

Resolution: Whapmagoostui Access to Government Fuel Subsidy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IT IS RESOLVED

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

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

Proposed by:

Seconded by: