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1. Corporate Matters

Present: Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum
Chief Davey Bobbish James Bobbish
Chief Marcel Happyjack Irene Neeposh
Chief Kenneth Cheezo Daniel Mark-Stewart
Chief Curtis Bosum Gaston Cooper
Chief Christina Gilpin Frank Atsynia
Chief Clark Shecapio Gordon Blackned
Chief Thomas Neeposh John Matoush
Chief Clarence Jolly John Henry Wapachee
Chief Louisa Wynne John Mamianskum

Observers Chief Alan Jolly
Chief Annie Mapachee Salt

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director, Matthew Swallow, Treasurer, Melissa Saganash, Director of Quebec Relations, Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal Relations, Don Nichols, Director of Justice and Corrections, Anthony MacLeod, Director of Commerce and Industry.

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the By-Laws and there being a quorum the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 1:00 pm.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

The Directors reviewed the agenda adding the items of Gaston and on a motion duly made by John Matoush and seconded by Clark the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2020-03: Adoption of the Agenda for a meeting of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government held on May 26th and 27th, 2020

Dr. Richer of the Cree Board of Health gave a presentation on the status of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum and Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a document entitled, "Summary of COVID-19 Activities", a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a question from John Henry Wapachee Paul John Murdoch explained that the precautionary measures will likely be around a while, likely the year and the re-confinement is likely.

There was a discussion on the type of isolations that would be required of different groups and how best to inform them.

Irene Neeposh asked if there were investigations into people who have applied for government assistance when they weren't eligible and could be looking at serious consequences. She also inquired what could be done for people at mine sites as the isolation requirement was particularly hard on them.

John Paul Murdoch stated efforts are made to ask mines not to bring in workers from high-risk areas and in regard to testing consideration was being given to a testing protocol. He added that Osisko Mines was investing in a lab and there would be attempts to implement a protocol. He added that Newmont has also said they will be investing reliable testing equipment when it becomes available.

The Council issue a directive to ASD to ensure that the population was properly informed of the negative consequence for accessing COVID-19 relief funds when on other government assistance programs.

Chief Davey Bobbish expressed concerns on the consequences of lifting SQ checkpoints on June 9th and the risks that this could represent. John Paul Murdoch explained that regions were being monitored by the Cree Board of Health and notice would be given when regions had to be declared areas of risk. Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated a Risk Assessment Committee was being formed to manage the issue and provide advice on the activities in our own communities.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that it is clear in Quebec the Cree Nation has the most conservative plan to protect our communities and our people.

2. General Assembly

The Councillors discussed the potential adaptations that needed to be made for a safe Annual General Assembly considering it is a requirement under the applicable By-Law during the summer. The Grand Chief explained that it would likely be an abbreviated Assembly.

John Henry Wapachee inquired if the Health Board could not develop recommendations. Irene Neeposh stated that a Zoom type Assembly could be attempted.

3. Cree Quebec Relations

Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a report entitled, "Cree Quebec Relations", a copy of which is attached hereto.

John Henry Wapachee inquired if there was a registry of Cree workers so that companies did not have to look outside our regions where the labour represented a risk during these times.

Antony MacLeod, Director Commerce and Industry explained that there are attempts to develop and implement a Cree registry of enterprises and that Aboriginal Skills Department also had a registry of skilled workers.

Irene Neeposh stated that there should be development of a stimulus plan to encourage our work force to get back to work which is currently considered the safest workforce. She expressed concern over the report to explore making ticket a possibility as it was examined at the Justice Advisory Committee and there was concern that it would undermine the efforts to get our own justice system with our own laws and values. Paul John Murdoch explained that the issue was in relation to minor municipal issues not traditional or more serious matters. The Grand Chief stated that it was important to give the communities on options on how to manage these issues.

John Matoush stated that he was concerned with front or artificial Cree business exploiting the opportunities that could be generated by the Grande Alliance instead for own people who are supposed to benefit. He explained that the value for dollar issue was also related to the problem.

Chief Clark Shecapio expressed concern about the Eleonore mine site, and he wanted to know if there was a plan in the event that there be an outbreak. He also requested that the Category I reorganization needs of his community be included in the list of issues to be addressed. Paul John Murdoch explained that there are evacuations plans to make sure the that in event there is an outbreak the corridor of services leads South, he also stated that workers will be given the choice and not punished while protocols are workers and evaluated for keeping COVID-19 out of their sites. He added that the Waskaganish reconfiguration of lands would be added to the Cree Quebec Standing Liaison Committee agenda.

4. Cree Canada Relations

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled a reviewed a report entitled, “Cree Canada Relations”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Irene Neeposh suggested that the Canadian Emergency Wage Fund Subsidy access that was negotiated for the Cree should be accompanied with the appropriate documentation for people when filing their taxes. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that the taxation issue was related more to the companies.

5. Grande Alliance Presentation

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum and Paul John Murdoch provided an implementation on the origin and the status of Grande Alliance.

John Henry Wapachee stated that community engagement was going to be very important and the the over all vision should come from the communities.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated this was about doing things very differently than our traditional relationship with development. The idea is that through our organization we are dealing with Quebec on a Nation to Nation level, working Government to Government plan the future. We will need to discuss policies, benefits, how we manage impacts and how remedial measures are addressed. He added that it will be important the we promote our own principles that will allow us to go forward. He further agreed that Communications is the most important thing right now.

Chief Marcel Happyjack there was a lot of work that was done in the past on protected areas and in relation to development and that this needed to be included. He added that access on the territory would be a very important issue and how our people are accommodated. He stated that he was pleased with the presentation and that he would like a presentation to his Council.

The Grand Chief stated that meetings through Zoom can be organized quickly. He stated that in his opinion an agreement on protected areas was the most issue. He stated that this was the foundation of any plan. He stated that it would not be possible to discuss development without firm commitments on protected areas.

Chief Clark Shecapio inquired where the funds would come from for example the access roads of the communities, how could they be improved. The Grand Chief stated that first the goal is to complete the feasibility study and then to seek the funding. He explained that sources such as the Federal Infrastructure Bank could be accessed and that this would be a lost easy to cost out after the study is completed. He stated that likely we would need to invest. Paul John Murdoch explained that paving of internal (community access roads) is considered an integral part to the transportation infrastructure program, adding that the idea was to reverse the relationship with development where the communities would secure in advance the commitments and infrastructure they want instead of being an afterthought in development.

Chief Jolly inquired about the proposed Board members and if the Cree representatives necessarily needed to be Cree. He also suggested that people apply to be Board members as a part of the process. The Grand Chief stated all approaches were up for consideration, but ultimately an appointment would need to be made.

Daniel Mark Stewart stated having a rail could have been beneficial during the pandemic. We could explore bringing it closer to the communities where it would be more useful in emergencies or act as a second access point to communities. He added that it could make life easier for us and could be safer travel.

The Grand Chief stated that these are the questions that we need to address in the feasibility study. He added that it could reduce costs significantly for our people, we also need to examine the potential negative impact on employment for our drivers for example.

James Bobbish, stated that we need to consider the format of the consultations to the communities because community members tend to give up or disengage when something is signed because they think everything is decided. The relationship is being redefined and this needs to be communicated clearly. Also, how do we manage the cultural and protected area aspects as these will likely be the first questions.

The Grand Chief agreed that communication would be essential. He added that people are having a hard time understanding that this is an opportunity to realize our work and efforts going years back such as when we worked on the transportation plan, which someone at the Government took and turned it into the Plan Nord, which didn't go anywhere. This is our opportunity to take back the momentum and implement things such as our original suggestions or the Cree Vision of Plan Nord which contained all the conditions that had to be respected. This is us trying to be the leaders of the plan, instead of being the ones begging for things to be included in the Plan. He stated that it was very challenging who to communicate this at a time when there is so much that is unknown.

Chief Louisa Wynne stated that if a road is being considered to Whapmagoostui it would naturally include a transmission line. She has been trying to work with the neighboring mayor who share challenges with access and energy supply and therefore suggested a joint presentation to both groups for exchange of information. She stated that there could even be a Treaty similar to what was negotiated with the Innu of Mashteuiasht.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that he is in discussions with Charlie Watt and stated that there was an intention to speak to both Makivik and KRJ.

The Council had a discussion on how best to identify candidates for the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation.

Chief Thomas Neeposh stated that he would like a presentation to his Council as soon as possible on the Grande Alliance.

Chief Kenneth Cheezo inquired about the access road for Whapmagoostui and if it could be done sooner. Paul John Murdoch explained that this would be at the option of the community.

Chief Wynne inquired if there couldn't be consultations next week with the Inuit considering that they were meeting jointly to discuss COVID matters already.

Cree Development Corporation

Irene Neeposh inquired as to how the CDC was different from the BOC/CREECO. The Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum explained that the mandate was very different that the BOC/CREECO would not be affected and were free to pursue the economic initiatives that they have begun. It was explained further that the mandate of the BOC/CREECO was in relation to the management of treaty funds and assess and the CDC was to develop opportunities using government assets.

There was discussion on the size of the Cree Development Corporation Board of Directors.

John Matoush inquired about the size of the Implementation Committee and the need to have equal number of seats. He added that he understood that the CDC could be beneficial for CREECO and local companies and that's why coordination and openness would be so important.

The Councillors agreed to add Tina Petawabano to the Implementation Committee as activities could involve other First Nations Communities.

On a motion duly made by Chief Thomas Neeposh and seconded by John Henry Wapachee the Councilors adopted:

Resolution 2020-04: Implementation and Governance Structure of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Development of the Cree Quebec Infrastructure Program in the James Bay Region

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Government entered into a "Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Development of the Cree Quebec Infrastructure Program in the James Bay Region" (hereinafter the MOU) and a funding agreement for initiating studies under the MOU;

WHEREAS the purpose of the MOU is that on a Government to Government basis the Cree Nation with Government of Quebec will develop a balanced view of development ensuring that Cree value, interests and priorities are integrated into plans and infrastructure prior to the initiation of development contrary to the current process where Cree interests are mitigated or remediated after development has been initiated;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby designate the members of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government excluding the Grand Chief to the Grande Alliance Council to sit vis-à-vis Government of Quebec Ministers;

THAT the Board/Council Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates the eventual head of the Cree Development Corporation, Melissa Saganash, Anthony Macleod, Tina Petawabano and Paul John Murdoch to the Implementation Committee of the Grande Alliance.

There was further discussion on the differences between the CDC and BOC/CREECO. It was explained that the original conflict of between the establishment of the CDC and BOC/CREECO related to the proposed transfer of assets from CREECO to the CDC as part of its establishment. It was explained that this was not the case and no assets of CREECO were under consideration.

The Council discussed different options for the identification of potential Board of Director candidates.

Clarence Jolly proposed the Executive Committee to develop the mandate, term of the board, recruitment and present the candidates to Board Council.

On a motion duly made by Chief Clarence Jolly and seconded by Chief Thomas Neeposh the Councilors adopted:

Resolution 2020-05-Recruitment and Identification of Candidates of the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation

WHEREAS the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec contained provisions for the establishment of the Cree Development Corporation;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby delegates to the Executive Committee of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government the recruitment and identification of candidates for the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation to be formally appointed by the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Board/Council.

6. Housing

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum and Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a report entitled, "Working Towards Solutions on a Housing", a copy of which is attached hereto. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director and the Grand Chief tabled and reviewed the proposed Community Private Housing Initiative and proposed Community Social and Rental Housing Programs.

Chief Clark Shecapio stated he agreed with the Grand Chief that the program would be very beneficial for young people wanting to come home. He added that local Councils can set their own rates and under agreements are in charge of housing as they are closest to their people and know their people. He cautioned telling communities the rent scales that they should apply.

Chief Marcel Happyjack stated that some Innu communities are 80% private and social was 20% and currently with CMHC Waswanipi can build 1.5 houses a year which will never work or meet our needs. He was concerned also over the impact of converting social units into private homes.

Irene Neeposh stated that she agreed with the idea of the documentary especially in regard to social housing. She stated that it was important we clearly define the audience. She agreed with getting people to move towards private housing, but she was concerned that the social side was not well defined as it felt we were pushing people towards private housing versus incentivising. She added that people will need access to a financial coach. She stated she was concerned with the apparent exclusion of private real estate developers from accessing the program. It was explained that until “Cree Real Estate Developer” is properly defined it was determined that it wasn’t appropriate to include in the program as there was concern the last time the program was presented.

Chief Christina Gilpin stated that there also had to be consideration on the application of taxes such as GST when a construction service is provided to a Development Corporation. She added that her Council was uncomfortable with the rental scale is considered a local issue and should be managed accordingly. She inquired also why the grants were not variable in the manner that rental scales were recommended to be variable.

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that the rent scales in the documents were models and proposed a ramping up over 5 years, whereas the agreements that the communities sign with the Federal Government commit the communities to ramp rent scales over 3 years. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that the current structure is the well off that are being subsidized by those with less.

Chief Kenneth Cheezo stated that the program was urgently needed by future generations and young families. He stated that the youth are getting discouraged each time the program is not approved.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum agreed that it was urgent to adopt the program which could be adapted as time went on and the program was monitored.

Chief Curtis Bosum stated that he agreed that it was urgent that it move forward.

