1. Corporate Matters

i. Notice and Quorum

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the Law and regulations and there being a quorum, the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 1:30 p.m.

Present:	Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee	
	Chief Robbie Kawapit	Stanley George
	Chief Daisy House	Christopher Napash Brant Blackned
	Chief Raymond Shanoush	Daniel Mark-Stewart
	Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo	Raymond Jolly
	Chief Clarence Jolly	John Henry Wapachee
	Chief Michael Petawabano	Thomas Neeposh
	Chief Gaston Cooper	Lance Cooper
	Chief Irene Neeposh	
Regrets:	Chief Christina Gilpin	
	Romeo Saganash	

Also present was Davey Bobbish, Executive Director, Melissa Saganash, Deputy Executive Director.

ii. Chairperson and Secretary

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee acted as Chairperson and Paul John Murdoch acted as Secretary.

2. Wind Energy

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee invited Paul John Murdoch to table and present a presentation entitled, "Development of Wind Energy in Eeyou Istchee; April 24th, 2025", a copy of which is attached hereto.

The Board/Council held an in camera discussion on the question of wind energy in Eeyou Istchee.

Paul John Murdoch reviewed a draft resolution in relation to the development of wind energy in Eeyou Istchee.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m. on April 24th, 2025

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m. on April 25th, 2025

On a motion duly made by Chief Gaston Cooper and seconded by Chief Clarence Jolly the Board/Council adopted:

Resolution BC 2025-13: *Developing a United Cree Vision on Wind Energy Development in Eeyou Istchee*

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government wishes to develop a global picture of the potential for wind energy projects in Eeyou Istchee to allow the leadership and local governments to make informed decisions in the pursuit of Cree wind energy projects;

WHEREAS the wind energy potential of Eeyou Istchee should be defined by Cree values, needs and interests and not only the development desires of Hydro-Quebec or the Government of Quebec;

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government will prioritize the protection of Eeyou Istchee, the Cree way of life and the ability of local government to plan and develop their local economies in assessing and supporting wind energy projects in Eeyou Istchee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby mandate the Cree Development Corporation to work in collaboration with the local governments of Eeyou Istchee to develop a global picture for wind energy project development in Eeyou Istchee in accordance with the following principles:

a) Collection of the visions of tallymen on their openness to receive wind energy projects and infrastructure as confirmed by local governments;
b) Collection of information from Hydro-Quebec on their infrastructure to accommodate energy from Cree wind energy projects;
c) The integration of data in relation to protected areas and wildlife protection measures already secured by the Cree Nation;
d) Ensure that any and all data that is collected, owned and controlled by the Cree Nation through the Cree Development Corporation and the local Governments of Eeyou Istchee;
e) The prohibition on the Cree Development Corporation from distributing or acting on any of the data that is collected without clear authorization from the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Board/Council;
f) The tabling for authorization of a consultation plan and budget to the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government prior to initiating any activities.

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government further authorizes the Cree Development Corporation to open discussions with Hydro-Quebec for securing access to Hydro-Quebec data and financial resources for the purpose of developing a global picture for wind energy project development in Eeyou Istchee subject to the fore-mentioned principles.

3. Cree Quebec Relations

Davey Bobbish, Executive Director provided an update on Cree Quebec relations explaining that there had been passed discussions between the Grand Chief and Premier which have been suspended until after the upcoming elections for a new Grand Chief. He explained that there were issues that such as the budgetary rules discussions for the Cree School Board which would continue and other infrastructure issues related to the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay. He stated that these discussions would be challenging considering the significant deficit of the Government of Quebec and expected cuts.

Chief Gaston Cooper stated that he hoped that there would be a clear mandate when it came to discussions with Quebec.

Chief Michael Petawabano stated that there had been no mandate or formal appointment made by the Board/Council for any one to speak to Quebec and he wants to know what was shared with or tabled with Quebec. He is concerned that there were even discussions on Education and Health without discussing it at Board/Council.

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee stated that he wanted to understand what were the urgent issues for the leadership and that a meeting would be called after goose break to determine how we address these issues with Quebec.

Chief House raised issues that needed to be addressed that she didn't want bogged down in regional discussions or tied to consent on development projects.

Daniel Mark Stewart stated that he was concerned that there has been very little reporting on Quebec discussions, especially since the departure of Richard Shecapio. He stated that he was uncomfortable with the Grand Chief personally choosing who would negotiate with Quebec and that it should be a Board/Council decision. He agreed that mandates should always be discussed at Board/Council.

Chief Clarence Jolly inquired as to why discussions with Quebec have seemed to come to a deadlock.

Davey Bobbish, Executive Director explained that there is a considerable pedagogical exercise to do with Government officials both elected officials and civil servants.

The Board/Council held an in camera session concerning discussions with the Government of Quebec and matters of internal governance.

Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee stated that he was grateful for the discussion and looked forward to future meetings where specific decisions can be made on discussions with Quebec. He stated that with a view to great transparency he would ask for files and correspondence with Quebec be distributed to Board/Council members.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on April 25th, 2025.

