

RESOLUTION 2022-01

SUBJECT: Appointment of Recording Secretaries

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby name Cynthia Wischee and Jenn-Lee Hester to be the recording secretaries of the 2022 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: Leona Whiskeychan

Seconded by: **Daniel Mark Stewart**

August 30th, 2022 Carried:



RESOLUTION 2022-02

SUBJECT: Resolutions Committee

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly nominate:

- Bill Namagoose, Executive Director
- Matthew Swallow, Treasurer
- Melissa Saganash, Director of Quebec Relations and
- Don Nichols, Director of Justice
- Davey Bobbish, Executive Director
- Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary
- Paul John Murdoch, Corporate Counsel

to the Resolutions Committee of the 2022 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: **Gaston Cooper**

Seconded by: Frank Atsynia

August 30th, 2022 Carried:



RESOLUTION 2022-03

SUBJECT: Adoption of Agenda

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby adopt the draft agenda of the 2022 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Cree (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: Chief Clarke Shecapio

Seconded by: Willie Iserhoff

August 30th, 2022 Carried:



RESOLUTION 2022-04

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Minutes and Resolution of the 2021 Annual General

Assembly Minutes and Resolutions

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly having taken cognizance of the Minutes and Resolutions of the 47th/444th the Annual General Assemblies of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government held on September 1st and 2nd, 2021 via video conference are hereby approved and adopted.

Ernest Tomatuk Proposed by:

Seconded by: Chief Michael Petawabano

August 30th, 2022 Carried:



RESOLUTION 2022-05

SUBJECT: Reception of the Minutes and Resolutions of the 2021-2022 Minutes

and Resolutions of the Board/Council and Board of Compensation of

the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation

Government

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly having taken cognizance of the Minutes and Resolutions of the 2021-2022 minutes of resolutions of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government hereby formally receive said minutes and resolutions as per the General Laws.

Proposed by: Daniel Mark Stewart

Seconded by: Elton John Salt

Carried: August 30th, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-06

SUBJECT: Reception and Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of

the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation

Government

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby confirm their reception and examination of the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government.

Josie Jimiken Proposed by:

Seconded by: Susan Esau

August 30th, 2022 Carried:



RESOLUTION 2022-07

SUBJECT: Nomination of Auditors

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly having received the recommendation of the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominate the firm of Raymond Chabot Grand Thornton to act as the auditors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: Chief Clarke Shecapio

Seconded by: **Gaston Cooper**

August 30th, 2022 Carried:



RESOLUTION 2022-08

SUBJECT: 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;



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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.

Proposed by: Chief Christina Gilpin

Seconded by: Chief Kenneth Cheezo

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-09

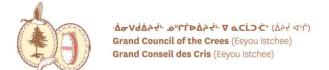
SUBJECT: Assessment of Eeyou Istchee Trapline System

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly have discussed many issues related to the traditional way of life and its importance to the vitality of the Cree Nation:

WHEREAS the trapline system currently applied in Eeyou Istchee is based on a mix a traditional principles, values and traditions with influence and reaction to Western or foreign governments;

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Cree Nation hold on to those values and traditions that enhance the strength of the Cree Nation and limit or eliminate those elements and influence that harm or inhibit Cree traditions and values as a legacy of colonial occupation;

WHEREAS the Cree Trappers' Association has long served the Cree Nation in the preservation and maintenance of programs, registry and other initiatives aimed at preserving and enhancing the Cree way of life;



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IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request the Cree Trappers' Associations to lead Cree governments, organizations, and entities in an assessment of the current trapline system in Eeyou Istchee to ensure that matters such as terminology, titles, processes and principles are a true reflection of Cree values and traditions.

Proposed by: Thomas Jolly

Seconded by: Willie Iserhoff

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-10

SUBJECT: Support for Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association Plan

WHEREAS the Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association ("CNACA") was established pursuant to Section 28.7.1 of the James Bay & Northern Québec Agreement with the mandate to supervise and be responsible for programs for the development of native arts and crafts with local arts and crafts committees in each Cree community;

WHEREAS the members of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government ("GCC(EI)/CNG") met on August 31st, 2022 for the 48th Annual General Assembly of the GCC(EI)/CNG;

WHEREAS the Chairman of CNACA presented the document entitled: "CNACA Presentation – CNG August 2022", which detailed CNACA programs, mission and objectives;

WHEREAS CNACA wishes to provide additional programs for the Cree beneficiaries, implement Local Arts and Crafts Committees and arts and crafts centers in each Cree community and to develop the Wachiya store, an online shop to sell and purchase arts, crafts and raw material ("CNACA Plan");

WHEREAS CNACA Plan is in accordance with Section 28.7.1 of the James Bay & Northern Québec Agreement;

WHEREAS CNACA will seek funding from Cree and non-Cree entities and organizations to implement the CNACA Plan;



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BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly support the CNACA Plan;

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly authorize CNACA to publicize their support to the CNACA Plan when seeking funding with Cree and non-Cree entities and organizations.