On a motion duly made by Chief Kenneth Cheezo and seconded by Chief Davey Bobbish the Councilors adopted:

Resolution 2020-06: Approval Of New Local Government Program 1.3a Re: Community Private Housing Initiative And Of Consequential Amendments To Local Government Program 1.3 Re: Community Social And Rental Housing

WHEREAS, since 2011, the Cree Nation Government and the Cree communities have worked together to develop the Cree Nation Housing Strategy to address housing issues for Crees;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Housing Strategy is a comprehensive and innovative approach intended to address all sectors of the housing market and to mitigate longstanding structural obstacles;

WHEREAS a cornerstone of the Cree Nation Housing Strategy is the prioritization of private homeownership by Cree community members, and the said Strategy will also address the social welfare requirements of those who require government support as well as the special needs of the Cree elderly, trappers, disabled, and youth populations;

WHEREAS, as part of the Cree Nation Housing Strategy, the Cree Nation Government established a new Community Private Housing Initiative to encourage access to private homeownership and help to create a Cree housing market to meet part of the housing needs of the Cree communities while unlocking value and creating wealth for Crees;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Government has approved a Program Structure for the purposes of implementing the Agreement concerning a New Relationship Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Cree of Eeyou Istchee (“Program Structure”);

WHEREAS the Program Structure sets out the Local Government Program 1.3 respecting Housing;

WHEREAS it is appropriate to set out a new Local Government Program 1.3A respecting the new Community Private Housing Initiative, and to amend the Local Government Program 1.3 respecting Housing in of the new Local Government Program 1.3A; **WHEREAS** the implementation of the Rental Scale Policy referred to in Program 1.3 shall be phased-in to protect an emerging housing market;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Cree Nation Government hereby approves:

- (a) the new Local Government Program 1.3A respecting the Community Private Housing Initiative in the form appended hereto;
- (b) consequential amendments to the Local Government Program 1.3 respecting Housing, which shall henceforth be designated as “Local Government Program 1.3 re: Community Social and Rental Housing”, in the form appended hereto;

THAT the Council of the Cree Nation Government hereby authorizes and instructs the Chairman and the Executive Director to do all things useful or necessary to carry out the foregoing resolution.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting adjourned at 4pm.



Paul John Murdoch, Secretary

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1. Corporate Matters

Present: Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum
Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull
Chief Davey Bobbish James Bobbish
Chief Marcel Happyjack Irene Neeposh
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Chief Christina Gilpin Frank Atsynia
Chief Clark Shecapio Gordon Blackned
Chief Thomas Neeposh John Matoush
Chief Clarence Jolly John Henry Wapachee
Chief Louisa Wynne John Mamianskum

Observers Chief Alan Jolly
Chief Annia Mapachee Salt Jean Denis Cananaso

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the By-Laws and there being a quorum the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:00 am.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

The Directors reviewed the agenda adding the item of the Mistissini Emergency Access Road of and on a motion duly made by Gordon Blackned and seconded by Chief Bosum the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2020-07 Adoption of the Agenda for a meeting of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government held on July 28th and 29th, 2020

2. COVID-19 Briefing

The Board/Council had an update from the Cree Board of Health and Social Services on the status of the pandemic and measures being taken by the Cree School Board on efforts to prepare for the coming semester. A copy of the Public Statement coming from the briefing is attached hereto.

3. Cree Quebec Relations Report

Paul John Murdoch tabled and review a report entitled "Report on Cree Quebec Relations", a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a question from Chief Marcel Happyjack, Paul John Murdoch explained that indeed the issue related to the reconfiguration of Category I lands for Waswanipi was complicated due to the position being taken by the Ministry of Transport which is trying to reserve aggregate for road works.

4. Cree Canada Relations

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that the office of the Cree Nation Government were doing well but that the office in Montreal and Ottawa were very challenging to operate due to COVID-19 restrictions. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled and reviewed on Cree Canada relations a copy of which is attached hereto.

5. Cree Development Corporation

Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a report entitled, “Report on the Implementation of the Cree Development Corporation”, a copy of which is attached hereto. Paul John Murdoch explained that the Executive Committee had been issued a Directive to propose candidates for the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation and that it would be very helpful if the Board/Council at least reviewed the qualifications for Board members so that the Executive Committee could identify viable candidates consequentially. He added that the recommendation was to reserve the date of August 12th, 2020 to discuss only the Cree Development Corporation.

Irene Neeposh inquired as to what the senior administration would look like. Paul John Murdoch responded that the draft By-Law foresaw a President/CEO, Chief Investment Officer and Chief Financial Officer (Treasurer). Mrs. Neeposh stated that she would like the Cree Nation Government Board of Compensation to be part of the discussion because she was concerned about duplication and that there were local concerns of being overshadowed by the Cree Development Corporation which would access opportunities in the region and for this reason, she was very concerned. Mrs. Neeposh also inquired how the Cree Development Corporation could compliment the work that was done on a procurement process. Paul John Murdoch stated that he would make sure the CNG BOC would be invited on the 12th and given the documentation in advance. He also stated that the current exercise should be distinguished from all previous initiatives to implement the Cree Development Corporation and that a report commissioned by the Board of Compensation made a clear distinction between the mandate of the Cree Development Corporation and the Board of Compensation. He explained that the mandates were different and if the Board of Compensation or CREECO wished to work with the CDC later they would be free to discuss that together.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum reminded everyone that the CDC is actually meant to replace SODAB which was to be a structure equivalent to SDBJ. He explained that when the Paix des Braves was negotiated the idea was to preserve the SODAB obligations and roll them into a new entity, which is to be a joint entity with the Government of Quebec for major initiatives. He added that in the early days of the Paix des Braves there were no projects per se so the starting point was about

capitalization and this is where the idea came for seeking assets and funds from the Board of Compensation and CREECO. These two entities felt that this was a take-over and understandably resisted. It is for this reason that there is no attempt to bring the Board of Compensation or CREECO in.

Irene Neeposh inquired is the CDC was an investors group or a contractor. Paul John Murdoch explained that it would act like an investor triggering the feasibility of infrastructure projects that the Cree could then direct contracts to Cree entities. The CDC would not act as contractor but rather the giver of work.

Irene Neeposh stated that the Governance and Ethics Committee should be neutral from the Board of Directors to ensure its independence.

Grand Chief Abel Bosum stated that the CDC will be an investment vehicle where by the Government of Quebec will invest in the Cree and the territory.

Daniel Mark Stewart inquired as the fund available to the Cree Development Corporation. Paul John Murdoch explained funds had been set aside since 2005 from annual allocations and that there were also funds and assets in SODAB which is to be rolled into the CDC. He explained that a financial report would be presented on the 12th.

There was a discussion on what would be the best process for doing the technical work for setting up the CDC. The Grand Chief explained that the General By-Law and the initial Board of Directors would be a good start.

6. Housing

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director and Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a document entitled, "Community Private Housing Initiative; Toolkit for the Local Government Housing Administrator", a copy of which is attached hereto. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that financial institutions have stated that they will be waiving the traditional Band guarantees which had been demanded in the past.

Chief Bobbish asked about the approval process and expressed concern on the involvement of the Management Committee, when it is the Treasurer who is authorized to approve. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that it was related to the financial authority of the Treasurer versus the Committee. There was a discussion on how the processing can be expedited in a similar fashion to forestry projects which are processed administratively and then ratified later at a Committee. The Grand Chief agreed that a simplified process should be identified.

There was a discussion on examining the need to impose a condition requiring insurance.

Irene Neeposh wanted to emphasize that it appeared the individuals were being prevented from entering the real estate industry. Paul John Murdoch explained that the individuals, local government and local development corporations were allowed to access the subsidy program. So Cree individuals could access the fund to develop multiple units if they wish.

Gordon Blackned stated that he has gone 12 to 13 years with mortgage insurance or housing insurance.

7. Insurance

Anthony MacLeod, Director of Commerce and Industry joined the meeting and tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, "Housing Insurance; Department of Commerce and Industry", a copy of which is attached hereto.

There was a discussion on how to improve access for homeowners to insurance. There was considering of past initiative to look at self or internal group insurance, which was part of a different directive than the one that resulted in the current report. Anthony MacLeod, Director of Commerce and Industry stated the current report was trying to focus on access the private market and making it available to Crees on a fair market basis.

Irene Neeposh stated it might be time to consider facilitating the establishment of a Cree insurance broker.

8. Cree Board of Health

Bella Petawabano, John Hurley, Daniel St-Amour, Marcel Villeneuve joined the meeting and provided a presentation on their revision of Act S5 which governs the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay. The presentation was entitled, "New Cree Health Act (Chapter S-5 Revision)", a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum explained that the idea was to move forward with Quebec legislation but also having our own Cree legislation in relation to these important entities. He stated that the internal and external discussions would be done simultaneously to expand Cree self-governance.

James Bobbish inquired if the discussion on the new legislation would relate to an amendment to section 14 of the JBNQA specially to take into account cultural matters. The Grand Chief stated that there is an opportunity to amend the JBNQA in a manner that improves matters then it would be taken. John Hurley explained that there have been expansion of Cree rights and authorities such as the Governance Agreement which led to an amendment to the JBNQA, i.e. Section 11.

Paul John Murdoch wanted to point out that the negotiations were very important for such as issues as to when the elections for the Chairperson are called which is currently under the authority of the Minister and not of the Cree people. John Hurley confirmed that this was exactly the type of issue that was needed to be addressed in the future.

9. Financial Statements

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer table and reviewed a memorandum to the Board/Council concerning the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto. Sylvain Faucher, Auditor from Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton joined the meeting and table and presented the audited financial statements of Cree Nation Government, Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), Eenou Eeyou Limited Partnership and Cree Heritage Fund Foundation, copies of which are attached hereto.

Irene Neeposh inquired who reviews the financial statements a long side with activity reports. Matthew Swallow, Treasurer stated that most funds received are through funding agreement so very often when reporting is done under Funding Agreements activity reports are provided. The Grand Chief explained that there was a lot of reporting that was also done through the various annual reports. He added that there was also a Management Committee that supervises a lot of the administration, including the Executive Committee and the regular reporting that happens at the Board/Council level. Irene Neeposh inquired as to how the reallocation of funds is decided. The Treasurer and Pascal Chadronnet explained that once a budget is approved in December there can be no reallocations that supersede the financial authority of the Director, Treasurer, Management Committee or Executive Committee.

Irene Neeposh then inquired as to how we manage surpluses or deficits. Michael Petawabano, Deputy Executive Director explained that there was an engagement session being planned with a number of Directors to ensure that funds are properly allocated and accessed by the communities. He added that often times it was a matter of communication as the funds can often be limited in how they can be directed. He explained that the overall objective is to bring down surpluses. In order to avoid micromanagement was there are process that activity reports can be matched to activity reports or find a way that someone can confirm that the financial statements are accurate, or we are doing the best we can in managing our funds, i.e. such as an audit committee composed of Board/Council members that can go through the financial statements.

Chief Wynne inquired if there was a Cree replacement policy for the use of 3rd party advisors or consultants being used by the Cree Nation Government. The Grand Chief stated that one of the reasons that he was pushing so hard on capacity building was for exactly this reason.

Daniel Mark Stewart inquired if there was leeway in funding to allow the Cree Nation Government to be better prepared should there be another pandemic. The Grand Chief stated that he discussed the issue with Cree School Board and the Cree Board of Health. He explained that we were exceptionally lucky to have individuals like Daniel St-Amour who is an exceptional

at how to respond in these urgent situations. The Grand Chief stated that one of the challenges is that we negotiate funding for our planned needs and emergency are hard to plan. He stated that as our self-governance increase our ability to allocate funds according to our own priorities would also be expected to increase.

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director provided a profile of the administration of the Cree Nation Government and explained that budgets were developed in collaboration with local D.O.'s and Treasurers. He also explained that Board/Council members need to understand that the auditors worked for them and not for the administration or management.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull agreed that the Cree Nation Government does a lot in planning and reporting but more needs to be done to ensure that local needs are properly reflected in programs and initiatives. She added that this requires a reflection of where we have come from and where we are going, she stated that perhaps a mandate could be given to the auditors to reflect on.

On a motion duly made by Chief Marcel Happyjack and seconded by Chief Thomas Neeposh the Councilors adopted:

Resolution 2020-08: 2019-2020 Adoption of Financial Statements

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government have reviewed the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby approved the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government and further mandate the Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum and Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull to sign the fore mentioned financial statements.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth Cheezo and seconded by Chief Davey Bobbish the Councilors adopted:

Resolution 2020-09: Recommendation of Auditors for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government have reviewed the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby recommends to the Delegates at the Annual General Assembly to retain the firm of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton as auditors of the organization.

10. Fund Management

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled a report entitled, "Report on the EELP Early Deployment due to Market Conditions", a copy of which is attached hereto. The reported demonstrated that the acceleration of payments to the Cree Heritage Fund Foundation while the market was low has resulted in significant gains adding an addition \$1.6 Million in returns.

11. Community audited Financial Statements

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer tabled and reviewed correspondence entitled, "Status Report on Community Audited Financial Statements", a copy of which is attached hereto. He also tabled a financial newsletter that he wanted to table at the Annual General Assembly which gave an over view on the financial situation of the Cree Nation Government.

12. COVID-19 Funding for Communities

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer tabled and reviewed correspondence entitled, "Update on COVID-19 Funding for Communities", a copy of which is attached hereto.

