Resolution: Assessment of Eenou Eeyou Police Force

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

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

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

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

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

IT IS RESOLVED

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