQA if their absence is for reasons of health, education, or work duties with an organization that promotes the interests of the Crees. Cree and Quebec representatives are considering, in particular, the possibility of extending this exemption to "accompanying dependents" who are also Cree beneficiaries. An agreement on these changes is expected shortly.

Kathleen Wootton was asked to address the assembly, in regards to CSB's position on the ten year clause. Ms. Wootton briefly explained that the post-secondary program is provided through agreements between Quebec and Cree School Board in accordance with the needs of the communities involved. Benefits that are provided to Cree beneficiaries under the JBNQA are not completely without limit. Access to these benefits must take into account reasonable limitations. Ms Wootton said that is how they progress with the post-secondary program with the review panel.

It is particularly true for eligibility for post-secondary program benefits. The Cree Nation has always taken care to balance the interests of the collectivity with those of the individuals. They have always made sure to protect the interest of the Cree Nation as a whole rather than focusing on the interest of the individual, certain individual considered in isolation. The Cree School Board has the responsibility to ensure the long term viability of the post-secondary student program. It is vital that if the program is to continue to be available to the Cree School Students wishing to access it in the future.

Members of the Review Panel:

- Daniel Mark-Stewart
- Nellie Pachano
- Ida Gilpin

CSB provides the post-secondary program amongst other programs and are provided through these agreements between Quebec and Cree School Board in accordance with the needs of the communities involved. The Cree Leadership has the responsibility to ensure that no decisions are made that could have a negative effect on hundreds of Crees that benefit in the post-secondary program and who contribute to the community needs, self-government, Cree self-governance, and local manpower needs.

5PM Closing Prayer

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

9AM Opening Prayer

Mining Contamination Study

Isaac Voyageur, Director of Environmental and Remedial Works presented the Mining Contamination Study. Mr. Voyageur did an overview of the mining restoration needs from exploration and exploitation.

The following information was presented:

Abandoned mining sites that were found were categorized in two sections: Category A for abandoned fuel tanks, water hoses, and old machinery, and Category B for tent poles, rock debris, etc. A total of 81 new sites were found. Most affected are Mistissini, Waswanipi, and UjeBougoumou for the Category A clean-up. A request was sent to the Government for the

Cleanup abandoned restoration, the same format as Kativik Regional Government, the request was declined.

25 sites were found in Eeyou istchee according to Gestim's information. Restoration was done by MERN without Cree participation. We had very little information due to the Cree non-participation.

The response we got from the Government was to get information from Gestim and provide the name of companies responsible for restoration. The only Cree participation was with the Chibougamou mining site.

Paul Dixon talked about the mine in Chapais how it affects them as hunters in Waswanipi. He urged the CNG to call for a meeting for all tallymen to attend in regards to their rights as tallymen.

Mandy Gull thanked Paul Dixon for speaking, she was pleased to hear a tallyman feel very strongly on his role as a tallyman and ask for conservation for his trapline. Ms. Gull informed that one of her portfolios in her community is mining and sat with Aurora on several occasions concerning abandoned mining sites. She stated that Waswanipi is the most affected on the advanced exploration processes. She wanted to add two suggestions to the CNG, in regards to the mining activities in the Cree territory. One is to meet with tallymen and ask them how they feel about the regulations and the explorations in their territories. She informed that a lot of mining companies don't know that tallyman and traplines exist. On the Gestim site, they do not mention anything about tallyman and traplines boundaries. The other suggestion is to have an opinion on the new mining consultations process. To strengthen the regulation and ask the mining companies to consult with the Crees/Tallymen before they can begin work.

Grand Chief Matthew CoonCome informed that there is actually a mining policy in place and still might not be understood by the mining companies.

Eddie Pash suggested that hunters should be made aware of the environmental studies. Mr. Pash stated that ninety percent of his trapline is underwater due to the HQ dam.

Bert Moar stated that he is concerned about the detour gold mine situated 5km from the Ontario border in near their trapline, if there's a spill, it could have an impact on their hunting territory. Also Mr. Moar inquired about the Cree Mineral Exploration Board and asked if they were part of CNG.