13. Grande Alliance

Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a report entitled, "La Grande Alliance: Memorandum of Understanding on the Cree Quebec Sustainable Infrastructure Development Program in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Region", a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum explained that this was a unique opportunity for the Cree Nation to be involved in the planning of the future. He added that this was the dream of the negotiators in 1975 when they put structures in place like SODAB that were thought to play an important role. Unfortunately, that did not happen, and we ended up negotiating for contracts or leftovers. The exercise is to figure what is feasible and then decide what we will do with this. He stated that this was not dissimilar to the Manitoba Crees that bought the railway on their territory. This will give as edge over future development changing from always a reactionary mode. He added that discussion have been initiated with Federal representatives and there is a lot of interest to see how the Cree Nation takes advantage of the opportunity. He explained that the relationship takes a lot of effort and maintenance, it is made more challenging because we have to deal with envy.

Irene Neeposh inquired if there couldn't be benchmarks established to ensure that we protect our culture and she warned about the impact of access on the ability to retain our culture. She

suggested that there be a cultural committee to ensure the protection of the Cree culture among the Committees that were created as part of the governance structure. Paul John Murdoch explained that cultural sensitivity or values were to be part of the values of every committee as the MOU was not about cultural development per se.

The Grand Chief stated that it was important to remember that this is a planning exercise, and we are starting with protected areas. He added that it was important to keep in mind that we would also have to go through Section 22 and any project resulting from the planning would need to be socially acceptable. Finally, he hoped that through guidance of our elders and organization mandated with protecting our culture participate as much as possible.

The Committee discussed the holding of a special meeting to discuss the Cree Development Corporation.

John Matoush stated that the Governance structure had to be corrected to add Tina Petawabano to the Implementation Committee as had been agreed to previously at Board/Council.

Daniel Mark Stewart inquired as to what the impact of Grande Alliance has on other files with Quebec. The Grand Chief explained that it was a great tool for generating momentum and getting access to the Ministries on other fronts. He stated that it was an example of Nation to Nation relationship and should accelerate other items. Daniel Mark Stewart inquired how other groups are receiving it. The Grand Chief stated that other political parties are reacting positively to the initiative.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum shared the names that were in consideration so far for the Cree Development Corporation but who have yet to be approached: Richard Shecapio, Louie-Rene Kanatewat, Kathy Moses, Jeff Petagumksum, Anthony MacLeod. He invited people to send names if they had suggestions.

14. Mistissini Access Road

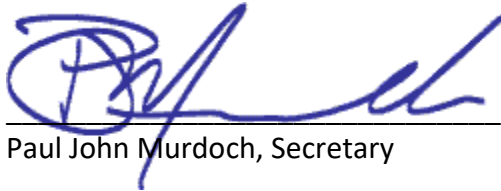
Chief Thomas Neeposh explained that in 2018 at the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government General Assembly a Resolution was passed supporting the development of the 2nd access road. He explained that there was someone engaged to build the file. He explained that the first justification was safety, and the other was social benefit of reducing travel distance for communities and future mines like Moblan or Troilus. He explained that his Council supported the initiative and seeking additional support from the Cree Nation Government. He added that he has been meeting with Government representatives on the status of the initiative. He stated that they were looking for resources to begin studies.

15. Minutes

Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed the minutes of December 10th to the 12th, 2019, January 28th & 29th, and March 17th, 2020. On a motion duly made by James and seconded by Chief Marcel Happyjack the Councilors adopted:

Resolution 2020-10: Approval of the Minutes of meetings of the Board/Council held on December 10th to the 12th, 2019, January 28th & 29th, and March 17th, 2020

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.



Paul John Murdoch, Secretary

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1. Corporate Matters

Present: Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum
Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull
Chief Davey Bobbish James Bobbish
Chief Marcel Happyjack Irene Neeposh
Chief Kenneth Cheezo Daniel Mark-Stewart
Chief Curtis Bosum Gaston Cooper
Chief Christina Gilpin Frank Atsynia
Chief Clark Shecapio Gordon Blackned
Chief Thomas Neeposh John Matoush
Chief Clarence Jolly John Henry Wapachee
Chief Louisa Wynne John Mamianskum

Observers Chief Alan Jolly
Chief Annie Mapachee Salt Billy Katapatuk

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the By-Laws and there being a quorum the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:30 am.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

The Directors reviewed the agenda and on a motion duly made by Gaston Cooper and seconded by Chief Thomas Neeposh the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2020-11 Adoption of the Agenda for a meeting of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government held on August 19th, 2020

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum and Paul John Murdoch tabled and presented a Presentation on the activation of the Cree Development Corporation, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Chief Clarence Jolly inquired if communities could participate directly in the Corporations activities and invest as well. Paul John Murdoch explained that there was nothing preventing or limiting the possibility.

Derrick Neeposh, President stated that he was originally concerned with the potential overlap with the Cree Nation Government Board of Compensation but was reassured that it did not appear that the funds or resources of the Board of Compensation or CREECO will remain distinct from the Cree Development Corporation. Paul John Murdoch confirm that this was indeed the case.

Chief Allan Jolly stated that he was very happy with the direction and inquired about the role that the observer communities could play in the Cree Development Corporation.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum explained that the role of MoCreebec on Board/Council as an observer would be able to follow very closely and identify opportunities to benefit or participate as they arose in all activities of the Cree Development Corporation. He added that getting the CDC moving in the context of the Grande Alliance, especially in regard to Protected Areas which are very urgent at this time.

Daniel Mark Stewart inquired how the candidates were recruited. It was explained that since December it has been open for members to submit candidates, such that 3 candidates were recruited by the Executive Committee and 3 were nominated from Board/Council members.

Chief Gilpin inquired as to any conditions of funding from the Government wanting to confirm that the Cree Development Corporation would be Cree owned.

There was then a discussion on the composition of the Board of Directors and the participation of the Director of Commerce and Industry. Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum provided it would be good to attach the Commerce Industry to ensure the participation of the proper Government of Quebec Ministries, explaining that the establishment of permanent links with certain Ministries like Economics and Innovation can be very beneficial.

Paul John Murdoch introduced all the candidates that had agreed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation presenting profiles for each candidate which are attached hereto.

The Board/Council members held a vote from among the proposed candidates.

On a motion duly made by Chief Curtis Bosum and seconded by Chief Clark Shecapio the Councilors adopted:

Resolution 2020-12: Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has considered candidates to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation created pursuant to the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby name:

Kanatewat, Louie-Rene;
Moses, Katherine;
Shecapio, Richard; and
the Director of Commerce and Industry, Anthony MacLeod
to the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation

The Board/Council members selected from among the proposed candidates the Chairperson for the Cree Development Corporation.

On a motion duly made by John Matoush and seconded by Chief Curtis Bosum the members adopted:

Resolution 2020-13: Chairperson of the Cree Development Corporation

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has identified candidates to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation and wish to identify the individual to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors from among these candidates;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby recommend that all actions be taken to facilitate the nomination of Richard Shecapio as the Chairperson of the Cree Development Corporation as per the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec

Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed the job description for the Chief Executive Officer of the Cree Development Corporation, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief stated that the position was very important to the successful activation of the Cree Development Corporation and that he was happy that there was an opportunity to approach Davey Bobbish, who has decided not to run for Chief as the CEO. The Grand Chief felt that Davey Bobbish had all the necessary skills to ensure a successful launch and future for the Cree Development Corporation.

Davey Bobbish stated that he looked forward to the challenge and felt that it was natural progression in service to his community and the Cree Nation. He stated that he would be very proud should his candidacy as CEO be accepted. Davey Bobbish then excused himself from the meeting.

The Grand Chief stated that as soon as he knew that Mr. Bobbish would not be running for re-election he approach considering that he was such a strong candidate. The Board members discussed the job description and changed Cree fluency from advisable to required.

Irene Neeposh stated that considering it was an appointment that there should perhaps be a term. Paul John Murdoch explained that a term was not necessarily advisable considering the Senior Management could be released should there be problems but that the establishment of a term could complicate matters.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull agreed that Davey Bobbish was likely the strongest candidate but that she did not feel that the process was very objective as others were not given the opportunity to present themselves for the position. She stated that she would have preferred the Board of Directors make recommendations on candidates. She stated that there were perhaps other candidates that could be qualified and identified through posting.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that the position was so important that it was not something you should leave to chance and that Governments always appoint to their key organizations or Crown corporations because they are so important. He explained that Davey Bobbish came with a lot of credibility that would help the organization.

On a motion duly made by Chief Thomas Neeposh and seconded by Chief Marcel Happyjack the Councilors adopted:

Resolution 2020-14: Chief Executive Officer of the Cree Development Corporation and Activation of the Cree Development Corporation

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government is the sole and controlling shareholder of the Cree Development Corporation created pursuant to the Agreement Concerning a New relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec;

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has nominated representatives of the Cree Nation to the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation and continues to work with the Government of Quebec for the nomination of representatives by the Government of Quebec;

WHEREAS there is a need for the Cree Development Corporation in the context of the development and implementation of the Cree Quebec Infrastructure Program through the Grande Alliance relationship;

WHEREAS there is important work required to be carried out in the building of a proper and efficient management team for the Cree Development Corporation;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby recommends Mr. Davey Bobbish, as the President/Chief Executive Officer of the Cree

Development Corporation and further mandates Mr. Davey Bobbish to work with the representatives named to the Board of Directors and the Senior Management of the Cree Nation Government in the full activation of the Cree Development Corporation;

THAT the Board/Council Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government further mandates Matthew Swallow, Treasurer to administer the funds set aside for the Cree Development Corporation in the full activation of the Corporation until such time as a Service Agreement is put in place to formalize the services and support to be provided by the Cree Nation Government.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull and Irene Neeposh voted against the Resolution citing the process as the reason they could not agree.

There was discussion on the naming of a candidate to the Cree Development Corporation Governance and Ethics Committee which would for example supervise the development and application of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy. Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull nominated Irene Neeposh who stated that she would not be able to accept at this time. It was agreed that the issue could be addressed at a later date.

Davey Bobbish joined the meeting and thanked the Board/Council members for their confidence and looked forward to representing and working for the Cree Nation in this new way.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting adjourned at noon.



Paul John Murdoch, Secretary

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1. Corporate Matters

Present: Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum
Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull
Chief Daisy House John Matoush
Chief Marcel Happyjack Irene Neeposh
Chief Kenneth Cheezo Daniel Mark-Stewart
Chief Curtis Bosum Gaston Cooper
Chief Christina Gilpin Frank Atsynia
Chief Clark Shecapio Gordon Blackned
Chief Thomas Neeposh John Matoush
Chief Clarence Jolly John Henry Wapachee
Chief Robbie Kawapit John Mamianskum

Observers Chief Alan Jolly
Chief Annie Mapachee Salt Jean Denis Cananaso

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the By-Laws and there being a quorum the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 1:30 pm.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

The Directors reviewed the agenda and on a motion duly made by John Matoush and seconded by Gaston Cooper the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2020-15: Adoption of the Agenda for a meeting of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government held on September 22nd and 23rd, 2020

2. COVID-19

The meeting began with a briefing on COVID-19 with the participation of representatives of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay concluding with the finalization of a COVID-19 Bulletin for the Cree Nation, a copy of which is attached hereto.

3. Cree Canada Relations

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled and reviewed a report on Cree Canada Relations a copy of which is attached hereto. The Grand Chief stated we could expect significant stimulus packages next summer in attempts by the Federal Government to boost the economy which will be suffering the negative effects of the pandemic.

4. Cree School Board Update

Sarah Pashagumskum joined the meeting with Denis Blanchette, they tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, “Modernization of the Education Act for Cree, Inuit and Naskapi Native Persons” a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum explained that he had also sought the assistance of Peter Coon in the drafting of the Cree Law on education.

Irene Neeposh inquired if examination was given to recognizing traditional teachings and the way of life especially in the context of “Compulsory School Attendance”. Dr. Pashagumskum explained that there is considerable effort to integrating traditional teachings into the school system including on the land instruction at all levels of instruction.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull inquired about how elders and community members could be recognized as instructors for passing on traditional activity. She also inquired if the Post Secondary Program would be reviewed considering the times and particular needs of students during these difficult times. Finally, she inquired about Special Needs for students which are critical to development and proper child development.

Dr. Pashagumskum explained that the Cree School Board is working on the establishment of a Department specifically designed for support the development of Cree culture and language initiatives. She added that there was an increase in students for Post-Secondary and in funding negotiations funds were increased and allowed for the creation of additional opportunities to assist students. She explained that there was study done with students to identify how their needs were evolving. There are also significant increases in funding for special needs that would allow for an increase in personnel and the development of additional resources.

On a motion duly made by Daniel Mark Stewart and seconded by John Henry Wapachee the members adopted:

Resolution 2020-16: Amendment of Education Act for the Crees

WHEREAS the Cree School Board was established as an instrument of Cree self-government in education pursuant to Section 16 of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA)*;

WHEREAS the Cree School Board is governed by the provisions of Section 16 JBNQA and of the *Education Act for Cree, Inuit and Naskapi Native Persons (Education Act 1978)*;

WHEREAS the provisions of the Education Act 1978 that apply expressly to the Cree School Board have remained essentially unchanged since 1978;

WHEREAS under paragraph 16.0.35 JBNQA, the Cree and Quebec have agreed to modify the provisions of the law that apply to the Crees and the Cree School Board in respect of compulsory school attendance;

WHEREAS Cree and Quebec representatives have agreed to propose an amendment of the Education Act 1978 to enable the Cree School Board to determine through its own by-law the remuneration of the chairperson and commissioners;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation, acting through the Cree School Board in collaboration with the Cree Nation Government, wishes to submit to the Government of Quebec a proposed amendment of the Education Act 1978 in order to fulfil the aforementioned commitments and to address other matters of immediate concern, the whole as presented at this meeting by the Chairperson of the Cree School Board and legal counsel;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government hereby support a proposed amendment of the Education Act 1978 as presented at this meeting by the Chairperson of the Cree School Board and legal counsel;

THAT the Grand Chief and Chairman be and is hereby authorized to collaborate with the Cree School Board to ensure the enactment of this amendment of the Education Act 1978 by the Government of Quebec and to do all things useful or necessary to carry out the foregoing resolution.