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Council of the Cree Nation Government held on May 28th and 29th, 2025 at the Delta Hotel, 690 Boul. René-Lévesque E, **Québec City, Québec**

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1. Corporate Matters

i. Opening Prayer

The Opening prayer was recited by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo.

ii. Notice and Quorum

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the Law and regulations and there being a quorum, the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:57 a.m.

Present:
Grand Chief Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee
Chief Robbie Kawapit
Chief Daisy House
Chief Christina Gilpin
Chief Raymond Shanoush
Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo
Chief Clarence Jolly
Chief Michael Petawabano
Chief Gaston Cooper
Chief Irene Neeposh
Stanley George
Christopher Napash
Brant Blackned
Daniel Mark-Stewart
Raymond Jolly
John Henry Wapachee
Thomas Neeposh
Lance Cooper
Romeo Saganash (v)

Also present:
Chief Annie Mapachee-Salt
Betty Trapper
Chief Kelly Kitchicappo
Michael Jolly

iii. Chairperson and Secretary

Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee acted as Chairperson and Edna Neeposh acted as Secretary. Chief Irene Neeposh was appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the meeting.

iv. Adoption of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Housing

On a motion duly made by Chief Raymond Shanoush and seconded by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo, the members adopted:

***RESOLUTION BC-2025-014**: Adoption of Agenda for May 28th and 29th, 2025*

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government adopted the agenda for a meeting held on May 28th and 29th, 2025.

Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee acknowledged the contribution of the Board/Council members for the benefit of their communities. He also acknowledged former Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty who was elected as Member of Parliament for Abitibi-Baie-James-Nunavik-Eeyou riding and being appointed as Minister of Indigenous Services.

Grand Chief informed the members that all discussions with Quebec are suspended and will resume following the elections for the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief of Eeyou Istchee in July.

2. Governance

Executive Director Report

Davey Bobbish, Executive Director presented the document entitled, "Report of the Executive Director, GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government, Board/Council Meeting, May 28-29, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Considering the upcoming discussions with Quebec following the termination of the Paix des Braves, Chief Daisy House encouraged the Chiefs to consult with their respective community members on what they would like to see in their communities. She mentioned that funding is not allocated for cultural centers and/or traditional dwellings. She also mentioned homelessness, although there is a provision for almshouses in the JBNQA.

Quebec Policy and Legislative relevant to the Cree Nation

Nadia Saganash, Director of Indigenous and Quebec Relations presented the document entitled, "Quebec Policy and Legislative relevant to the Cree Nation," and Nathan Afilalo, Senior Legislation and Policy Advisor presented the document entitled, "Executive Brief: Legislation and Policy Development Report," both copies of which are attached hereto.

The Director of Cree-Quebec Relations is putting in place a process to monitor legislative and policy developments by the Government of Quebec to ensure that the CNG and Cree Nations are aware of relevant legislative and policy developments on behalf of the province, provide leadership relevant information to respond to such developments, as well as validate recommended actions and positions taken in response to such developments. The initiative further provides CNG with a process to coordinate its efforts. The report allows the CNG with a tool to communicate its efforts, analysis, and recommended positions to Cree leadership. Two items have thus been submitted for review: (1) a presentation on the draft monitoring, validation, and response procedure and (2) a draft of the report to be regularly submitted. The draft report submitted provides two example issues to illustrate how it will undertake its analysis. Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee informed the members that the report is a work in progress and will be presented again at a future meeting.

Michael Jolly asked that considering what is happening in Ontario with Bill 5 and the news article where Prime Minister Carney and Ontario Premier Doug Ford focusing on the economic zones, if the Cree Nation are monitoring the situation.

Nathan replied that the working group was asked to monitor the situation.

Davey Bobbish, Executive Director, mentioned that he asked for a legal opinion as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Christopher Napash suggested that terms, like; laws, regulations, bills and policies be defined in the English language as all can be translated as "wiishuwewin." He also recommended that some of the veterans who are good resource people to be more involved in the process.

Grand Chief also informed the members that he received two emails: Bill 97 and potential implications on the Paix des Braves in the Cree territory and the Language Bill 100 in Quebec. A directive was issued to Nadia Saganash and Nathan Afilalo, to assess the two bills.

A directive was also issued to the Cree Language Commissioner to follow up on the comments by Christopher Napash concerning Cree terminology that can be used in the document.

Daniel Mark-Stewart recommended creating our own legislation to better serve the Cree communities.

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. to reconvene at 11:50 a.m.

CBHSSJB – Housing for Dialysis Patients

Jeannie Pelletier, Chairperson presented the document entitled, “Montreal HD Clients – Housing, May 20, 2025,” with an addendum entitled, “Addressing Recruitment Challenges of Qualified Health Professionals in Eeyou Istchee,” a copy of which are attached hereto. Daniel St-Amour, Executive Director provided a summary on the activities and services of the CBHSSJB.

Daniel St-Amour, Executive Director provided a summary of new hospital and the services that will be provided therein.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. to reconvene at 1:40 p.m.

Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association (CNACA)
Intellectual Property & Protecting Traditional Knowledge

Dale Cooper, Executive Director presented the document entitled, “Intellectual Property & Protecting Traditional Knowledge and Understanding Copyright,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

Washaw Sibi Economic Impact Studies

Chief Annie Mapachee-Salt and Abel Bosum, Consultant provided a summary of creating a community for the Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi.

On a motion duly made by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo and seconded by Chief Raymond Shanoush, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2025-015: *Support for Washaw Sibi*

WHEREAS the 2024 Cree Nation Annual General Assembly passed Resolution AGA 2024-16 expressing support for the Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi in the establishment of their community near the municipality of Matagami and mandated the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to do what is necessary in prioritizing this initiative;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi has made significant progress in realizing their vision of establishing themselves in a new Cree village where they will not fear the loss of Cree language and culture, and where they will be able to receive a wide range of services and benefits on the same basis as Cree people in the other nine Cree communities within Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS notably, the Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi has identified a site for the construction of a new village in the vicinity of the Town of Matagami which is suitable from both a technical perspective, and also, from the perspective of the acceptability of the site by communities within the region;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi, with the support of the Cree Nation Government, has authorized the conduct of technical studies to confirm the suitability of the site for construction purposes;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi has secured commitments on the part of several Cree communities to eventually transfer small portions of their Category IA lands which will be set aside for the use and benefit of Washaw Sibi;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi has entered into productive discussions with the Town of Matagami to explore creative possibilities for the sharing of a range of infrastructure services, health and educational services, recreational services, among others, all with a view to minimizing the capital costs associated with the construction of the Washaw Sibi village;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi has had positive discussions with representatives of la Société de developpement de la Baie James (SDBJ);

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi has had preliminary discussions with SDBJ regarding the preparation of an economic study to assess the potential benefits to the region as a whole associated with the establishment of the new Washaw Sibi village near the Town of Matagami;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 174, (c) and (d) of the formal mandate of SDBJ, this entity shall undertake coordinated actions in cooperation with the Cree Nation Government in pursuit of its mission:

> 174. The SDBJ shall continue in existence with its current rights and privileges, as provided for in the *James Bay Region Development and Municipal Organization Act,* subject to the following provisions:
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> c) in the pursuit of its mission, the SDBJ shall promote coordinated action with, in particular, the Cree Nation Government, the Cree Communities, the Regional Government, the Municipalities, the CRÉ's and the CD's as well as with the other stakeholders, both from the public and the private sectors;
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> d) the Cree Nation Government, with respect to Category I Lands, and the Regional Government, with respect to Category I Lands, may propose to Québec mandates that may be entrusted to the SDBJ in any

field related to its objects. In the event of such a mandate, the costs of which may be borne, in whole or in part, by the Cree Nation Government or the Regional Government, as the case may be;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Cree Nation Government be and hereby requests that the Government of Quebec authorize la Société de developpement de la Baie James (SDBJ) to carry out an economic study to assess the potential benefits to the region associated with the establishment of the new Washaw Sibi village near the Town of Matagami,

THAT The Cree Nation Government be and hereby requests that the Government of Quebec provide to la Société de developpement de la Baie James (SDBJ) the financial resources required to carry out the above-noted economic study.

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. to reconvene at 3:25 p.m.

Société de développement de la Baie James (SDBJ)

Alain Coulombe, CEO and Director of SDBJ presented the document entitled, “Presentation to CNG, May 2025,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

The members held an in-camera session at 3:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 4:23 p.m.

3. Finance and Administration

Nishiiyuu Council of Elders

Edward Gilpin, Chairperson gave a brief history and current activities of the NCOE.

Roderick Pachano, Corporate Secretary presented the document entitled, “How much is preserving our culture and language worth to you?,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

The members expressed their support to the request for financial contribution from the CNG.

A directive was issued to Finance to seek sources of funding to support the request from the Nishiiyuu Council of Elders.

The meeting recessed at 6:02 p.m. to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on May 29, 2025.

Four Pillars Society

Roderick Pachano informed the members that the Four Pillars Society contributed $500,000. to the CNG to host a celebration of the Gottfriedson Class Action lawsuit win against the Government of Canada.

A directive was issued to Melissa Saganash, Deputy Executive Director to coordinate event in collaboration with the Nishiiyuu Council of Elders.

Vice-Chairperson, Chief Irene Neeposh informed the members that the Nishiiyuu Elders Council's presentation from yesterday will be re-tabled at a future Board/Council meeting, and more particularly on the programs therein.

2. Governance (Cont'd)

Draft Declaration on the Rights and Responsibilities of Eeyou Istchee

Wanda Miniquaken and Chantal Tetreault presented the document entitled, "Eeyou Istchee kuna'wayîh' tamûn: Adoption of the Eeyou Declaration on Rights and Responsibilities in Eeyou Istchee May 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Chief Daisy House and seconded by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-016: *Adoption of the Declaration on the Rights and Responsibilities in Eeyou Istchee*

WHEREAS Eeyou Istchee, the *living land*, including the animals, fish, trees, plants and waters, is recognized by our Elders as a "living being";

WHEREAS today, Eeyou values, knowledge and pimaatisiiun are being eroded and the values of care for Eeyou Istchee are essential to our cultural, physical, spiritual and economic survival, as well as to our food security. They safeguard our very identity as Eenouch/Eeyouch;