Grand Chief Matthew CoonCome replied to Bert Moar that the Cree Mineral Exploration Board, Reggie Mark is the President. We wish to invite him in these assemblies and to encourage communities to invite him to inform about mining.

Richard Shecapio inquired about the mining companies such as the Stornoway and Eleonore that are presently running in Eeyou Istchee. Mr. Shecapio asked how are the monitoring programs being set, such as the water system in the lakes. He wished to be informed about the monitoring processes in Eleonore, they were particularly concerned about Goose Lake that there were concerns about contamination.

Chief Shecapio had also expressed his concerns on the abandoned site where there was a more advanced exploration program with uranium. He suggested that the site should be looked into.

Daniel Moses expressed his concerns on how he feels about mining in the Cree territories. He feels that nowadays, we consider that money is more important than the land. The land we destroy affects the animals, especially the fish, and we no longer have the healthier lifestyles we once had as Cree people.

Chief Dennis Georgekish wanted to reply to Chief Richard Shecapio's question earlier regarding the monitoring committee. Chief Georgekish stated the committee reports to the CNG on a regular basis in regards to the monitoring processes.

Coffee Break

Chief Davey Bobbish made a special announcement regarding the Aanischaaukamikw and read the following.

Aanischaaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute is pleased to announce, in collaboration with Chisasibi Heritage and Cultural Centre, the opening of our first travelling exhibit in November 2016. Footprints: A Walk Through Generations will open at ACCI and travel through all communities of Eeyou Istchee. After travel through Eeyou Istchee it will move beyond, across the country, allowing people from all over Canada to experience and celebrate our culture and our history with us.

For more information, you can contact Sarah Pash, Executive Director, ACCI

Woodland Caribou

Mr. Voyageur gave a general overview of the woodland caribou and the Caribou Sport Hunt regulations. He presented the following:

- Boreal Population Boreal Caribou Herds in Eeyou Istchee
 - Nottaway Herd
 - Assinica Herd
 - Temiscamie Herd
- A portrait of Cree Knowledge (2010)
- Building Awareness
- Major Forestry Roads Proposed
- Status of Boreal Herds in Eeyou Istchee
- Eco systemic Strategy Incompatible with CQNRA Adapted Forestry
- Broadback Protected Area
- Quebec Precautionary Measure Temporary Protection
- Assinica Herd Aerial Census
- Critical Core Habitat
- Maintaining Habitat Connectivity

Deleted: .

- Baril-Moses Dispute

Caribou Sport Hunt

- Regulatory Amendments for Leaf River Caribou Herd
- Caribou Herds in Eeyou Istchee
- Population Trend in Decline
- The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee
- Winter Sport Hunts
- Sports Harvest
- Restriction Measures
- Sport Hunt Regulations 2016-2017
- Wastage and Security Issues
- Amendments to Regulations respecting Hunting Activities 2016
- Awareness Measures
- Cree Harvest
- Caribou Management Plans

Grand Chief Matthew CoonCome thanked Isaac Voyageur for his presentation.

Grand Chief introduced Robert Kanatewat as one of the former signatories of the JBNQA and announced that there was a special recognition ceremony held for him for his contribution to the Cree Nation.

Robert Kanatewat made a speech and thanked the people for the special recognition he was given. He mentioned, at the beginning there was no Crees with degrees or education. And today, we see lawyers, doctors, nurses, and consultants. We have achieved so much and fulfilled our wishes for the accomplishment we hoped to attain. He recalled that they didn't even know each other at the beginning when they first had a meeting. His friend Philip Awashish was the one who had prepared and made all the arrangements and set up a meeting with all Chiefs which was held in Mistissini. He thanked Mr. Awashish for his efforts and for his years of contribution to the Cree Nation.

Grand Chief thanked Robert Kanatewat for his speech and for his contribution to the Cree Nation.

Lunch Break

Wildlife Preservation and Conservation Efforts

- James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement
- Agreement concerning a New Relationship between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec
- Wildlife Conservation Officers
- Auxiliary Game Wardens

Harricana (Ontario) Land Claim Presentation

Chief Matthew CoonCome explained the following situation regarding the Harricana (Ontario) Land Claim

The border between Quebec and Ontario in the James Bay area was established pursuant to successive land transfers, without Cree knowledge or consent.