5. EEPF Capital Agreement

Bill Namagoose explained that there was a Policing Agreement from 2018 to 2028 except for capital which was not able to be settled by the time the Agreement had been settled. He explained that housing was the main sticking point in negotiations. Bill Namagoose explained this issue was finally settle by providing for an amount on capital but remaining silent on its applicability to housing.

On a motion duly made by Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull and seconded by John Matoush the members adopted:

Resolution 2020-17: Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement concerning the Funding of the Eeyou- Eenuou Police Force for the 2018-2019 to 2027-2028 financial years

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Government / Grand Council of the Crees, Québec and Canada signed a 2018-2028 Police Funding Agreement in 2018 ("**2018 EEPF Funding Agreement**"), which was approved through resolution 2018-52 of the Executive / Executive Committee;

WHEREAS the 2018 EEPF Funding Agreement is for a ten-year period and provides for the level of operational funding, annual adjustments, use of funds, reports and audits, among other things;

WHEREAS it was not possible to finalize discussions on major capital funding and the transportation of accused persons when the 2018 EEPF Funding Agreement was signed and the parties agreed to continue the discussions on these subjects;

WHEREAS discussions have been held and it is now possible to resolve the issue of major capital funding through the proposed *Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement concerning the Funding of the Eeyou-Eenou Police Force for the 2018-2019 to 2027-2028 financial years* appended hereto as **Schedule A**;

WHEREAS the proposed *Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement concerning the Funding of the Eeyou-Eenou Police Force for the 2018-2019 to 2027-2028 financial years* also clarifies certain components of the 2018 EEPF Funding Agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the *Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement concerning the Funding of the Eeyou-Eenou Police Force for the 2018-2019 to 2027-2028 financial years* is approved, substantially in the form appended hereto as **Schedule A**;

THAT the Executive Director of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) / Cree Nation Government may authorize changes to *Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement concerning the Funding of the Eeyou-Eenou Police Force for the 2018-2019 to 2027-2028 financial years* appended hereto as **Schedule A** not affecting the substance thereof and in accordance with Cree rights and interests;

THAT the chairman of the Cree Nation Government and the Deputy Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) be authorized to sign *Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement concerning the Funding of the Eeyou-Eenou Police Force for the 2018-2019 to 2027-2028 financial years* on behalf of the Cree Nation Government and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee).

6. Landkeepers Of Eeyou Istchee

Nadia Saganash joined the meeting and provided a presentation entitled, “Eeyou Istchee Land Keepers”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

7. Nominations to Executive Committees

The members held a vote and nominated Chief Clark Shecapio to the Executive Committee of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Executive Committee.

On a motion duly made by Chief Kenneth Cheezo and seconded by Chief Christina Gilpin the members adopted:

Resolution 2020-18: Nomination of Chief Clark Shecapio to the GCC(EI)/CNG Executive Committee

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby name Chief Clark Shecapio to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Executive Committee.

The members nominated Chief Curtis Bosum to the Executive Committee of the Eeyou Istchee Baie James Regional Government Executive Committee.

On a motion duly made by John Matoush and seconded by John Mamianskum the members adopted:

Resolution 2020-19: Nomination of Chief Curtis Bosum to the EIBJRG Executive Committee

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Chief Curtis Bosum to be a Cree representative to the Eeyou Istchee Baie James Regional Government Executive Committee.

8. Cree Quebec Relations

Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a report entitled, "Cree Quebec Relations", a copy of which is attached hereto. The Grand Chief explained that there was much work to do in studies and consultation before any projects will be available for consideration by the Cree Nation.

Davey Bobbish joined the meeting and explained the efforts being undertaken in the establishment of the Cree Development Corporation. He explained that there was much to do in the establishment of the Corporation from securing physical office, ensuring the proper human resource policies are in place with the appropriate job descriptions and also the putting in order the affairs of SODAB for when it is absorbed into the Cree Development Corporation. He explained that putting together a strong management team will be very important. He stated that all of this work was being undertaken while assisting and ensuring proper Cree representation at the different committees set up pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Cree Quebec Sustainable Infrastructure Program.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that he was very pleased and proud of the candidates that were chosen for the Cree Development Corporation representing strong young Cree leadership.

Chief Marcel Happyjack shared an experience where Mayor Gamache had approached him to discuss the expansion of the municipal boundaries of Chapais. He stated that he was not necessarily opposed to the initiative, but he was concerned, and community members had many questions before it could move forward. Chief Happyjack stated that he was very pleased with the visit and the time that was taken to meet with community members and land users on the protected areas file and forestry operations. Lastly, he mentioned that his community was very concerned with moose and the status of the moose population.

Chief Daisy House stated that she wanted to invite Davey Bobbish and other representatives of the Cree Nation Government to speak at the local assembly scheduled for November in Chisasibi to discuss the Cree Development Corporation and the Grande Alliance.

John Matoush stated that the same type of presentation would be appreciated at the Winter Assembly of Mistissini.

9. Community Capital Projects

Chief Clark Shecapio stated that he wanted to make sure that track and field facilities could be consider part of critical community projects especially considering all of the indoor facilities that are likely to close because of the pandemic. The Grand Chief stated that Bill Namagoose would be mandated to raise the issue at the next Directors of Operations and Treasurers meeting.

10. Calendar of Meeting

Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed the proposed 2021 calendar of regular meetings, a copy which is attached hereto.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting adjourned on September 23rd, 2020.



Paul John Murdoch, Secretary

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1. Corporate Matters

Present: Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum
Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull
Chief Daisy House James Bobbish
Chief Marcel Happyjack Irene Neeposh
Chief Kenneth Cheezo Daniel Mark-Stewart
Chief Curtis Bosum Gaston Cooper
Chief Christina Gilpin Frank Atsynia
Chief Clark Shecapio Gordon Blackned
Chief Thomas Neeposh John Matoush
Chief Clarence Jolly John Henry Wapachee
John Mamianskum

Observers Chief Alan Jolly
Chief Annie Mapachee Salt Jean Denis Cananaso

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the By-Laws and there being a quorum the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 1:30 pm.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

The Grand Chief explained that the Special meeting was being called to address specific issues related to the Grande Alliance and some administrative matters associated with the Cree Development Corporation.

2. Grande Alliance

Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, "Implementation of MOU on the Cree-Quebec Sustainable Infrastructure Development Program", a copy of which is attached hereto.

Protected Areas

James Bobbish inquired as to how reliable or dependable a delegation of ministerial authorities such as was being contemplated. Paul John Murdoch explained that it would depend on the nature of the management agreement that could expect to be negotiated.

Chief Happyjack stated the community had presented its own protected areas plans and initiative to Lebel-Sur-Quevillon and to the Regional Government so he did not agree that the Jamesians would complain that they were not aware of what was being discussed on protected areas. Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull confirmed that the Jamesians had been informed through

committees such as RBJ so they could not claim to be kept in the dark on how protected areas were evolving.

John Henry Wapachee inquired as to the horizon for the management plan. Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull stated that despite the advanced state of discussions there was working going on to develop tools to properly inform community members on all aspects of protected areas. She added that through secured funding tools were to be developed to ensure that the Cree Nation was well positioned to assume the management of protected areas.

Chief Clark Shecapio inquired if there was sufficient data to ensure a good economic assessment on the impact of the proposed areas. Paul John Murdoch explained that ESIA process would ensure that everything is properly studied and documented before having final permanent status.

There was a discussion on the duration and the nature of consultations that are entailed by the environmental and social impact assessment process. Chief House stated that it was important that communities are informed that this is an ongoing process and would require extensive community collaboration.

The Grand Chief stated that he saw to consultation and the central role that the Cree Nation Government was playing in the planning and consultation was unique opportunity for capacity building. He stated it was imperative that we take advantage of the opportunity for capacity building because he suspected that community members will always be hesitant to approve things if they perceive a depends on outside human resources versus our own experts and people.

Chief Jolly inquired as to which authority was being used for protected the proposed areas that were presented. Paul John Murdoch explained the current proposal was for provincial legislation but that this do not prevent the use or development of other tools.

There was a discussion on the apparent shift in concentration of protected areas to the South. Paul John Murdoch explained that this was intentional considering it was the southern areas of Eeyou Istchee that were the most susceptible and needed the greatest protection at this time especially considering the overlapping industries of Forestry and mining. He explained that the moment generated through the Grande Alliance with Ministries such as MERN explained why contrary to the past the Ministry really made an exceptional effort to support the protection of areas in the South of Eeyou Istchee when they never would have done this before.

CDC/SODAB

Davey Bobbish explained that Richard Shecapio accepted a position with the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay and that he felt this early in his employment he would not have the time necessary to dedicate to the roll of Chairperson of the CDC/SODAB. Davey Bobbish explained that a poll of the Board Directors suggested that they would very satisfied and

supportive of a decision to name Katherine Moses as the Chairperson who agreed to assume the challenge if entrusted with the nomination by Board/Council.

Davey Bobbish summarized the activities of CDC/SODAB in the implementation of the MOU on Infrastructure.

On a motion duly made by Daniel Mark Stewart and seconded by John Henry Wapachee the members adopted:

Resolution 2020-20: Nomination of Katherine Moses as Chairperson of the Cree Development Corporation/SODAB

WHEREAS Richard Shecapio is no local able to pursue the nomination of Chairperson of the Cree Development Corporation as per the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Agreement Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominate Katherine Moses to act as Chairperson of the Cree Development Corporation as per the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Agreement Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting adjourned at 5 pm.



Paul John Murdoch, Secretary

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1. Corporate Matters

Present: Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum
Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull
Chief Daisy House Robbie Tapiatic
Chief Marcel Happyjack Irene Neeposh
Chief Kenneth Cheezo Daniel Mark-Stewart
Chief Curtis Bosum Gaston Cooper
Chief Christina Gilpin Frank Atsynia
Chief Clark Shecapio Gordon Blackned
Chief Thomas Neeposh John Matoush
Chief Clarence Jolly John Henry Wapachee
Chief Robbie Kawapit John Mamianskum

Observers Chief Alan Jolly
Chief Annie Mapachee Salt Jean Denis Cananso

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the By-Laws and there being a quorum the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:30 am.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

2. COVID-19

Bertie Wapachee, Chairperson of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay, Dr Ouimet, Director of Public Health. Daniel St-Amour, Director General of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services and Paul Linton joined the meeting and gave an update on the stat of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Eeyou Istchee.

Paul John Murdoch reviewed the Draft COVID-19 Bulletin for November 17th, 2020.

Gaston Cooper thank all the Health Board representatives on the hard work combating the COVID-19 pandemic. He inquired what could be done to assist post-secondary students who have surely had a rough semester when they come home. The Grand Chief explained that measures were being considered such as extending the period which schools and businesses are closed and that the Cree leadership would continue examining solutions.

Chief Clarke Shecapio stated that it was important to consider the Cree residents who are required to frequent long term care facilities or regular treatment such as dialysis patients.

3. Cree Canada Relations

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled and reviewed a report entitled, “Report on Cree-Canada Relations GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government Board/Council Meeting, November 17th and 18th, 2020”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel explained the efforts that were being undertaken to ensure the implementation of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He added that at a meeting with the Federal Minister of Justice a commitment was made that legislation would be tabled in Canada for December.

Chief Marcel Happyjack inquired about the existence or extension of Federal Government programs aimed at assisting businesses. He also inquired that status of a land claim initiated by the Atikamekw community. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director and Anthony MacLeod, Director of Commerce and Industry explained that funds had been given directly to the Eeyou Economic Group by the Federal Government and that there were other funds that could be accessed on a project by project basis. The Grand Chief stated that the Atikamekw situation would be reported on next week.

Chief House inquired which banks are confirming that they do not require Band guarantees. Chief House also inquired if individuals could access the private housing initiative fund. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that as far as he knows all banks have agreed to waive Band guarantees. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that originally there was reference to Cree entrepreneurs for the housing fund but considering the debate on entrepreneurs access the fund the reference was removed, which could be addressed later should the Board/Council wish.

Chief Clarence Jolly inquired if there would be funds available for 2021 in relation to COVID-19 relief. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director stated that the message from the Government was so long as the pandemic was on there would be continued support but it is not clear at this time what that will like.

Chief Alan Jolly inquired about the convocation of a special forum for working on the Housing Strategy. He explained that MoCreebec used to access housing maintenance housing funds which have been reallocated to other groups and they do not know how to access to funding and provided examples of homes that were in dire need of assistance. Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that the issue could be raised at the Cree Canada table.

John Henry Wapachee inquired if there were funds to address mental health issues during the trying times of the Pandemic. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that the \$8 million that was disbursed last year did have mental health initiatives as one of the possible uses of the funds.