WHEREAS the *Îyiyiu Aschî Kiniywâihtimuwin (Caring for Eeyou Istchee): A Declaration on the Rights and Responsibilities in Eeyou Istchee* aims to promote, transmit and affirm our Eeyou cultural and legal traditions of care and sustainable use of Eeyou Istchee. It also affirms our inherent rights and values with respect to the lands and waters, as recognized by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Canadian law;

WHEREAS a working group led by former Deputy Grand Chief Norman Wapachee has been meeting since July 2023;

WHEREAS the working group has carried out consultations and interviews with Elders and reviewed Cree declarations, policies and laws, as well as videos, books and articles about Cree ways in order to draft the Declaration;

WHEREAS the working group has drafted both a long and short version of the Declaration in Eeyou/Eenou ayimuwin and English and are creating short videos about the Declaration and the reciprocal obligations between Eeyou Istchee and Eeyouch/Eenouch;

WHEREAS the intent is to publicly announce the Declaration at the 2025 AGA in August and at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the signing of the James Bay-Northern Quebec Agreement in Fall 2025;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT *Îyiyiu Aschî Kiniywâihtimuwin (Caring for Eeyou Istchee): A Declaration on the Rights and Responsibilities in Eeyou Istchee* is adopted, to promote cultural transmission within the Cree Nation and affirm our responsibilities in governing our lands and waters according to our values, with its public release in late Summer and/or Fall 2025;

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. to reconvene at 11:13 a.m.

At this time, Chief Gaston Cooper acted as Vice-Chairperson of the meeting.

Housing

Chief Michael Petawabano recommended a review of the letter from Davey Bobbish, Executive Director regarding housing.

The members recommended creating a working group to review criteria for private housing with more flexibility, and report to the next Board/Council meeting. They also recommended allocating funds to communities to better plan their housing needs and manage the funds for both private housing and social housing program funds or proceed with discussions while generating interest in the funds prior to allocating them to the communities.

Davey Bobbish informed the members that the NRA funds are intended for the communities and all funds allocated are recommendations from the communities. He informed the members that housing and the allocation of funds is still a work in progress.

The members expressed concern about the lack of lots to build due to soil/earth conditions and lack of designated location to build private housing. It was mentioned that community members are unable to build private houses due to the high cost to build and the long-term obligation of a mortgage. They recommended purchasing material in bulk for all communities and investing in prefabricated houses and using local labour.

A directive was issued to Davey Bobbish to create a working group in collaboration with the Chiefs, to further assess the housing needs and allocation of funds to the communities. It was agreed to table the analysis of the working group at a future meeting of the Board/Council.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. to reconvene at 12:50 pm

7. Justice and Correctional Services

Vice-Chairperson, Chief Gaston Cooper informed the members that the Chiefs had discussed the challenges encountered by the police and justice matters in the communities. He informed the members that a directive had been issued to further discuss the matter at the Board/Council level.

The members expressed concern about the following, and not limited to: encountering difficulties due to the current structure of the court system, the table that was created to start discussions with Quebec was discontinued and recommended that the process resume at the Board/Council level as it is blocking our court system and should be negotiated without further delay. They also expressed concern about the shortage of police officers in the communities and discussions with the Ministry of Public Security should be initiated without further delay and the slow progress of the justice system in the communities, often resulting in the closing of court cases. It was also recommended that Chiefs should engage in discussions directly with the judges concerning police and justice related matters, rather than using the services of lawyers and consultants as this may increase the success of the process. The lack of programs in the group homes for youth, and after-care programs in the communities was also a major concern. Alcohol and drugs play a major role in crimes committed in Eeyou Istchee and there is lack of detoxification facilities in Eeyou Istchee, and recommendation to have long-term land-based programs for individuals who seek help to overcome their addictions. It was also mentioned that the judicial process in the communities does not comply with Cree traditions and customs. It was also recommended that programs be implemented to help communities members refrain from illegal activities.

Vice-Chairperson, Chief Gaston Cooper informed the members that a meeting will be held on June 9, 2025, in Val d'Or in preparation for a pending meeting with the judges concerning the police and justice challenges that we are encountering in Eeyou Istchee.

A directive was issued to Davey Bobbish, Executive Director in collaboration with Donald Nicholls, Director of Justice and Correctional Services and Shannon Nakogee, Director of EEPF to gather the key issues raised by Chiefs in preparation for the upcoming meeting in Val d'Or in June and the meeting with the judges in July.

11. Social and Cultural Development

Residential School Research Program

George E. Pachano, presented the document entitled, "Update on Fort George Ground Search for Unmarked Graves, May 2025, Presentation by George E. Pachano, Survivor St. Philip's (Fort George). Lead for Chisasibi Working Group," and "Update: Regional Efforts to Support the Documentation and Commemoration of Eeyou Istchee's Residential School History, Rodney Mark and George E. Pachano, May 28, 2025," both copies of which are attached hereto.

George informed the members that the past year has seen significant and negative changes to the level of support offered by the Federal funding agency, CIRNAC's Residential Schools Missing Children Community Support Funding Program. The initial application agreed to by CIRNAC was for more 2 million dollars. This past year has seen that amount reduced to approximately $600,000. Further funding in coming years is uncertain through the program. Uncertainty, from month to month, over the past year led to a situation where it was difficult to begin work.