Proposed by: Chief Clarke Shecapio

Seconded by: Denis Moses

Carried: September 1st, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-11

SUBJECT: Access to Private Housing Fund for Cree Entrepreneurs

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has established a Private Housing Fund and Private Housing Program with a view to addressing the housing crisis and shortage in Eeyou Istchee:

WHEREAS the access to private property or residential lots in Eeyou Istchee is governed by the Local Governments of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the Fund is currently only available to individual Cree community members and there are Cree Entrepreneurs of wholly-owned and locally-based Cree companies which could assist in fighting the housing shortage if they were allowed to access the Private Housing Fund;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request that the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government develop and implement amendments to the Cree Nation Private Housing Fund Program to allow Cree entrepreneurs that are Cree wholly-owned and locally-based to access the fund and help in addressing the housing shortage in Eeyou Istchee.

Proposed by: Lisa Petagumskum

Seconded by: Susan Esau

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-12

SUBJECT: Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly have received and reviewed a presentation from the Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association:

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to work with the Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association and explore the options for the sources of funding for a possible Department to address the sports and recreation initiatives in Eeyou Istchee.

Proposed by: Chief Daisy House

Seconded by: Chief Michael Petawabano

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-13

SUBJECT: Ensuring Youth Have Access to Eeyou Istchee

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly have discussed the desire and the need for the Youth of Eeyou Istchee to have access to and opportunities to learn and practice Cree traditional activities throughout Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the wildlife resources and Eeyou Istchee itself are limited resources requiring that all governments and members of the Cree Nation do what they can for their preservation for generations to come;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request that the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government with the Cree Trappers' Associations, the Cree Nation Youth Council's and Elders' Councils of Eeyou Istchee develop a strategy to enhance access and opportunities to learn and practice Cree traditional activities throughout Eeyou Istchee for the Youth of Eeyou Istchee in a manner respectful of Cree customs, safety requirements, our obligations to the land, the wildlife and one another.

Proposed by: Kaitlyn Hester Moses

Seconded by: Don Saganash

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-14

SUBJECT: Immediate Implementation Of The Wildlife Directives In The Areas

Of Special Interest For The Cree

WHEREAS one of the first objectives of the Adapted Forestry regime is to take into consideration the Cree way of life as stipulated in section 3.1 of Chapter 3 Forestry -Agreement concerning a new relationship between le Gouvernement du Québec and the Cree of Québec;

WHEREAS specific management standards are to be applied to maintain or improve the habitat of very important wildlife species (moose, marten, beaver, hare, fish, caribou and partridge) in the areas of special interest for the Cree as agreed in Chapter 3—Forestry amendment no.6 JBNQA 3.10 Areas of special interest to the Cree;

WHEREAS these areas of special interest for the Cree were clearly identified in 2002 by the tallyman in all the traplines within the Chapter 3—Forestry application;

WHEREAS those areas of special interest are to benefit from specific protection to improve the level of harmonization between forest development activities and traditional activities including hunting, fishing and trapping as agreed in chapter 3—Forestry amendment No. 6 JBNQA 3.10 Areas of special interest to the Cree;

WHEREAS wildlife directives guiding the elaboration of development strategies that will take into account the protection and development of wildlife habitats remain to be implemented as agreed in chapter 3—Forestry article 59 of Schedule C-4 Agreement concerning a new relationship between le Gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec and amendment No. 6 JBNQA Schedule C-3;

WHEREAS a wildlife draft directive on the protection and development of wildlife habitats was submitted to the Quebec government on March 29, 2005, for approval and was never implemented;



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WHEREAS a wildlife directive joint committee was set in place in 2019 (following amendment No. 6) to elaborate again a new set of wildlife management directives. The Cree members of the joint committee have submitted interim measures to be implemented without delay in order to maintain and protect the wildlife habitat in the areas of special interest for the Cree;

WHEREAS interviews and numerous testimonies from the tallymen reveal that the extent of forestry activities (harvesting and road building) in the areas of special interest for the Cree (25%) is excessive. There remains a strong sentiment that the ecological integrity of these forest areas is not being preserved and that very important wildlife habitat for the Crees are being jeopardized;

IT IS RESOLVED THAT

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly request that every effort be made to implement interim measures to maintain and improve moose habitat, including the moose habitat directives related to the protection of Winter habitats (moose yards), Protection of summer habitat, protection of unique habitats, riparian travels and access corridor, wildlife habitat and silvicultural treatments and seasonal schedule of harvesting operations, until such time as permanent wildlife directives have been established;



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THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly further request that the directives on the protection and development of Wildlife habitats on the territory foreseen under the Agreement concerning a new relationship between le Gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec be finalized as soon as possible, subject to the appropriate consultations of communities and land users;

THAT the Cree Nation Government is hereby mandated to do all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing and provide the appropriate reporting.