Stella Masty Bearskin raised the crisis of domestic violence in the context of the pandemic and the need for a mental health strategy. She explained that the Cree Health Board needed help and the burden could not be placed entirely on them. She was also concerned for vulnerable members of the community such as the LGBTQ community. She stated that it was important to give hope to be people and let people know that the pandemic will not last forever. She stated that CWEIA would need assistance to play a greater role in supporting women.

The Grand Chief stated the mental health of our communities was indeed a critical issue and this is why all the leaders working together is very important. He explained that the Cree Nation Government was working hard to ensure that the indigenous communities were prioritized when it comes to the eventual vaccine roll out.

4. Quarterly Financial Update

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer tabled and reviewed a report entitled, “Financial Update for the Period Ending October 31, 2020” a copy attached hereto.

Richard Shecapio inquired if the annual fiscal planning of the Cree Nation Government could include the programs that the CTA are developing as part of traditional pursuits training. He also inquired the status of restoration of mining sites. The Grand Chief explained that the mining site clean up work although delayed has finally begun. He explained that there were a lot of delays but Adario Masty has been engaged specifically to address the file. The Grand Chief agreed that assistance for the traditional pursuits training was important and that he has approached the Cree School Board and the Cree health Board to have entities unite to support the development of traditional pursuit training programs.

Chief Thomas Neeposh inquired as to what happens with travel budgets and costs during this time. The Grand Chief stated that yes there were saving on the travel side however there are new costs associated with the pandemic so it is not clear at this time that there will be a surplus as such.

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director stated that for 2021 budgeting is such that there is an assumption that the 2021 construction will be more back to normal.

5. Cree Language Act

Rodney Mark, Director of Social and Cultural Development tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, “Language Update”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Rodney Mark, Director of Social and Cultural Development then informed the meeting of the efforts in recruiting a Cree Language Commissioner, Paul John Murdoch explained that the Cree Language Act specified that it was the Board/Council that had the authority to name the Cree

Language Commissioner. The Board/Council members were informed that the recommendation was that Jamie Moses be designated the First Cree Language Commissioner.

On a motion duly made by Irene Neeposh and seconded by John Henry Wapachee the Board/Council adopted:

Resolution 2020-21: Nomination of Cree Language Commissioner

WHEREAS by virtue of Article 14 of the Cree Language Act the Director of Cultural and Social Development has made a recommendation to the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government on the nomination of a Cree Language Commissioner for a term of five (5) years;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Mr. Jamie Moses as the Cree Language Commissioner under the Cree Language Act for a term of five (5) years.

Chief Thomas Neeposh stated that a local language conference was held and that there was a call for a local Language Commission and Commissioner.

John Henry Wapachee stated that it was important that translation services for written text be developed because it is a service difficult to find these days.

6. Offices of the Cree Nation Government

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that the Cree Nation Government offices in Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec City remain closed with people working from home. He added that the Christmas holiday would be extended a week to give everyone a much-needed break.

7. 2nd Mistissini Access Road

Chief Thomas Neeposh explained that his community has been working on a 42 km second access road for his community. He explained that there have been a number of meetings with Quebec officials to raise the issue of having the access road developed both as a safety precaution but also to improve access to the territory. He stated that the community was looking for financial support so that the road can be studied and assessed from a feasibility point of view.

Grand Chief stated that the challenge would be that secondary roads were not Government obligations so we will have to find alternative sources for funding the development of the road.

On a motion duly made by Chief Curtis Bosum and seconded by Chief Kenneth Cheezoo the Board/Council adopted:

Resolution 2020-22: Secondary Access Road for the Cree Nation of Mistissini

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Mistissini is undertaking efforts for the establishment of a secondary access road for the community;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby directs Gillman Ottereyes, Director of Forestry, Melissa Saganash, Director of Quebec Relations and Anthony MacLeod, Director of Commerce and Industry to identify potential funding sources for the development of the road with oversight from Bill Namagoose, Executive Director and Michael Petawabano, Deputy Executive Director.

8. Protected Areas

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy, Chantal Tetrault, Nadia Saganash, Senior Advisor Cree-Quebec Governance Agreement Implementation and Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, “Eeyou Istchee Protected Areas and Conservation”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull commented on the extremely importance from community members of their contributions in the advancement of the protected areas initiatives.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that it was very good work but that we should not underestimate the number of groups that will continue to make it challenging for us to implement all the commitments that have been made so far.

Irene Neeposh inquired if there were National parks in Eeyou Istchee? Chantal Tetrault explained that there were Quebec “National” parks but there were not Federal “National” parks. She also explained that there were efforts to create marine protected areas which would be protected areas.

Chief Marcel Happyjack stated that in the Southern jurisdictions negotiating protected areas is extremely challenging because of the amount of competing natural resource development challenges. He added that non-Native vacation leases was also a very big problem. He stated that the strategy of Waswanipi was to try and get companies such as Forestry companies to support the communities protected areas initiatives.

Robbie Tapiatic inquired about the status of protected areas and how long they remain parcs once they are designated protected areas. Chantal Tetrault explained that once an area acquires the status of a protected area, it is permanent.

9. Cree Development Corporation

Davey Bobbish, CEO of the CDC/SODAB joined the meeting reviewing and tabling a document entitled, "Cree Development Corporation; November 18th, 2020", a copy of which is attached hereto.

John Henry Wapachee inquired about the efforts to inform the communities on the status of discussions with Quebec and if he could get some information on to what exactly SDBJ's mandate is. Davey Bobbish stated that he has participated in 4 community consultations explaining where we are in the implementation of the Grande Alliance and what it is. He explained that a public meeting was scheduled for Chisasibi shortly. He stated that there is a challenge to inform people that it is not a project but an opportunity to have communities determine which infrastructure they want to see and own. He explained that SDBJ was the development and investment vehicle for the Government of Quebec in Eeyou Istchee, from managing road maintenance to controlling funds for investment in specific mining projects.

Chief Marcel Happyjack stated that his community was still in discussions with the Osisko mine and are discussing transportation and energy needs. He stated that he wanted to demonstrate how the CDC and the community could work together on these types of projects.

Chief Christina Gilpin inquired what would happen now that Richard Shecapio has been named to the Board/Council resulting in a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Chief Gilpin also inquired as to when the protected areas would be pursued in the context of the Grande Alliance. Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that protected areas are prioritized and will be advance on priority basis and independently of the feasibility study or the pre-feasibility phase.

Paul John Murdoch explained that the recommendation from the Executive Committee was to nominate Brenda Weistche to the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation. Mrs. Weistche had previously been nominated and accepted the nomination.

On a motion duly made by Chief Christina Gilpin and seconded by John Mamianskum the Board/Council adopted:

Resolution 2020-23: Nomination of Brenda Weistche to the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation/SODAB

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government through the adoption of Resolution 2020-12 nominate individuals to the Board of

Directors of the Cree Development Corporation and there is now a vacancy due to the change in eligibility status of one of the nominees;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Brenda Weistche to the Board of Director of the Cree Development Corporation including the Board of Directors of the James Bay Native Development Corporation.

Daniel Mark Stewart objected to the adoption of the Resolution

Davey Bobbish stated that in regard to remuneration a formal proposal would be brought back to Board/Council.

Derreck Neeposh, Chairperson of the CNG Board of Compensation stated that the organization would be convening meetings with the Cree Development Corporation to ensure coordination between the two organizations.

10. Cree Quebec Relations

Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a Report entitled, "Cree Quebec Relations; Report to Board/Council; Cree Nation Government; November 2020", a copy of which is attached hereto.

Irene Neeposh inquired as to how protected areas would interact with the development discussions happening in the context of the Grande Alliance. Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that the discussions are on creating protected areas, taking concrete actions in this regard and also undertaking feasibility studies or pre-feasibility studies in regard to development. He added that in the past just getting a management agreement for parks could take more than 15 years. He stated that ultimately the goal was to secure protected areas, 20% immediately and a new 30% in the future and secure the management. He added that we should not forget that Section 22 will ensure that the Cree Nation will always have the ability to reject projects that cause unacceptable impacts. He emphasized that there was no project and that no project would be examined in the near future.

Paul John Murdoch explained that the only project at this time is protected areas. He explained that protected areas would be the only concrete measure and that anything that comes after would have to adapt to the protected areas.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull stated that it was important the principles of conservation be integrated into the feasibility studies and pre-feasibility studies. She added that there should be a cultural impacts assessment which would need to be done with elders.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum explained that this is exactly how the feasibility study and the pre-feasibility studies are to be designed, the goal is to place the communities first. He stated that groups like the Planning Commission would be very important going forward.

There was a discussion on how to ensure that cultural components of all aspects of land use planning, infrastructure planning and any development studies are properly considered and represented.

Davey Bobbish explained that what is sought is community engagement, not just consultations with communities where boxes are checked off. He stated that the goal will be to create study groups and local representatives to make sure that communities are fully involved.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that it is important the people understand that this is the Cree Nation taking charge of planning the future and we are not at this time proposing projects.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting adjourned at noon.



Paul John Murdoch, Secretary

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1. Corporate Matters

Present: Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum
Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull
Chief Daisy House Robbie Tapiatic
Chief Marcel Happyjack Irene Neeposh
Chief Kenneth Cheezo Daniel Mark-Stewart
Chief Curtis Bosum Gaston Cooper
Chief Christina Gilpin Frank Atsynia
Chief Clark Shecapio Gordon Blackned
Chief Thomas Neeposh John Matoush
Chief Clarence Jolly John Henry Wapachee
Chief Robbie Kawapit John Mamianskum

Observers Chief Alan Jolly
Chief Annie Mapachee Salt Jean Denis Cananaso

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the By-Laws and there being a quorum the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:30 am.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

The Directors reviewed the agenda and on a motion duly made by Chief Thomas Neeposh and seconded by Daniel Mark Stewart the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2020-24: Adoption of the Agenda for a meeting of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government held on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2020

2. COVID-19

Bertie Wapachee, Chairperson of the Health Board, Daniel St-Amour, Director General of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay, Dr. Ouimet, Director of Public Health and Paul Linton joined the meeting and provided an update on the status of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Pauline Hester Trapper of the Post-Secondary office joined the meeting with the Chairperson of the Cree School and provided a presentation on efforts that were being made to facilitate the return of Post-Secondary students home. The Presentation from the Post-Secondary proposed two types of isolation that could be made available to students subject to the openness of the communities to accommodate the process, a copy of the presentation is attached hereto.

Chief Marcel Happyjack stated that his local emergency preparedness committee would be meeting to discuss the matter shortly.

Gaston Cooper stated the he had three children in post-secondary and it has been very difficult for them and he appreciated every effort being made to accommodate them in the isolations that they will be asked to do.

Chief Curtis Bosum stated that their community met on the matter and have decided that everyone will be required to follow the 14 day isolation. Efforts are being made to provide accommodations when possible to allow people to complete the isolations.

Chief Thomas Neeposh stated that his emergency operations committee would be meeting on the issue to determine the best course of action.

Chief Jolly stated that he felt for the students during these trying times and that the community of Nemaska would be requiring a 14 day isolation. The Chief discussed the efforts that would be made to make the isolations easier and that it was important to reassure that the community was doing everything it could to protect the local population.

Chief Clarke Shecapio stated that the community will do what they can to assist people in achieving safe isolations when required. He stated that the options are being examined by the local community if it is 7/7 or 14 day isolation that will be followed.

Chief Kenneth Cheezo stated that the local committee has not yet met on the issue.

Chief Christina Gilpin stated that the local emergency committee has determined that 14 day isolation would be required. She understood that it was hard and so many in the community have sacrificed such as miners, Hydro-workers and other essential workers who have had to multiple isolations but it was important to keep the community sake.

Chief Daisy House stated that the local emergency committee is stating that they will require a 14 day isolation.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull stated that she would request that Chief's submit formal letter to the Cree School Board Post Secondary Office explaining which local isolation protocol is being made available to students. She also requested that Public Health issue a memo explaining what self-isolation would look like.

Chief Christina Gilpin was concerned that leadership was deviating from our approach of working together by having different protocols for different communities. Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull stated that each community had different capacities and for this reason each community was being asked to clarify their position.

Chief Robbie Kawapit explained the challenges of managing COVID-19 in Whapmagoostui. He stated that his community would do their best to accommodate students coming home.

Chief Marcel Happyjack stated that the community of Waswanipi would be providing the students the option of 7/7 isolation or 14 days in the community.

Paul John Murdoch reviewed the draft COVID-19 Bulletin for December 1st, 2020. There was discussion on to inform the students on what protocols are available in each of the communities.

3. Cree Nation Fiscal Cycle

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, "Implementation of the NRA and PdB including the Cree Nation Project Planning Approval Process", a copy of which is attached hereto.

John Henry Wapachee inquired if the funds set aside for the housing strategy are reflected in the financial planning.

Irene Neeposh thanked Bill Namagoose, Executive Director for the presentation and inquired about the correction of defects and expressed concern how this can be managed as it represents a considerable amount of waste and that standards must be respected to ensure accountability. She also inquired about the importance about commercial lot development. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that commercial lots could be accounted for in the "Institutional lots" category. He added that generally the quality of work over time is improving and that the majority of deficiencies today come from repairing municipal works back in the day when capital was very poor. He also stated that it is imperative for the giver of work, be it local council, that contractors are closely supervised to keep the accountable.