The following directives were issued to support the regional efforts to support the documentation and commemoration of Eeyou Istchee's Residential School history.

Directive to Tina Petawabano, Director of Indigenous and Federal Relations to assist in identifying available sources of funding or in negotiating for other sources of funding so that the project can continue.

Directive to Matthew Swallow, Treasurer to seek sources of funding within the CNG to ensure the continuity of the project.

Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee mentioned that he received correspondence in his office concerning a book launch that was held concerning residential schools, and that there is a plan to have another launch for the second part of the book.

Directive to Tina Petawabano and Nadia Saganash, Director of Indigenous and Quebec Relations to seek sources of funding to support the second book launch.

The meeting recessed at 2:40 p.m. to reconvene at 2:55 p.m.

2. Governance (Cont'd)

Commission de Construction de Quebec (CCQ)
Jacynthe Poulin, Spécialiste en inclusion agrée Canada (SIACMC), Chargée de projet – Diversité et innovation sociale, DIRECTION DES ANALYSES STRATÉGIQUEs ET DE LA DIVERSITÉ and Doreen Picard presented the document entitled, "Construction Industry Action Plan for the Inclusion of First Nations and Inuit, May 29, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Chief Irene Neeposh asked if CCQ could align the construction holiday with the Cree traditional holidays and hunting seasons. The CCQ advised Chief Neeposh that the Liaison Committee with the Union and Employer Association of CCQ would be the appropriate department to direct requests of this nature.

12. Commerce and Industry

Regional Economic Analysis – Overview
Anthony MacLeod, Director of Commerce and Industry and Casey MacLeod, Analyst presented the document entitled, "Regional Economic Analysis, A Vision for Economic Strength in Eeyou Istchee, presentation for Council/Board, May 28-29, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

9. Environment and Remedial Works

Planning Vision of the Eeyou Planning Commission
Jessica Labrecque, Manager of Land Use Planning and Wayne Cheezo, Commissioner for Eeyou Planning Commission presented the document entitled, "Recommendations for CNG Board/Council Approval," (Vision for Land and Resource Use Planning in Eeyou Istchee), May 28-29, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Chief Raymond Shanoush and seconded by Daniel Mark-Stewart, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-017: *Recommend the Eeyou Planning Commission (EPC) Planning Vision for the approval of the CNG Board Council*

WHEREAS the Eeyou Planning Commission unanimously recommended the Planning Vision for approval through resolution # EPC-2025-002;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board Council hereby approves the 2025 Eeyou Planning Commission Vision, as amended.

Upcoming Launch – Nature Plan Funding Program

Nadia Saganash, Director of Indigenous and Quebec Relations and Olivier Kölmel, Manager of Eco-Investments & Strategic Partnerships presented the document entitled, "Plan Nature 2030 Cree-led Biodiversity Conservation and Stewardship Fund, First Phase of the Eeyou Eco Fund Initiatives, Board/Council May 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Nadia informed the members that the information will be communicated to the communities and that a user-friendly template will be developed to make it easier for individuals to apply, including youth.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board/Council will be held on July 23rd and 24th, 2025 in Chisasibi, Eeyou Istchee.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

The closing prayer was recited by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo.

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Council of the Cree Nation Government held on July 23rd and 24th, 2025 at the Mitchuap Building, 13 Maamuu Road, **Chisasibi, Eeyou Istchee**

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1. Corporate Matters

i. **Opening Prayer**

The Opening prayer was recited by Thomas Neeposh.

ii. **Notice and Quorum**

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the Law and regulations and there being a quorum, the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:35 a.m.

Present: Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch
Chief Robbie Kawapit
Chief Daisy House
Chief Christina Gilpin
Chief Raymond Shanoush
Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo
Chief Clarence Jolly
Chief Michael Petawabano
Chief Gaston Cooper
Chief Irene Neeposh
Stanley George
Christopher Napash
Brant Blackned
Daniel Mark-Stewart
Raymond Jolly
John Henry Wapachee
Thomas Neeposh
Lance Cooper

Also present: Chief Annie Mapachee-Salt
Andrianna Trapper
Chief Kelly Kitchicappo (V)
Michael Jolly

Regrets: Romeo Saganash

iii. **Chairperson and Secretary**

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch acted as Chairperson and Edna Neeposh acted as Secretary.

iv. **Adoption of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Forest Fire Cabin Replacement Program
- 2025-2026 Outstanding Budgetary Items
- Candidates for Deputy Grand Chief

On a motion duly made by Chief Gaston Cooper and seconded by Thomas Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2025-018: *Adoption of Agenda for July 23rd and 24th, 2025.*

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government adopted the agenda for the meeting held on July 23rd and 24th, 2025.

Opening Remarks by Grand Chief
Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch addressed the members and he acknowledged his fellow candidates for their mutual respect during the elections and their aspirations for the Cree Nation. He also expressed his sincere gratitude to the communities for their warm welcome and hospitality, and the members for their support. He stated that he is looking forward to working together in unity with the communities for the benefit of the Cree Nation.