Eeyou Istchee was once part of a large area of land that Europeans called “Rupert’s Land” which was purportedly transferred to the Hudson’s Bay Company by King Charles of England in 1670. At the time of Confederation in 1867, the new territory of Canada did not include any of Rupert’s Land. But the Constitution act contemplated the eventual admission of Rupert’s Land within Canada. The HBC territories including the Rupert’s land were sold to the British Crown in 1868. Rupert’s Land was transferred to the Government of Canada in 1870. The Government of Canada transferred large portions of Rupert’s Land to Ontario and to Quebec with led to the establishment of the border between Quebec and Ontario in the James Bay area.

Land transfers of Rupert’s Land to Ontario and Quebec were carried out subject to the resolution by Ontario and Quebec of the aboriginal claim in the respective territories transferred to each province.

The Crees have been pursuing legal proceedings against the Government of Canada in the Federal Court since 1989 with respect to the entire territory of Eeyou Istchee, including parts in Quebec, Ontario, Nunavut and Labrador. Over the years, certain parts of these legal proceedings known as the “Coon Come proceedings #3” have been settled. Portions of these proceedings related to issues addressed in the Federal NRA (2008) and the Cree Offshore Agreement (2010) were eventually discontinued. The remaining parts of these Coon Come proceedings #3 concern Cree claims in Ontario and Labrador. These claims were not addressed with Canada and remain outstanding.

The Cree Nation’s action in the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario is essentially the continuation of claims that were first commenced by the Cree Nation against Canada in the Federal Court in 1989 in the Coon Come proceedings #3. Grand Chief Coon Come has recently declared: “The imposition of the Ontario-Quebec boundary cut through our homeland of Eeyou Istchee. Our people have used, occupied, governed, and protected these lands in Ontario since time immemorial, but our rights in these lands have never been addressed in any treaty.”

Income Security Program

Willie Iserhoff and Philip Awashish, members of the board of directors of the Income Security Board presented the income security program.

ISP Mission is to provide an income guarantee and benefits and other incentives for Cree people that wish to pursue harvesting activities as a way of life.

Complementary Agreement 15 (par. 30.2.1)

Paragraph 30.2.8 Economic security for the trappers

The program shall ensure that hunting, fishing and trapping shall constitute a viable way of life for the Cree people and that individual Crees who elect to pursue such a way of life shall be guaranteed a measure of economic security consistent with conditions prevailing from time to time.

The Income Security Program:

- Launched in 1976, retroactive to 1975
- Modified in 1988
- Modified in 2002 (Comp. Agreement no. 15)
- NEW modification is now being considered
 - Consultations in 2008-2009
 - Formal document submitted to CNG and Quebec on 22 February 2012
 - Negotiations started in 2014

Negotiations Committee:

- From the Cree Nation Government
 - Willie Iserhoff (Chairman of ISP)
 - Philip Awashish
 - Monique Caron (lawyer)
- Quebec government
 - 2 staff from Employment and Social Solidarity
 - 1 staff from Aboriginal Affairs
 - 1 lawyer from Department of Justice

Current negotiations:

- Main goals
 - Fix existing flaws and weaknesses
 - Equal rights for men and women
 - Refocus ISP for the people that need economic security
 - Develop a YOUTH initiative

So far, agreements reached for

- Semi-Active Status
 - No time limit (originally 5-year limit)
- Paternity Leave
 - Provide paternity leave for men on ISP
- Qualification Year
 - Remove qualification year, but limit days during first year
- Definition of Head
 - Provide equal access to men and women
- Measure for Youth
 - Provide a new mentorship program for teenagers
- Far Harvesting Allowance

- Maintain 180 day limit but consider all months (instead of the current 6-month period)
- Income Threshold for Eligibility
 - Determine an income threshold to limit eligibility to those families that need economic security

Next Steps

- Negotiations still in progress
- The « easy » topics all resolved
- Now tougher issues left to resolve
 - ex. Misuse of the Program
- Examine whether a new program could function without tracking days in the bush by using categories of hunters
- Nothing decided yet

ISP has been a success since 1976

- ensure that hunting, fishing and trapping remain a viable way of life
- 40th anniversary celebrations in Wemindji - August 23, 2016
- Board and staff devoted to improving and modernizing the program

Meeting adjourned

Closing Prayer recited by Joshua Iserhoff from Nemaska

Thursday August 4, 2016 – Morning Session:

The opening prayer was recited by Joshua Iserhoff from the community of Nemaska. The assembly commenced at 9:21 a.m.