Chief Clarke Shecapio stated that he would like to see greater investment in broader community infrastructure like track and field for example. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that it would be seen the following day that there is greater openness for broader categories of community development projects.

Chief Christina Gilpin stated that waste management and water should be prioritized together as the two are so closely managed. She added that she wondered if it wasn't time for a review of the priorities. She stated that the concern will be that if the Cree Nation Government ends with a surplus it will be very problematic for discussions and that efforts should be made to ensure that all funding is spent. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that the surplus issue needs to be managed in parallel with obligations assumed and not yet begun, for example the community of Washaw Sibi. He agreed that priorities could be examined.

Chief Thomas Neeposh inquired about Sports Complex and garages stating that communities were quickly outgrowing the facilities and that size or square footage limits needed to be examined. He gave the example of the local sports gymnasium which is getting used as a community hall and then not available to the Youth.

Chief Daisy House appreciated that there was more openness in community projects like landscaping and paving and inquired if there could be more planning and the seeking of more innovative projects such as greenhouses when examining community projects. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director stated that the challenge is how far we can push the limit of community works under the JBNQA where the government is always working to keep the categories of projects narrow.

Richard Shecapio wanted to recommend the creation of a working group that could examine the program structure which might be overdue for revision.

Chief Clarence Jolly stated that his community was running out of Category I lands and that it would become a development issue, he added that his community was also running into the issue running out of aggregates and that funds should be set aside as he was sure that other communities were confronting this issue.

4. Cree Canada Relations

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled and reviewed a report entitled, “Report on Cree-Canada Relations; GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government; Board/Council Meeting; December 1-2, 2020” a copy of which is attached hereto.

5. Cree Nation Youth Council Update

Youth Grand Chief Kaitlyn Hester Moses joined the meeting and provided an update on the recent activities of the Cree Nation Youth Council.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm December 1st, 2020

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 am December 2nd, 2020

6. Vaccination Campaign

The Grand Chief explained that in the coming months vaccination would be very important to First nations communities that were especially vulnerable to COVID-19 and that a Resolution supporting the Federal recommendations to prioritize First Nations would be appropriate.

On a motion duly made by John Henry Wapachee and seconded by Chief Curtis Bosum the Board/Council adopted:

Resolution 2020-25: Prioritization of the Communities in Eeyou Istchee in the COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee is particularly vulnerable to the threat posed by COVID-19 due to the geographic reality, limited health care services and prevalence of pre-existing conditions which makes COVID-19 very menacing for the people of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation has taken extra-ordinary measures which are very hard on the local populations far beyond which most populations across Canada and Quebec are being required to accept;

WHEREAS the reason to be concerned with the long term damage that will be caused by the COVID-19 restrictions and precautions and the arrival of vaccines could significantly mitigate and potentially put an end to the dire situation in which the Cree Nation finds itself;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT that the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government requests from all Public Health Authorities in Canada in accordance with the principle of prioritizing vulnerable communities in the administration of vaccines as soon as they are approved for distribution in Quebec that the Cree Nation be prioritized in the administration of the vaccine and that the Cree Board of Health and Social Services be provided with all the resources and support that they need to ensure an expedited delivery of vaccines in Eeyou Istchee.

7. Memorandum of Understanding on the Cree-Quebec Sustainable Infrastructure Development Program in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Region (Grande Alliance)

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum explained the efforts to explain the status of the Grande Alliance and what it actually was. He stated that continued effort would be needed to be sure that the people of Eeyou Istchee understand the opportunity that is before them. He hopes that community meetings will continue and more information will get out to the communities. He was concerned that people are concerned that it is an actual project and that there is a lot of commentary on social media by people who are not entirely sure what it is.

The Grand Chief explained how important the relationship was from the planning exercises initiated under the Grande Alliance as it was this relationship that gave the Government of Quebec the confidence to increase the target for protected areas in Eeyou Istchee from 29,000 km² to 39,000 km². He added that there remains a concern that mines that have been

approved by communities and mines under consideration could have a very negative impact on Eeyou Istchee and Cree use of the territory, and it was for this reason that the Cree Nation wanted to take control of infrastructure planning in Eeyou Istchee. He stated that this was an opportunity for the Cree Nation to put itself first as we use these infrastructures as well. He stated that it was important that people understand that there is no project.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum, Paul John Murdoch, Davey Bobbish, CEO of CDC/SODAB and Anthony MacLeod, Director of Commerce and Industry then tabled an reviewed a presentation used in communities to explain the Grande Alliance entitled, "Information Session on the Grande Alliance", a copy of which is attached hereto.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull stated that she was pleased that protected areas figured so prominently and stated that there should be greater clarification on the origin of the conservation strategy and how the protected areas were developed for example beginning with watersheds. She also stated it was not clear to her how protected areas would trigger the Grande Alliance. She also did not understand what was meant by the fact that funds had not been put aside. She added that a great deal of community engagement would be necessary.

Paul John Murdoch explained the reference to funding was for studies and for community engagement but not for an actual project at this time. Paul John Murdoch explained that the funding for activities and studies under the MOU gave the Cree Nation Government the flexibility to use their funding on those things important to them and vice versa for Quebec. He explained the challenges that other groups are having securing protected areas to the point that the Minister of Environment was not able to stand up to other Ministries with competing interests and that the fact that all Ministers are sitting with us is one of the most valuable aspect to the Grande Alliance right now, which gives us the leverage with all Ministries to secure commitments for Eeyou Istchee.

Robbie Tapiatic stated that the Cree Nation learned a lot from the EM-1A Rupert River project especially in regard to community engagement and keeping people informed. He stated that providing the community with a picture or poster or the schedule of what was to come was very useful and helped people see where they could participate and alleviated their concerns.

Irene Neeposh stated that private entrepreneurs needed to be protected to ensure that they are not pressured or subjugated by the local development corporations. She stated that there should be a Chamber of Commerce which could fulfill this role. In regard to mining she was concerned as impacts could be very far reaching even in the exploration phase, which is exempt from environmental impacts assessment. She was concerned that there need to be greater emphasis on the exploration phase and how it can be managed.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that all of the issues were being addressed through exercises and policies such as the Cree Nation Free Trade Agreement or the Cree Nation Mining Policy.

8. Director of Capital Works

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained the recruitment process and announced the recent engagement of John Longchap as the Director of Capital Works and Services.

9. Financial Matters

2021-2022 Funding Allocations

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled and reviewed a document entitled, “Proposed 2021-2022 Funding Allocations”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

2021-2022 Budgets

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer tabled and reviewed the 2021-2022 Consolidated Budget of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum thanked all the Treasurers and DO’s that contributed to the 5 year development plans that allowed for all the financial planning which allows us to come up with the development plans.

Chief Christina Gilpin inquired about the transfer of training centres and if the Oujé-Bougoumou training centre which is under development will be transferred when it is completed. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director stated that the operations will be assumed by the Cree School Board.

Chief Daisy House inquired if there were not alternative forms of funding for to allow for the construction of more houses to meet the local demands. She added the issue of homelessness which was never a problem before is becoming more and more a problem and she was not sure if the “Tiny Homes” initiative of Justice would be sufficient or appropriate for addressing the problem. Chief Houses inquired if there could not be more innovative approaches to approaching development as she was concerned that with all the institutional development, she was concerned that the Cree Nation would lack the infrastructure or manpower to meet the growing demand.

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that there was a special needs program that was submitted to the Federal Government for the elderly and disabled which could provide assistance. He added that negotiations with Canada were ongoing including the proposal to develop a Cree CMHC. Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that we should also not to underestimate the impact of banks especially when they stop asking for Band guarantees as a significant new source of funding.

Chief House inquired if it wasn't more appropriate that waste management be moved up as it was become more and more challenging to manage. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained the list of priorities was subject to change with the times as suggested by Chief House. He added a long-term study was being conducted on waste management.

Gaston Cooper shared his concern on the apparent growing costs of housing which appears to be associated with the current pandemic and if this was taken into consideration in financial planning. He added that capital facilities should also be considered for some of the Associations of Eeyou Istchee such as CWEIA. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director stated that providing long term loans or leases was possible for associations.

John Henry Wapachee expressed concern about the lack of housing and the increasing cost of housing. He stated that it would be appropriate to amalgamate local housing action plans and that it was imperative that the housing plans include all the necessary infrastructure. He also inquired if the "Tiny Homes" projects would be made available to smaller communities.

Don Nichols explained that the "Tiny Homes" project is intended to be developed in every community.

Chief Marcel Happyjack expressed concern on the impact of the pandemic on the construction seasons in Eeyou Istchee. He stated that in his community there were construction projects that are stalled which will incur costs and he was concerned how they will be addressed.

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that first the contracts which provide contracts must be used to protect communities and funds are already being provided to properly close sites to limit the costs to all involved. He explained that the burden had to be managed by everyone and contractors should not be seen as trying to profit from the situation.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that for him the Cree Nation Free Trade Agreement would be very important in building internal Cree capacity so that construction would not be affect in such a way as it is now.

Chief Cheezo stated that his community also has a significant back log on housing requirements. He is concerned that if rent collection is not addressed, adding housing is actually just adding to the problem in the long term. He inquired if housing programs shouldn't be adapted to reward communities for addressing rent collection as way of addressing the problem at its source.

The Grand Chief agreed that innovative approaches are required.

Chief Robbie Kawapit wanted to see greater support to Cree language and cultural programs. Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum agreed with the statement and that he felt that they coordination of efforts with institutions like the Cree School Board would be keep in addressing such needs.

Chief Thomas Neeposh stated that it is clear that the JBNQA has provided and important foundation for Eeyou Istchee and that it was hard to imagine where we would be without it. He felt that the Grande Alliance would be another important steppingstone. He inquired about user fees and where the formulas and projections came from. He also suggested that it was perhaps to review the program structure and form a working group to undertake the initiative. He also shared the housing shortage currently facing Mistissini. He was concerned that the emphasis on “private” homeownership would leave the vulnerable behind.

Irene Neeposh inquired as to what the “Recovery from Governance Agreement” amount was in the budget. Matthew Swallow, Treasurer explained that it was a way of reallocating administrative funds to recuperate expenses associated with implementing the Governance Agreement.

Chief Christina Gilpin expressed concern on the increasing costs of construction. She stated that a study to understand the true source of the increased cost would be very important.

On a motion duly made by Chief Marcel Happyjack and seconded by Chief Thomas Neeposh the Board/Council adopted:

Resolution 2020-26: 2020-2021 Funding Allocations

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Trust has made available for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year ninety eight million four hundred and ninety thousand Dollars (\$98,490,000.00) from the funds reserved under the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Canada and the Crees of Eeyou Istchee to fund the obligations of Canada under the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement assumed by the Cree;

WHEREAS the funds payable by the Government of Quebec under the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec to the Cree Heritage Fund Foundation as the Recipient of Funding under said Agreement one hundred and two million seven hundred and thirty seven thousand eight hundred and forty-nine Dollars (\$102,737,849.00) for the 2020/2021 fiscal year to allow the Cree to fund the obligations of Quebec under the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement assumed by the Cree through the New Relationship Agreement;

WHEREAS the Directors of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government have reviewed programs and projects allocation proposals developed by the Executive Director, Director’s of Operations and

the Treasurers of Eeyou Istchee for 2020-2021 funds made available pursuant to the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Agreement Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec and the Agreement Concerning a New Relation Between the Government of Canada and the Crees of Eeyou Istchee;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Directors of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby recommend and authorize the Cree Heritage Fund Foundation and the Cree Nation Government to secure, allocate and disburse 2020-2021 funds made available pursuant to the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Agreement Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec and the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Crees of Eeyou Istchee through the Cree Nation Trust in accordance with the attached Schedule.

On a motion duly made by John Henry Wapachee and seconded by Chief Curtis Bosum the Board/Council adopted:

Resolution 2020-27: Adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed the proposed budgets for 2020/2021 Fiscal year of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby adopts and approves the 2020/2021 Budgets of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government as presented this 2nd day of December 2020.

10. Cree Quebec Relations

Paul John Murdoch reviewed the current status of discussions with the Government of Quebec on the implementation of the MOU on infrastructure, in particular protected areas and JBNQA implementation issues.

Davey Bobbish joined the meeting and tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, "Cree Development Corporation; December 2nd, 2020; Cree Nation Government", a copy of which is attached hereto.

The Grand Chief explained that as time went on what was being studied will become clear and that there would be an important opportunity for the Cree Nation to decide what infrastructure they wish to promote, develop and potentially own.

John Henry Wapachee stated that it would be worth finding out how economic organizations like the Eeyou Economic Group see their role or participation in the initiative. He stated that he like the idea and the changing dynamic that the Cree Nation was assuming a leadership role in infrastructure development. He stated that above all else it was important that land users and anyone who could be impact by the infrastructure and potential development be included and free to participate in all discussions and investigations.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum explained that there would be continued community meetings and community engagement to make sure that communities are properly informed and given the opportunity to participate.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull stated that she appreciated the presentation from Davey Bobbish and encouraged him to continue communicating as much as possible. She added that she wanted to see a clear picture on how the CDC would be working with other economic entities in Eeyou Istchee. She also wanted to make sure that there were “environmental” components that would guide the CDC in the pursuit of their activities. She also inquired as to what the reporting process will be for the CDC.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that he wanted the CEO of the CDC to participate in the same meetings that the heads of all entities participate as a signed of collaboration and unity among our entities. He stated that there would be perhaps a time when we could address the legal roles as a part of a discussion on governance.