2. Governance

Eeyou Istchee College of Science and Technology
Dr. Carmen Sicilia, Director General and Pahren Thiyagarajah Thayaparan presented the document entitled, “Eeyou Istchee College of Science and Technology, Our Time is Now,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

The members expressed various concerns and the Grand Chief stated that this is an introduction and that there will be further discussions with the Cree entities to ensure that the EICST is a success.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:57 a.m. to reconvene at 11:12 a.m.

Social Plan of Action
Rodney Mark, Director of Social and Cultural Development presented a summary of the purpose and provided an update on the Social Plan of Action. He informed the members that they are working on health issues, effects of residential schools, intergenerational trauma and school-age programming. Rodney informed the members that they are working with medical professionals on diabetes prevention and social and health issues in Eeyou Istchee. He encouraged the communities to work in unity with Miyupimatisiiun Committees, health professionals, police services and community members to analyze and seek solutions to address and resolve these issues in their respective communities. He informed the members that the department of Social and Cultural Development is working in tandem with the offices of the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and the local directors of Social Development to develop a community-designed plan of action and present a report at a future Board/Council meeting. He stated that the Social Plan of Action is an ongoing process and should be recognized as such, and not only as a short-term matter.

Canadian and Quebec Legislation and Policy Developments and Reviewing the position of the CNG on the inapplicability of Bill 97 to the Paix des Braves
Nathan Afilalo, Senior Legislative and Policy Advisor presented the document entitled, “Legislation and Policy Report, Vol 1, Board/Council, July 23-24, 2025,” that includes Bill 97 and Bill C-5, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief explained to the members that there are two processes under the JBNQA; the provincial process that is managed through COMEX and the federal process which does not affect the provincial process which the Crees are more involved in when it comes to projects. He informed the members that their input will be essential before an official position is taken.

Nathan informed the members that a more detailed brief on how Bill C-5 will interact with Section 22 of the JBNQA process will be submitted to the Board/Council.

The meeting was recessed at 12:10 p.m. to reconvene at 1:58 p.m.

Executive Director Report

Davey Bobbish, Executive Director presented the document entitled, "Report of the Executive Director, GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government, Board/Council Meeting, July 23-24, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Agreement-in-Principle respecting the Wiinipaakw Indigenous Protected Area and National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA)

Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations and James Bobbish presented the document entitled, "Proposed Wiinipaakw Indigenous Protected Area and National Marine Conservation Area in the EMR, GCCEI/CNG Board/Council, July 23-24, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Chief Raymond Shanoush and seconded by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-019: *Agreement-in-Principle Respecting the Wiinipaakw IPA-NMCA*

WHEREAS the Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement ("**EMRLCA**") includes provisions regarding the establishment of protected areas in the Eeyou Marine Region ("**EMR**"), including a National Marine Conservation Area ("**NMCA**");

WHEREAS on May 30, 2019, the GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government and Canada executed a Memorandum of Understanding respecting an assessment of the feasibility of establishing an NMCA in the EMR ("**2019 MOU**");

WHEREAS the "Steering Committee" established under the 2019 MOU carried out a feasibility assessment that included several studies and stakeholder consultations and then prepared a report ("**2024 Feasibility Assessment Report**") recommending the establishment of the Wiinipaakw Protected Area as an Indigenous Protected Area ("**IPA**") by Cree mechanisms and as an NMCA pursuant to Chapter 6 of the EMRLCA and the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act*;

WHEREAS the "Steering Committee" further recommended that Canada and the Crees initiate negotiations to conclude an agreement to establish Wiinipaakw, including at a minimum, provisions of an impact and benefit agreement consistent with Chapter 6 of the EMRLCA, taking into account the recommendations set out in the 2024 Feasibility Assessment Report;

WHEREAS on October 1, 2024, the GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government and Canada signed a Memorandum of Understanding respecting the establishment of the Wiinipaakw IPA-NMCA ("**2024 Cree-Canada MOU**") in accordance with the 2024 Feasibility Assessment Report;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has reviewed a proposed Agreement-in-Principle respecting the Wiinipaakw IPA-NMCA, substantially in the form appended hereto and recommended that it be reviewed and approved by the Board/Council of the GCC(EI)/Cree Nation;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council hereby approves the Agreement-in-Principle respecting the Wiinipaakw IPA-NMCA, substantially in the form submitted and reviewed at this meeting and appended hereto;

THAT the Board/Council authorizes and mandates the Grand Chief/Chairperson and Deputy Grand Chief/Vice Chairperson to sign the said Agreement-in-Principle respecting the Wiinipaakw IPA-NMCA, substantially in accordance with the draft submitted to and attached hereto, with such changes not materially affecting the substance thereof, and to do all things necessary to ensure its implementation.

14. Other Matters

Forest Fire Cabin Replacement Program

Grand Chief briefed the members on the discussions that were held during the Chiefs and Representatives meeting on July 22, 2025 concerning the loss of 158 cabins due to the forest fires of 2023, and the Forest Fire Cabin Replacement Program. He informed the members that the goal was to replace 50 cabins in the summer of 2024. He also informed the members that the cabin replacement project will continue in collaboration with Niskamoon Corporation, Cree Trappers Association, Cree Nation of Mistissini and other communities.