Deputy Grand Chief, Rodney Mark chaired the Assembly. He reviewed the agenda for the day with the members.

Remedial Measures and Other Programs for Land Users – Niskamoon Corporation

Robbie Tapiatic and Mark Dunn, Directors presented to the assembly Remedial Measures and Other Programs for Land Users.

Robbie gave a general overview of what projects Niskamoon Corporation are presently on going and pointed them out:

- ☂ Remedial Works
- ☂ Traditional Fisheries
- ☂ Cultural Activities
- ☂ Training and Employment in conjunction with Hydro Quebec

Mr. Tapiatic explained the meaning of the program of Remedial works to the assembly. He stated that it was to alleviate negative impacts of Hydro Quebec development within Eeyou

Istchee. He also mentioned that the funding is used to improve and enhance Goose ponds, Wildlife feeding areas, Boat landing areas etc.. These projects need to be requested by the hunter and must get permission from the tallymen prior to requesting of such project.

Trans-Eeyou istchee Multi-Purpose trail. Map p.68 of the Cree Trappers Report. The Local Coordinators met and asked themselves on what can be done about the none used trails. They requested that one be built for the use by everyone.

How to submit a project;

- ☛ Set a meeting with your Local Coordinator
- ☛ Inform him/her of your request. Three weeks prior to the Board of Directors meeting.
- ☛ If, approved the funding requested would be ready by Two or Three weeks prior to the project date.

List of Local Coordinators in Eeyou Istchee;

- ☛ Whapmagoostui – Allan George
- ☛ Chisasibi – Samuel Cox
- ☛ Wemindji – Geraldine Mark
- ☛ Eastmain – Gregory Mayappo
- ☛ Waskaganish – Ernest Moses
- ☛ Mistissini – Ronald Blackned
- ☛ Ouje-bougamou – Tommy Rabbitskin
- ☛ Nemaska – Stella Jolly
- ☛ Waswanipi – Judy Trapper

Mr. Tapiatic also mentioned that Niskamoon Corporation also work with the Cree Trappers Association, Cree School Board, St-Felicien and Hydro Quebec to inform them of what we go thru within our communities since the Hydro Project began.

Ecology of The Coastal Region Of Eeyou Istchee and its Relationship With Wildlife Important To The Cree

Jean Paul Murdoch, Corporate Secretary of Cree Nation Government, provided a summary on how the Eel Grass studying was going. He mentioned that after a few years on the research there is still that question on why is there a significant decrease of Eel Grass in our waters. Researchers have yet to define the reasons why. It is still an on-going research. Fred Short, Research Professor of Natural Resources, knows more about the study of the Eel Grass. He has met with Hydro Quebec representing the Eeyou at that meeting.

Planning session for a meeting with Hydro Quebec
More research needs to be done by the actual hunters themselves not just Hydro Quebec.

Eel Grass History:

Pre – 1970 Eel Grass was dominant and stable
1998-1999 Significant decrease

Eeyou Marine Region Agreement

Roderick Pachanos EMRWB, Chairperson, Chantal Tetrault EMRPC, Interim Chairperson and Isaac Masty EMRIRB Chairperson presented the Eeyou Marine Region Agreement to the members of the Assembly.

Roderick explains what is Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement. It is the offshore agreement between the federal Government and the Cree Nations effective February 2012. He stated that our land is partially owned by Quebec Government. He also states that Category 1 land is not ours.

Isaac Masty EMRLCA, Chairperson, stated that the Cree and Inuit areas “Joint Zone” land is owned jointly with the Inuit. He also introduced the EMRLCA team. Roderick Pachanos continues to Introduce the team.

