



Cree Nation Research Institute Status Update

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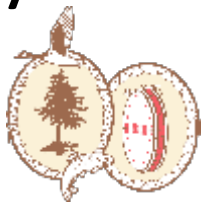


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Overview: Cree Nation Research Institute

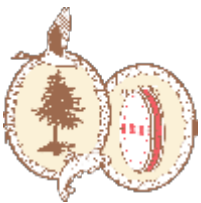
- Proposed Institute to protect Traditional Knowledge, repatriate data, archive
- Exercise inherent right to control research through centralized system to approve projects
- Protecting Cree rights and interests when outside bodies conduct research in Eeyou Istchee
- Building research capacity in Eeyou Istchee, carry out research



Work plan 2023-24: accomplished

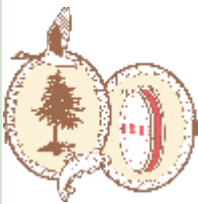
Accomplished:

- Received directive from Executive Committee for Working Group (August 2022)
- funding of FY 22-23, 23-24
- Ongoing meetings of Working Group
- Hired internal support
- Research on models of research institutes governance structures and licensing process
- Preparing questionnaire for consultation
- Consultations to date:
 - CNG Environment Department
 - Attaniuvik (Nunavik's new research governance organization)
 - CBHSSJB, CSB (on-going)
 - Aanischaaukamikw (on-going)
 - Abenaki (on-going)



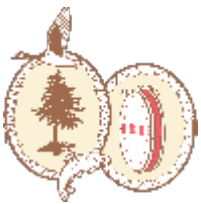
Work plan 2023-24 (continued)

Summer 2023	Fall 2023	Winter 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations with the CSB, CBHSSJB, ACCI, CTA, other Cree entities - Consultations with the communities - Ensure support (internal) for consultations - plan the Regional Forum (working group and other support) - Consultations or Site visits with other Indigenous-led research institutes - Preparing outlines of documents for Forum (questionnaire, proposals of models of governance structure, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan Regional Forum on the creation of the research institute - Ensure support for the forum: organization, preparation, facilitation, note-taking, reporting (internal, external) - Continue preparing documents for forum (questionnaire, proposals for models of governance structure (regional entities, communities), licensing model) - Hold regional forum - Report on regional forum - Secure sources of funding 2024- 	<p>Based on result of consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Propose governance structure based on report - Prepare key documents based on results of consultation (licensing process, Cree research policy, model agreements)



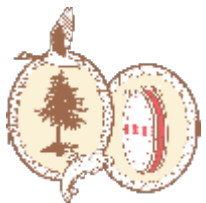
Work plan 2024-25: proposed

- Incorporation of Cree Nation Research Institute entity (name to be determined)
- Potential pilot research project to evaluate process
- Pass and implement the Cree Nation research law (if applicable)
- Develop Strategic Plan with research priorities
- Implement licensing process
- Development of a research facility, including a physical and electronic data archive and database that includes repository of information on the creation of JBNQA, the Cree Nation Government



Collaboration and Consultation:

- Importance of working together with Cree entities and Cree communities
- Needs to build on past experience, assist, complement
- Looking for input on Institute design, governance, needs, and best practices for respectful research in a Cree context
- Naming of a contact person in each Cree entity and community



Questions?





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