A directive was issued to Treasurer Matthew Swallow to seek funds within the Cree Nation Government to contribute to the replacement of the remaining 108 cabins under the Forest Fire Cabin Replacement Program.

Outstanding Budgetary Items

Grand Chief informed the members that more discussions are required for the outstanding budgetary items and are therefore deferred to the Board/Council meeting in September.

Candidates for Deputy Grand Chief

Grand Chief informed the members that he extended an invitation to the candidates for Deputy Grand Chief and they both agreed to address the Board/Council on the second day of the present meeting.

Grand Chief recommended that the members hold a discussion on the matters to be tabled at the next Board/Council meeting so that presenters can better prepare their submissions to the Board/Council.

He informed the members that he will extend an invitation to the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay, Cree School Board, Cree Trappers' Association and the Board of Compensation to present at the Annual General Assembly. He also informed the members that the agenda for the AGA is open to suggestions from the members of Eeyou Istchee.

The meeting recessed at 4:15 p.m. to reconvene on July 24, 2025 at 9:36 a.m.

Candidates for Deputy Grand Chief (Cont'd)
Linden Spencer and John Henry Wapachee, candidates for Deputy Grand Chief addressed the members of the Board/Council.

Christopher Napash recommended having a Treasurer's report prior to the start of each meeting. The Grand Chief informed the members that a quarterly report is always provided from the Treasurer's office.

3. Finance and Administration

Treasurer's Memo
Matthew Swallow, Treasurer reviewed his memo dated July 17, 2025 regarding the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Audited Financial Statements ending March 31, 2025
Sylvain Faucher, CPA for Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton presented the Draft Audited Financial Statements ending March 31, 2025 for the Cree Heritage Fund Foundation Inc, Eenou-Eeyou Limited Partnership, Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government, copies of which are attached hereto.

The meeting was recessed at 12:15 p.m. and an in-camera session was held at 12:50 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Neeposh and seconded by Lance Cooper, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-020: *2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements*

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government have reviewed the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government and further mandate the Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch and Chief House to sign the fore mentioned financial statements.

15. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on September 16, 17 and 18, 2025 in Eastmain, Eeyou Istchee.

The Grand Chief mentioned some of the issues that will be on the agenda for the next Board/Council meeting; Cree-Federal Relations, Cree-Quebec Relations, Housing Matters; Private and Social Housing, and Insurance, 2026-2027 Budget, 2025-2026 Budget, Justice and Correctional Services, and Police Services.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The closing prayer was recited by Lance Cooper.

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary

Minutes of the joint meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), the Council of the Cree Nation Government, Director Generals and Treasurers held on **November 4 & 5, 2025** at the Hilton Lac Leamy, 3 Boulevard Casino, **Gatineau, Quebec**

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1. Corporate Matters

i. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was recited by Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch.

ii. Notice and Quorum

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the Law and regulations and there being a quorum, the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:45 a.m.

Present: Chiefs and Representatives of the Board/Council
Director Generals
Treasurers of the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee
Directors of the Cree Nation Government.

iii. Chairperson and Secretary

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch acted as Chairperson and Edna Neeposh acted as Secretary.

iv. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion duly made by Chief Raymond Shanoush and seconded by Thomas Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2025-029: *Adoption of Agenda for November 4th and 5th, 2025*

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government adopted the agenda for the joint meeting of the Board/Council, Director Generals and Treasurers held on November 4th and 5th, 2025.

Agenda Items

The participants held open discussions on the following agenda items, a copy of which is attached hereto.

1. Cree Canada New Relationship Agreement
2. Cree Nation Strategy on Housing

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The closing prayer was recited by Christopher Napash.

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Council of the Cree Nation Government held on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2025 at **Le Centre Sheraton**, 1201 Rene-Levesque Blvd Ouest, **Montreal, Quebec**

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1. Corporate Matters

i. **Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was recited by Thomas Neeposh.

ii. **Notice and Quorum**

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the Law and regulations and there being a quorum, the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 5:00 p.m.

Present:	Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch	Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer
	Chief Robbie Kawapit	Stanley George
	Chief Daisy House	Christopher Napash
	Chief Raymond Shanoush	Daniel Mark-Stewart
	Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo	Raymond Blackned
	Chief Clarence Jolly	John Henry Wapachee
	Chief Michael Petawabano	Thomas Neeposh
	Chief Gaston Cooper	Lance Cooper
	Chief Irene Neeposh	John Kitchen

Also present: Chief Annie Mapachee-Salt
Betty J. Trapper
Chief Kelly Kitchicappo
Michael Jolly

Regrets:	Chief Frank Atsynia	Arden Visitor

iii. **Chairperson and Secretary**

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch acted as Chairperson and Edna Neeposh acted as secretary.

Executive Director Position

The members held an in-camera session concerning the Executive Director position.

On a motion duly made by John Kitchen seconded by Daniel Mark-Stewart, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2025-030: *Executive Director/Director General of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government*

WHEREAS a recruitment and interview process was carried out to address the vacancy of the office of Executive Director/Director General;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 29. of the Act respecting the Cree Nation Government, C. G-1.031 the Board/Council that has the authority for the nomination and designation of the Executive Director/Director General of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates and designates Anthony MacLeod as Executive Director/ Director General of Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government effective immediately subject to the applicable working conditions, salary scale with a probationary period of twelve (12) months beginning December 2nd, 2025.