Organigram

EMRPC- Chantal Tetrault, Interim Chairperson
EMRIRB – Isaac Masty, Chairperson
EMRWB – Roderick Pachanos, Chairperson
CTA-EMR – Samuel Moses, Wildlife liaison officer
CTA-EMR – Isaac Masty, Vice-Chairperson (GCCEI)

Isaac Masty, EMRLCA, Chairperson explains the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board (EMRIRB). He also stated the Development projects in the EMR are reviewed through the EMRIRB to determine their potential Impacts.

Mandate to review ecosystem and social economic development projects in the EMR.

EMR Wildlife Board

Roderick explains the Boards mandates.

Roderick Pachanos, EMRWB chairperson, explains the Research Prioritization – organigram structure. Research priority proposals:

1. HQ Development/Eel Gras/Waterfowl
 2. Local Fisheries, what has happened to the fish?
- ☛ Meet with/WB definition of wildlife research
 - ☛ Respect WB’s mandate and responsibilities
 - ☛ Relevance to Eeyou Marine Region
 - ☛ High interests of the Cree

EMRPC’s mandate is to develop planning policies, priorities and objectives for EMR.

Isaac Masty, CTA-EMR Vice-Chairperson stated that (LUP) Land Use Planning in the EMR is managed through the Eeyou marine region planning commission.

12:31 p.m. End of Morning Session.

Thursday August 4, 2016 – Afternoon Session

Grand Chief Matthew Coon-Come presents the Agenda for the afternoon Session.

To maintain, promote, preserve and enhance the EEYOU (traditional way of life) for its members and the EEYOU ISTCHEE (Cree Nation) through:

Presentation by the Regional Cree Trappers’ Association – Willie K Gunner, President and Fred Tomatuk Vice-President.

Eeyou Hunting Law

Willie K. Gunner, President, provided a summary review of the Cree Trappers’ Association mission statement. The Chiefs and Councils reviewed the Eeyou Hunting Law and along with the Cree Nation Government of Eeyou Istchee. The elders put a lot of input into the Eeyou Hunting Law. There will be more discussion on the matter.

Hunting fishing activities, elder Samuel Bearskin in his statement of June 2009. He had Seven keys to hunting and they are: Courage, Compassion, Humility, Honesty, Respect, Sharing and Wisdom is what he gave in his statement as Cree principals in Hunting values.

We need to share with our children/families the values of hunting.

Fred Tomatuk, Vice-President, adds that we will replace the word “Law” in the title Eeyou Hunting Law.

Trapline Boundaries Update

Willie K. Gunner President, provided a summary of the Trapline Boundaries. Local Committees need to collect information from the Tallymen on who they will transfer their land to. The chief and council need to be aware of the transfer as well.

**Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3
Trapline Boudaries Project Team;**

- ☛ Clark Shecapio – Project Coordinator
- ☛ Willie K. Gunner – President CTA
- ☛ Maxine Mark-Stewart – GIS Technician C.N.G.
- ☛ Walter Blazevic – Consultant, Strata 360
- ☛ Brian Lewis, GIS Technician, Strata 360

Cree Traditional Pursuit Program (Pilot Project) in progress.

Willie K. Gunner, stated that a Booklet will be available once again sometime in September at the meeting in Waskaganish. It will control the over harvesting of the Geese and wildlife. Harvest monitoring in the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee. Tallymen will register the number of Harvest killed within their land /Territory. A Cree Moose hunting management plan needs to be made available. A working group to be created for discussions.

Impacts of non native sport hunting on the Cree Hunters and their lands/territories.

Fishing Derbies – Trophy Hunting

Fred Tomatuk, Vice President, stated that the Fishing Derbies (Trophy Hunting) is a Recreational Activity, it is not looked at as hunting for food. It is mostly looked at as Trophy hunting. Elders are against this activity and do not appreciate the catch and release of food. It needs to be looked at as soon as possible. There are too many being hosted within our communities. Moose antler size trophy hunting is also present in Eeyou Istchee. We need to have a moose management plan present.