Paul John Murdoch discussed the challenges of Quebec in naming representatives to the Board of Directors.

Chief Clarke Shecapio inquired about the status of the paving of access roads for the communities of Eeyou Istchee.

Derrick Neeposh joined the meeting and discussed meetings that have already begun with the CDC to ensure that there was collaboration and coordination between entities when possible. He shared the different business opportunities being pursued by the CNG Board of Compensation/CREECO. He stated also that there was a proposal for joint Board meetings between the Board of Compensation and the CDC.

Irene Neeposh inquired if the conflict of interest was being addressed with the Board members and the nature of the governance revue that was being proposed. Davey Bobbish explained that the review was being or the Committee that was in consideration was that of the Cree Development Corporation.

Chief Daisy House explained that it was important that people understand that the current situation for the Cree Nation is not to take a position but rather work together to collect information, ask questions and investigate as much as possible so that we can take a position in the future and that this was the purpose of the feasibility and pre-feasibility studies.

The Grand Chief agreed with the categorization of the situation and that it was important that the plan that emerged by a Cree Nation plan.

Chief Thomas Neeposh stated that he would appreciate a meeting with the CDC and the Grande Alliance in Mistissini. He stated that he wanted to see as he stated earlier a review of the program structure. Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum agreed that a Directive could be given to Bill Namagoose, Executive Director to examine how the Program Structure could be examined.

There being no further meetings to discuss the meeting adjourned at noon.



Paul John Murdoch, Secretary

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1. Corporate Matters

Present: Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum
Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull
Chief Daisy House Robbie Tapiatic
Chief Marcel Happyjack Irene Neeposh
Chief Kenneth Cheezo Daniel Mark-Stewart
Chief Curtis Bosum Gaston Cooper
Chief Christina Gilpin Frank Atsynia
Chief Clarke Shecapio Gordon Blackned
Chief Thomas Neeposh Richard Shecapio
Chief Clarence Jolly John Henry Wapachee
Chief Robbie Kawapit John Mamianksum

Observers Chief Alan Jolly
Chief Annie Mapachee Salt Jean Denis Cananaso

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the By-Laws and there being a quorum the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:30 am.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

The Directors reviewed the agenda adding the item of Cree Regional Chamber of Commerce and on a motion duly made by Gaston Cooper and seconded by Chief Clark Shecapio the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2021-01: Adoption of the Agenda for a meeting of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government held on January 26th and 27th, 2021

The Board/Council members reviewed minutes from previous meetings and on a motion duly made by John Henry Wapachee and seconded by Daniel Mark Stewart adopted:

Resolution 2021-02: Adoption of Minutes of meetings of the Cree Nation Government/Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) held on May 26th and 27th, 2020 and July 28th and 29th, 2020

2. COVID-19 Briefing

Bertie Wapachee, Chairperson; Daniel St-Amour, Dr. Ouimet; Mme Gauthier and Paul Linton joined the meeting providing an update on the status of COVID-19 throughout the region, the efforts of the Cree Health Board to deliver vaccines and the delivery of health services in the

context of COVID-19. Sara Pashagumskum, Chairperson and Caroline Mark, Director General of the Cree School Board provided an update from the Cree School Board on efforts to control COVID-19 in the delivery of education services in Eeyou Istchee.

Paul John Murdoch reviewed the draft Cree Nation COVID-19 Cree Nation Bulletin.

Chiefs provided updates on the status of the management of COVID-19 in their communities.

Chief Clark Shecapio inquired as to the status of the 2nd dose that would be expected on the Moderna vaccine that was administered recently in Eeyou Istchee. He also asked the Cree School Board on efforts to secure resources like Elephant Thoughts in the assisting with education challenges. Dr. Ouimet explained that news is expected soon on the delivery of the Moderna vaccine which is expected between 42 and 90 days of the administration of the 1st dose. She reminded everyone that 14 days after the administration of the first dose is when the protection of the vaccine takes effect and that the second dose addresses the duration of the protection.

Caroline Mark explained that the schedule introduction of programs such as those from Elephant Thoughts are being advanced.

Chief Daisy House inquired how the vaccination roll out was going across segments of the population to know where leadership should concentrate their efforts. Paul Linton explained that the roll out data should be available shortly.

Gaston Cooper expressed concern on the use of social media on disseminating information which was important, but that information was often dated, and he asked the Cree Health Board if they could use the most up to date information available. He also asked if the Cree Health Board could make information available to the Cree leadership.

Chief Clark inquired if it was possible to administer the vaccine those that reside or work in our communities but are not beneficiaries per se. Dr. Ouimet explained that temporary or transient workers were not calculated in the vaccine that was allotted to Eeyou Istchee. She added that at the time it was not clear that the vaccine would halt transmission but what was clear was that it would protect the recipient and for this reason the vaccine cannot be relied upon to prevent COVID-19 from entering the community which is why continued reliance is needed on the mandatory isolation law and other precautionary measures.

Daniel Mark Stewart inquired about the funding that could be expected from Canada in assisting communities manage the COVID-19 pandemic. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director stated that to date \$12 million had been made available and although there is confirmation that more support will come it has not been announced exactly how much it will be and when.

Gordon Blackned inquired if Cree patients outside the communities were being vaccinated, if people who have the 1st dose only were eligible for the 2nd dose and finally what would happen to Band members that were not in the community.

Dr. Ouimet explained that the vaccine was being distributed according to how isolated the community is and prioritized accordingly, as such Region 10 was considered isolated, but Region 8 or Abitibi was not considered isolated. She added community members coming home would immediately be eligible upon arriving in the community and that inventory of the vaccine will be managed in accordance with the movements of the population.

Paul John Murdoch also explained that the Cree Board of Health and Social Services with the Cree Nation Government worked very hard to secure and prioritize access to the vaccine and that if the Cree Nation was to send the vaccine, they receive out of the jurisdiction it would harm future arguments for prioritization of Eeyou Istchee.

Paul John Murdoch then reviewed the draft Outbreak Protocol, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Chief Marcel Happyjack inquired about the impact on construction workers from outside the region. Paul John Murdoch explained that it was hoped that the protocol would minimize impact on construction projects.

Chief Jolly expressed concern on the screening of calls by the EEPF especially for those communities not experiencing an outbreak.

Stella Masty expressed concern on the effects of screening calls by the EEPF and impact on community members in distress. Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull stated that it would be important that the EEPF Director join the next leadership call on COVID-19 to provide an update on services.

Kaitlyn Hester Moses stated that the CNYC had carried out a survey on the impact on mental health, education, governance and economic matters and it was clear that mental health was an important issue for 60%+ of the youth surveyed in the context of the pandemic. Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull thanked the Youth Grand Chief and stated that the sharing of the results of the survey would be very important in developing a mental health strategy going forward as it would be important for all Cree entities.

3. Cree Federal Relations

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled and reviewed the Cree Canada Relations report a copy of which is attached hereto. He also explained the status of the different offices of the Cree Nation Government.

Bertie Wapachee, Chairperson of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay expressed concern that those who were not integrated in the CCQ regime would not have a pension or other benefits when they retired from a career in construction.

4. Customary Adoption

Rodney Mark, Director of Social and Cultural Development joined the meeting and presented the issue of an Amendment - Reconsideration and Appeal Policy, Cree Customary Adoption and Guardianship Certification Process (Cree Certification Process), a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Chief Clark Shecapio and seconded by Chief Curtis Bosum the members adopted:

Resolution 2021- 03: Amendment of the Cree Nation Government Reconsideration and Appeal Policy, Cree Customary Adoption and Guardianship Certification Process

WHEREAS GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government Board-Council Resolution 2019-02 designated the Cree Nation Government as the Cree Competent Authority in regards to customary adoption and customary guardianship in Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2019-12, the Board-Council adopted the “Cree Nation Government - Cree Customary Adoption and Guardianship Certification Process - Reconsideration and Appeal Policy” (Policy) regarding Cree Nation Government decisions on applications for certification of a Cree customary adoption or guardianship, including decisions based on recommendations of Cree First Nation local committees;

WHEREAS the Board-Council wishes to amend the Policy, as set out in the attached version dated January 26, 2021, including to:

- (i) clarify that it applies to a Cree Nation Government decision to cancel a customary guardianship certificate if the guardianship has come to an end; and
- (ii) allow a person who participated in the customary decision but was not identified in the application to request reconsideration or appeal of a Cree Nation Government decision under the Policy;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board-Council hereby approves and authorizes the implementation of the amended Policy in the form of the attached version dated January 26, 2021; and

THAT the Board-Council hereby instructs the Corporate Secretary to do all other things that he deems necessary or useful to give effect to this resolution.

The meeting recessed at 5 pm January 26th, 2021.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 am January 27th, 2021.

5. Cree Quebec Relations

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum, Davey Bobbish and Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, “Cree Quebec Relations, Grande Alliance and Cree Development Corporation – Update”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

John Henry Wapachee stated that he thought it would be a good idea that the consultations that he expected to be long should be recorded and conserved for the future. He stated that in the terms of reference of the study it was very important that Cree expertise, knowledge and perspective be used.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum agreed that video recordings would be a very useful tool.

Irene Neeposh stated that she was concerned with the emphasis on the extraction of resources from Eeyou Istchee and that there was not enough on community development. Paul John Murdoch explained that the goal was to address community development and environmental protection measures as well. He explained that if infrastructure was not addressed but left up to Quebec then one could expect an emphasis on extraction and every effort was being made to put the communities and concern for the environment first.

Irene Neeposh explained that community consultations was very important and that a framework was very important to ensure that it was productive.

Grand Chief Dr. Bosum stated that what we need to address are the projects that have already been approved by communities and that infrastructure needs to be addressed. He added that what is also needed is a more global approach to assist land users impacted by development because at times what is found in a single IBA is insufficient.

Davey Bobbish explained that there are many studies on infrastructure projects and very often studies will only conclude that First Nation are an issue without any other comments on how to integrate First Nation concerns. He explained that the goal is to achieve the exact opposite in this case where it is the Cree communities take the lead. He explained that the study prioritizes communities, land users, economic development officers, environmental managers etc. He emphasized that it was not an economic study but first a social and environmental impacts study. He explained further that the social and environmental was considered first and that economic and financial matters would be considered afterwards.

Robbie Tapiatic stated that he appreciated the proactive approach of the Cree leadership on the issue.

Chief Daisy House stated that it will be difficult for the people to properly have the questions addressed in the context of COVID-19 and that the issue should be a standing item on the agenda. She added that it would be important to issue documents, information, radio communications and social media to disseminate information so that people can make informed decisions. She stated that when you look at the map of Eeyou Istchee it appears that protected areas and developed happens according to developers and this needs to change.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that there were many Cree entities that could contribute to the exercise.

Chief Marcel Happyjack stated he knows that the issue has been discussed for 3 years and that he wanted to make sure that the land users that are directly impacted are properly included in any consultations. He recognizes that there have four public meetings in Waswanipi on the issue, including protected areas and that it was important that local consultations be maintained. He explained that communities have their own development plans and certain projects that they wish to support, for example Waswanipi discussions with the Osisko mine and that it was important that these plans be taken into consideration. He stated that currently in Waswanipi there were 150 mining exploration companies on the territory and that it was important that the Cree Nation assume a greater influence over mining in Eeyou Istchee.

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull inquired as to the purpose of the tabling of the terms of reference, and she agreed with the Cree Nation taking leadership in First Nation Government relations in determining the destiny and future of their territory. She added that greater information is needed to explain the status of the project and the relationship between the study and the consultations required on the project. She was concerned about the accountability in combing the study and consultations. She also concerned with time constraints for proper consultations and that there should be a target to ensure that we are doing our best to ensure that people properly understand the project. She was also concerned that there needed to be patience and respect demonstrated when people have concerns and when questions are asked.

Davey Bobbish explained that the study is done by a consulting consortium and the consultation process is managed separately by local community representatives.

Richard Shecapio stated that it is important that communities and community member express what their priorities are because provincial governments are establishing priorities which are different at times from the First Nations. For example, First Nations are short on employment and provincial governments claim to be short of labour which emphasizes the need for capacity building in Eeyou Istchee.

6. EIBJRG Agenda

The agenda of the EIBJRG Government agenda was tabled for consideration.

7. Climate Change Preparedness

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull stated climate change was a very important issue that needed to be addressed by all departments of the Cree Nation Government and that despite the dominance of COVID-19 in recent months it was an issue critical to Eeyou Istchee and was being felt across Eeyou Istchee. She explained that it had very real implications for land users regarding insurance as an example. She suggested the development of a “Regional Climate Change Action Plan”.

The Grand Chief stated that a document calling for the plan would be a very important first step so the budget and resources could then be identified.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting was adjourned at noon.