Proposed by: Don Saganash

Seconded by: Elton John Salt

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-15

SUBJECT: Economic Security Program for Cree Hunters

WHEREAS the Economic Security Program for Cree Hunters (previously "Cree Hunters' Income Security Program") is a constitutionally guaranteed program under the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement which has been instrumental in helping preserve the Cree way of life;

WHEREAS the program has not kept pace with the increases in cost of living, the increase in challenges of accessing the territory and practicing the Cree way of life and the increase in the number of communities entitled to and wanting to access the program;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request that the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to undertake formal negotiations with the Government of Quebec and the administration of the Economic Security Program for Cree Hunters to increase the availability of the program to members of the Cree Nation, increase benefits to ensure that beneficiaries can pursue the program with economic security and ensure that the rules and restrictions protect the dignity of all beneficiaries.

Proposed by: Chief Clarke Shecapio

Seconded by: Chief Michael Petawabano

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-16

SUBJECT: Cree Harvesting Practices

WHEREAS there is considerable pressure on the land and wildlife resources of Eeyou Istchee from increased access to the territory, sports hunts, development and the growth of the population of Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Cree Nation develop and implement tools to ensure the preservation of healthy wildlife populations, such as;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby requests that the Cree Trappers' Associations to lead Cree governments, organizations and entities in the acknowledgement and reaffirmation of Responsible Cree Harvesting Practices to be used in guaranteeing the maintenance of healthy wildlife populations throughout Eeyou Istchee.

Proposed by: Willie Iserhoff

Seconded by: Billy Natawapineskum

September 1st, 2022 Carried:



RESOLUTION 2022-17

SUBJECT: Promotion of Cree Business While Maintaining a Separation From

Governance Responsibilities

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly have discussed the need for the promotion and development of Cree private entrepreneurial expertise and capacity which is very important to keep distinct and separate from government or public service roles and responsibilities;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to develop and implement policies for ensuring the promotion and development of Cree private entrepreneurial expertise and ensuring that elected officials, public servants refrain from placing themselves in conflicts of interest during their tenure with the Cree Nation Government or from using information acquired during the term for personal gain.

Proposed by: Denis Moses

Seconded by: Justice Debassigne

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-18

SUBJECT: Taking into Account Special Needs in Infrastructure and Housing

WHEREAS the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly support the Special Needs Initiative of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay, Cree School Board and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government:

WHEREAS the issue of Special Needs has been neglected for some time creating a situation where not only children with special needs but adults with special needs urgently require assistance;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation is constantly developing and implementing infrastructure, public buildings and housing programs at all levels of Government in Eeyou Istchee which require adaptations and options to properly accommodate the special needs members of our communities of all ages;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request that all government of Eeyou Istchee take into account special needs members in all our communities of all ages in the design and implementation of transportation programs, infrastructure, public buildings and housing programs.

Proposed by: Kaitlyn Hester Moses

Seconded by: Dina Snowboy Matoush

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-19

SUBJECT: 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 distributers;

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;



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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 Kuujjjuaraapik 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: Chief Michael Petawabano

Seconded by: Dinah Simard

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-20

SUBJECT: Youth Center Spaces in Each Community

WHEREAS it is imperative that the youth of Eeyou have a space reserved for youth activities with sufficient resources and staffing where they are not required to compete with other community programs or activities;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby call for collaboration between the Cree Nation Government, Local Governments of Eeyou Istchee in collaboration with youth organizations to ensure and investigate that there are spaces dedicated for Youth activities in each community.

Proposed by: Youth Grand Chief Adrian Gunner

Seconded by: Kaitlyn Hester Moses

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-21

SUBJECT: Remuneration of Deputy Youth Grand Chief

WHEREAS currently the remuneration of the Deputy Youth Grand Chief is funded from surplus program funding for the current year;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly support the examination of funding remuneration for the Deputy Youth Grand Chief from operational funding subject to an examination of a demonstration of the full time nature of the position.

Proposed by: Youth Grand Chief Adrian Gunner

Seconded by: Maria Kawapit

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-22

SUBJECT: Ensuring the Participation of Youth in Consultations on Renewal or

Approval of Agreement

WHEREAS it is important that youth participate to the fullest extent possible in the governance of the Cree Nation;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to ensure the participation of the Youth in consultations in the renewal or approval of Agreements to be signed by the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

Proposed by: Youth Grand Chief Adrian Gunner

Seconded by: Elton John Salt

Carried: September 1st, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-23

SUBJECT: Re-Establishment of the Youth Department of the Cree Nation

Government

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Youth Council is currently under staffed and lack the necessary office space;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to examine the re-establishment of the Cree Nation Government Youth Department including the construction or provision of a head office.

Proposed by: Youth Grand Chief Adrian Gunner

Seconded by: Chief Clarence Jolly

Carried: September 1st, 2022

Veeposh, Corporate Secretary