Resolution 2016-13: Development of Wildlife Management Strategy

WHEREAS the health and abundance of wildlife in Eeyou Istchee is critical to the continuation of the Cree Way of life and the mental and physical health of the Cree people;

WHEREAS there are many entities, bodies, committees, working groups and boards whose mandate affects many different aspects of the wildlife in Eeyou Istchee;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly hereby mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to facilitate the collaboration of all the entities, bodies, committees, working groups and boards whose mandates affect all the different aspects of the wildlife in Eeyou Istchee with a view towards the development of a wildlife management strategy.

Proposed by: Chief Louisa Wynne

Seconded by: Abel Wapachee

Resolution 2016-12: Audit of Natural Resources Management Agreements and Regimes

FORESTRY

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FORESTRY

WHEREAS the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement was signed as a covenant for allowing development in Northern Quebec in a manner that was compatible with the Cree way of life

including the application and there were as a presumption that the forestry regime of Quebec applied in Eeyou Istchee would be managed in this manner;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation pursued many lawsuits and campaigns against the Government of Quebec and Forestry Companies operating in Eeyou Istchee for their failure to respect the Constitutionally protected rights of the Cree Nation;

WHEREAS Chapter 3 of the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec was to redress the incompatibility between the Cree way of life and the Quebec Forestry Industry, with numerous amendments and separate Agreements such as the Agreement to Settle the Baril-Moses Forestry Dispute and despite of all these measures there would appear to be continued incompatibility between the Quebec Forestry Regime and the Constitutional Rights and Interest of the Cree Nation;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly hereby request that the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government take action to ensure that there is an audit of the Agreements between the Cree Nation, the Government of Quebec and Forestry Companies to verify compliance and determine the contributing factors to the continued incompatibility between the Forestry regime in Quebec and the constitutionally protected Cree way of life in Eeyou Istchee.

Proposed by: Charlie Bosum

Seconded by: Paul Dixon

By-Law Concerning the Cree Nation Youth Council

Alexander Moses, Interim Youth Grand Chief presented the By-Law Concerning The Cree Youth Council. Grateful and thankful that they are being supported by the Cree Nation Government. Alexander also gave a summary on what The Cree Nation Youth Council consists and it's operations with their fellow Local Youth Councils of Eeyou Istchee. The intent purposes is to have their own By-Law under the Cree Nation Government and to build closer relations. What it will mean to the Cree Nation Youth Council; to be Recognized as Spokesperson, Consultative group for the Youth, Clear relationship with the Cree Nation Government, more responsibility and accountability.

Jean Paul Murdoch, Corporate Secretary provided a summary of the By-Law Concerning the Cree Nation Youth Council.

Resolution 2016-14: By-Law Concerning the Cree Nation Youth Council.

By-Law Concerning the Cree Nation Youth Council

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Youth Council was established and functioned successfully for many years as an informal institution without legally personality providing an important opportunity for Cree youth to influence the destiny of the Cree Nation through its self-governing institutions;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Youth Council wishes to take steps to clarify its relationship and opportunities for collaboration with the Cree Nation Government;

THEREFORE the present By-law is intended to establish the principles for the establishment and functioning of the Cree Nation Youth Council as an integral part of Governance of Eeyou Istchee within the Cree Nation Government.

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 42nd/39th Annual General Assembly hereby request that the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government duly adopt the present By-Law in the intent to establish the principles for the establishment and functioning of the Cree Nation Youth Council as an integral part of Governance of Eeyou Istchee within the Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: Chief Denis Georgekish
Seconded by: Chief Davey Bobbish

Closing Remarks

Chief Davey Bobbish, Thanked the delegation for their attendance also thanked the people that worked hard in making the Annual General Assembly a success. We learn from the speakers on what is needed within our communities. We need to work together to make our circle strong. "One voice one nation!"

Closing Remarks by Grand Chief, Matthew Coon Come

Grand Chief, Matthew Coon Come thanked the people of Chisasibi for their hospitality during the Annual General Assembly. Gave a brief summary of the Cree Hunters needs and also announced that next summer the elections will take place. Grand Chief, Matthew Coon Come acknowledge all the speakers for their input. He also stated that The James Bay Highway will be renamed "Billy Diamond Highway" once the highway is fixed as requested by the family.

Meeting Adjourned

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.
Closing prayer recited by Simeon Trapper of Waskaganish.