Paul John Murdoch, Secretary

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1. Corporate Matters

Present: Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum
Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull
Chief Daisy House Robbie Tapiatic
Chief Marcel Happyjack Irene Neeposh
Chief Kenneth Cheezo Daniel Mark-Stewart
Chief Curtis Bosum Gaston Cooper
Chief Christina Gilpin Frank Atsynia
Chief Clarke Shecapio Gordon Blackned
Chief Thomas Neeposh Richard Shecapio
Chief Clarence Jolly John Henry Wapachee
Chief Robbie Kawapit John Mamianksum

Observers Chief Alan Jolly
Chief Annie Mapachee Salt Jean Denis Cananaso

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the By-Laws and there being a quorum the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:30 am.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

The Directors reviewed the agenda adding the item of Cree Regional Chamber of Commerce and on a motion duly made by Gaston Cooper and seconded by Chief Clark Shecapio the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2021-04: Adoption of the Agenda for a meeting of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government held on March 23rd and 24th, 2021

2. Elections

Paul John Murdoch tabled a document from the Cree Nation Government Returning Officer with the recommended dates for the 2021 CNG/GCC(EI) General Elections.

On a motion duly made by Chief Curtis Bosum and seconded by Irene Neeposh the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2021-05: 2021 CNG/GCC(EI) General Elections

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby establishes July 14, 2021 as the date for general elections of the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

3. COVID-19 Briefing

Bertie Wapachee, Chairperson; Dr. Ouimet; Mme Gauthier and Paul Linton joined the meeting providing an update on the status of COVID-19 throughout the region, the efforts of the Cree Health Board to deliver vaccines and the delivery of health services in the context of COVID-19.

John Henry Wapachee inquired if there was more information on the variants that jurisdictions are very concerned about.

Dr. Ouimet explained that there is reason to believe that the variants pose a greater threat and that a special livestream show was being planned to help and explain.

Mme Gauthier explained the re-entry vaccination program which requires contacting the Cree Health Board which will put individuals on a list so that they can get vaccinated prior to returning to a community. It was explained that the arrangement can be made throughout Quebec but it will be according to the calendar of specific regions.

Paul John Murdoch reviewed the draft Cree Nation COVID-19 Briefing for March 23rd, 2021.

4. Cree Language Commissioner

Rodney Mark, Director of Social and Cultural Development introduced Mr. Jamie Moses the first Cree Language Commissioner under the Cree Language Act.

Jamie Moses, Cree Language Commissioner joined the meeting and gave an introductory statement on his honour and gratefulness for being named the first Cree Language Commissioner under the Cree Language Act of the Cree Nation Government. He stated that he looked forward to implementing the Cree Language Act in collaboration with the communities of Eeyou Istchee. He stated that the effort was very important considering all the efforts that had been made to erase First Nations languages through measures like residential schools. He stated that he was very grateful to all who went through the terrible school system and still preserved the Cree language for future generations.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum thanked Mr. Moses and stated that the Board/Council was confident that they chose the right candidate.

5. Cree Canada relations

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director tabled and reviewed a report entitled Cree Canada Relations a copy of which is attached hereto.

John Henry Wapachee inquired into the Rapid Housing Program and the impact it had on the global needs or financial allocations to communities. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that it was completely separate program but the Paix des Braves funds ensured that the Cree Nation could benefit quickly from the Rapid Housing Program.

Chief Allan Jolly thanked Bill Namagoose, Executive Director for efforts in securing program funds for MoCreebec that had been denied by the federal government in the past.

Chief Clarence Jolly inquired about the private housing initiative and the subsidy would be increased considering substantial increases in housing costs. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director explained that lumber had indeed increased significantly in cost and added that the actual cost of construction as per other regions is used as a base line so it can be assumed that the subsidy will increase with construction costs.

Irene Neeposh inquired if there was a breakdown per community on the Rapid Housing Program. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director stated that the breakdown could be forwarded.

Chief Marcel Happyjack stated that he wanted an update on litigation that had been initiated by the Atikamekw which impacted Waswanipi.

6. Cree School Board

Sara Pashagumskum, Chairperson of the Cree School Board and Caroline Mark, Director General tabled and review a presentation entitled, “Cree School Board Governance Initiatives”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum thanked the presenters and explained that it was very clear that the development of a new Cree Education Act was very important.

7. Housing

John Longchap, Director of Capital Works and Services explained that there was not more to add on the issue of the Rapid Housing program beyond what was reported as part of the Cree Canada relations report.

He stated that his department was in the process of initiating call for tenders where costs are expected to be higher but are subject to the current results from the tendering processes that have been initiated. Martin Desgagne explained that as construction costs increase in Abitibi, there will be increases in the subsidies made available for housing. They explained that increases in cost as much as 30% are expected.

Irene Neeposh inquired if consumer protection office could protect consumers. John Longchap, Director of Capital Works and Services explained that this approach has not been examined. Stella Masty explained that government subsidies address operational issue but does not address material costs.

There was a discussion on measures to increase Cree purchasing power through buying construction material in bulk. Consolidating Cree purchasing power at this time is very challenging consider how hard it is to estimate the global immediate needs of the Cree Nation in a context of so much uncertainty on what is feasible as far as construction.

Chief Clarke Shecapio expressed grave concerns on the impact on housing in the communities from the pandemic and increased costs. Chief Christina Gilpin also shared her concerns on the negative impact on housing and increased costs.

8. Financial Update

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer tabled and reviewed a document entitled, “Financial Update for the Period Ending January 31, 2021”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

9. EIBJRG

The Directors reviewed the draft agenda for the March 25th, 2021 Council meeting of the Eeyou Istchee Bay James Regional Government.

10. Eeyou Istchee Snowmobile Race

Daniel Mark Stewart tabled and reviewed a document Eeyou Istchee Snowmobile Challenge 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto. He made it clear that the proposal would be for next year. He explained further that the proposal would be sent to management and the different communities to see if there is community support for the initiative. Grand Chief also stated that he would send it to the right person at the EIBJRG.

JHW expressed concerned that insurance was a very challenging issue for these types of exercises.

Irene Neeposh also recommended the inclusion of COTA in the examination of the proposal.

The meeting recessed at 5pm on March 23rd, 2021

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 am on March 24th, 2021

11. Minutes

The Directors reviewed minutes of previous meeting of the Board/Council and on a motion duly made by Chief Clarke Shecapio and seconded by Gordon Blackned adopted:

Resolution 2021-06: Approving Minutes of a meeting of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Board/Council held on August 19th, September 22nd and 23rd, and October 20th, 2020

12. Eenou Eeyou Chamber of Commerce

Sam Gull and Stella Masty joined the meeting table a presentation entitled, "Eenou Eeyou Chamber of Commerce; A Presentation in Collaboration with Eenou Eeyou Entrepreneurs", a copy of which is attached hereto. Chief Thomas Neeposh stated that he appreciated the initiative and shared the local experience with Chambers of Commerce such as the Chibougamau Chamber of Commerce which prevents franchises and other business from developing in the community. He stated that there are efforts to develop a local Chamber of Commerce as well.

Chief Daisy House suggested greater consultations and public meeting on the matter, including the use of online platforms and tools. She stated that we should be cautious in following non-

Native models for Chambers of Commerce and should be open to structuring it so that it is culturally relevant.

Richard Shecapio referred to the Secretariat that was created in Val-d'Or is an example of outside companies organizing themselves to benefit themselves. He argued that consideration should be given to directing funding from the Secretariat to the Chamber of Commerce which although is a smaller group would be more concentrated on benefitting our own entrepreneurs.

Chief Thomas Neeposh explained that there were efforts by the Cree Nation of Mistissini to start their own local Chamber of Commerce.

Chief Marcel Happyjack inquired as to what exactly was being sought and who would be carrying out the community consultations. Sam W. Gull explained that it would be the founding members who signed the letter that was sent to the meeting. He added that a supporting Resolution now would be appreciated.

There was a discussion on how chambers of commerce emerge across Quebec. Irene Neeposh explained that Chambers of Commerce emerge from a great variety of manners and provide important marketing roles and policy management roles. She added that the role of the and past work of the Board of Compensation on the matter should be examined as well. She stated than assessment would be very beneficial.

13. Cree Quebec Relations

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum and Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a report entitled, "Report on Cree Quebec Relations; March 23rd, 2021", a copy of which is attached hereto.

Chief Thomas inquired about the OJ-Mistissini land transfer and if there could be a report at the next meeting. Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that there will be a report at the next meeting where the issue can be addressed.

John Henry Wapachee inquired about the Cree Innu Treaty and its implications as regards Quebec. It was recommended that Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations table a report on the matter at a future meeting.

Chief Clark Shecapio stated that he wanted to discuss the Viens Commission report and the calls to action. The Grand Chief explained that the new Minister has started a new forum with the AFNQL to address calls to action but there was concern on how effective it would be and that it was best that those First Nations covered by the JBNQA develop their own approach.

Bertie Wapachee, Chairperson of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay agree that the Cree Nation needed to be proactive on the issues that arose from the Commission.

On a motion duly made by Chief Thomas Neeposh and seconded by John Henry Wapachee the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2021-07: Funding Agreement For The Financial Years 2020-2021 And 2021-2022 Concerning The Agreement On Governance In The Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory

WHEREAS on July 24, 2012, the Government of Quebec and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government signed the Agreement on Governance in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory;

WHEREAS paragraph 11.3.17 of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (“JBNQA”) and section 73 of the Governance Agreement provide that Québec shall fund the Cree Nation Government, in accordance with five-year funding agreements;

WHEREAS the first five-year funding agreement, for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2018, is set forth in Chapter VI of the Governance Agreement;

WHEREAS in accordance with section 164 of the Governance Agreement, the funding provided to the Cree Nation Government in financial year 2017-2018 was renewed for the subsequent financial year 2018-2019;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government wished to enter into a five-year funding agreement, for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2024, in accordance with paragraph 11.3.17 of the JBNQA and section 73 of the Governance Agreement, but were unable to do so within the time limits provided and exceptionally, a funding agreement regarding the Financial Year 2019-2020;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government wished to enter into a five-year funding agreement, for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2025, in accordance with paragraph 11.3.17 of the JBNQA and section 73 of the Governance Agreement, but were unable to do so within the time limits provided and have now decided to conclude, exceptionally, a funding agreement for a term of only two years, that is, for the Financial Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Government of Quebec and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby authorize the Grand Chief and/or the Deputy Grand Chief to sign on behalf of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government a Funding Agreement For The Financial Years 2020-2021 And 2021-2022 Concerning The Agreement On Governance In The Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum stated that in a recent meeting with Youth and other community consultations there was a concern on the term of the memorandum of understanding with Quebec and the potential constraint on community consultations. He stated that he wished to adopt a Resolution extending the term of the MOU in manner ensuring the need for adequate consultations in Eeyou Istchee.

John Henry Wapachee stated that it was important to explain to people that the MOU was non-binding and could be cancelled.

On a motion duly made by Chief Kenneth Cheezo and seconded by Chief Clarence Jolly the Directors adopted:

Resolution 2021-08: Extension of Memorandum of Understanding on the Cree-Quebec Sustainable Infrastructure Development Program in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Region

WHEREAS on February 17th, 2020, the Government of Quebec and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the Cree-Quebec Sustainable Infrastructure Development Program in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Region (hereinafter MOU) for the purpose of ensuring Cree participation in the design of protected area networks and transportation infrastructure that will shape the future of Eeyou Istchee with the purpose of achieving a balance between preservation of the traditional way of life and participation in economic development;

WHEREAS the MOU provided for a fixed period of twelve (12) months for the carrying out of feasibility studies and pre-feasibility in relation to three potential phases for the development of transportation infrastructure which requires extensive community engagement;

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted the ability to initiate meaningful community engagement which is imperative to the design of any transportation infrastructure in Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government wishes to set a higher standard for community participation in the design, development and execution of transportation infrastructure in Eeyou Istchee;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Government of Quebec and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby authorize the Grand Chief to extend the twelve (12) month period for the carrying out of feasibility studies and pre-feasibility under the Memorandum of Understanding on the Cree-Quebec Sustainable Infrastructure Development Program in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Region for an additional twelve (12) months or longer period necessary to ensure meaningful Cree participation in the design, development and execution of sustainable transportation infrastructure in Eeyou Istchee.

14. Presentation on the Grande Alliance

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum and Paul John Murdoch tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, “Grande Alliance; Report to Board/Council”, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Daniel Mark-Stewart stated he was noticing that people were having a hard distinguishing the MOU from a Quebec exercise and that it was perhaps appropriate that it be given a Cree name to correct this. The Grand Chief agreed with the proposition and that we should be open to propositions.

Chief Daisy House stated that it would be very important to identify and advertise the local information officers. Chief House also stated that a clear timeline would be very important and regular information sessions are needed. Paul John Murdoch stated that as soon as information officers are identified they would be advertised. He added that it would be up to local representatives to decide how and what they wanted local consultations or information sessions to be carried out. He explained that each community would be free to decide how in what manner they wished to be engaged with the studies that were being carried out.

15. Climate Change

Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull tabled and reviewed a presentation entitled, “Climate Change Initiatives in Eeyou Istchee” a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum thank the Deputy Grand Chief Mandy Gull for the presentation and agreed that it was very important issue that was not getting appropriate attention.

Robbie Tapiatic stated that it would be important to collect information on the status of the environment from developers such as Hydro-Quebec which are always collecting a lot of important environmental information.

John Henry Wapachee stated that wildlife data would be very important when examining the impacts of climate change.

Chief Clarke Shecapio stated it would be very important to include land users because matters such as ice conditions severely impacted the pursuit of traditional activities which is a safety concern and affected our ability to ensure the perpetuation of the Cree way of life.

Chief Daisy House agreed that the issue was very important and required all entities to work together and that the matter should be a standing issue on the agendas.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting adjourned at 4 pm.



Paul John Murdoch, Secretary