The meeting recessed at 5:50 p.m. to reconvene on December 3rd, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch provided a summary of the discussions held on December 3rd, 2025.

iv. **Adoption of Agenda**

On a motion duly made by Lance Cooper and seconded by John Henry Wapachee, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2025-031: *Adoption of Agenda for December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2025.*

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government adopted the agenda for the meeting held on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2025.

v. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board/Council meetings held March 26 & 27, 2025, April 24 & 25, 2025, May 28 & 29, 2025, July 23 & 24, 2025, October 28 & 29, 2025 and November 4 & 5, 2025 (Joint Meeting with DGs and Treasurers) were deferred to the end of the meeting.

vi. **Appointments**

Waswanipi Representative on the Board/Council

On a motion duly made by Chief Gaston Cooper and seconded by Stanley George, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2025-032: *Board-Council Membership – John Kitchen*

WHEREAS the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi held elections for community representation to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Board/Council;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby recognizes the election of John Kitchen as the community representative of Waswanipi to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Board/Council for a term of three (3) years as per the General Laws of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

vii. **Federal and Provincial Laws and Regulations**

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch presented the document entitled, "Legislation and Policy Developments Report, 2025 Report III, December 2nd – 4th, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief informed the members that the GCC(EI) will be making a formal submission to the parliamentary hearing on February 12th, 2026. He also informed the members that a more thorough presentation will be provided in January and recommended that a special meeting take place before submission to the parliamentary hearing.

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. to reconvene at 10:50 a.m.

2. Governance

Cree Canada New Relationship Agreement Renewal

Robert Mainville and David E. Heritage presented the document entitled, "Federal Renewal Negotiations, GCC(EI)/CNG Board/Council, December 3, 2025." They informed the members that it is currently a work in progress and will be brought back to the Board/Council upon final review for their approval.

Cree HQ Update

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch provided a summary of the Cree HQ Update to the members.

Daniel Mark-Stewart as a member of SDBJ raised the issue of reduced funding for the maintenance of the Billy Diamond Highway and other road networks in Eeyou Istchee. He recommended that this item be part of the current agenda.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Connect Conference – Update

Rodney Mark, Director of Social and Cultural Development presented the document entitled, "Building Healthier and Safer Communities **Together in ACTION in Eeyou Istchee,** Update on Connect Conference," a copy of which is attached hereto. He informed the members that the conference will be held on March 17 to 19, 2026 in Eeyou Istchee.

Housing Strategy

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch presented the document entitled, "Cree Nation Strategy on Housing – Debrief and Implementation Plan," a report from the Joint meeting of the Board/Council, Director Generals and Treasurers meeting held on November 5th, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto.

He informed the members that the primary focus was the housing crisis in Eeyou Istchee. A series of directives and resolutions were issued and the formation of a Special Working Group on Housing.

On a motion duly made by John Henry Wapachee and seconded by Chief Michael Petawabano, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2025-033*: Formation and Mandate of Special Working Group on Housing*

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for the creation of a Special Working Group on Housing to address the concerns of the current Private Home Ownership Program of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government and develop recommendations for the improvement of the program to better meet the needs of the people of Eeyou Istchee;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby creates the Special Working Group on Housing with the mandate to develop recommendations for simplification of the Cree Nation Housing programs specifically the reduction of administrative burdens on applicants, the expansion of eligibility, the expansion of types of programs that the private housing fund could be applied to including the re-evaluation of the subsidy levels and structure under the Private Housing Program and the development of a communication plan to promote greater understanding and awareness of the housing issue generally in Eeyou Istchee;

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Grand Chief and/or Deputy Grand Chief, Treasurer, Senior Manager of Finance, Executive Director and/or Deputy Executive Director, Director of Capital Works and Services, Director of Commerce and Industry, Board/Council members Chief Neeposh and Chief House, Richard Shecapio and Katherine Moses from the DGs and Treasurers Committee and Norman L. Wapachee and Stacy Cheezo from the Miichuwaap Committee to the Special Working Group on Housing;

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby mandates the Special Working Group on Housing to table reports and recommendations at each meeting of the Board/Council and that the mandate and term of the Special Working Group on Housing shall be considered for renewal on March 26th, 2026.

Mandate to Open Discussions and Seek Services from Canadian Financial

On a motion duly made by Lance Cooper and seconded by Chief Irene Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-034*: Mandate to Open Discussions and Seek Services from Canadian Financial*

WHEREAS homeowners and potential homeowners of Eeyou Istchee are not receiving or able to access mortgages and other financial products from the major financial institutions of Canada on the same basis as non-Native homeowners in Canada and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has service opportunities and other contextual information which could entice these financial institutions to commit to offering the homeowners of Eeyou Istchee mortgages and other financial instruments on a fair and equitable basis.

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby authorizes the consolidation and request for proposals of the banking services of the Cree Nation Government from the major Financial Institutions of Canada subject to their collaboration and commitment to ensure the people of Eeyou Istchee have fair and equitable access to financial services in relation to home ownership products such as mortgages and insurance without the requirement for local government counter guarantees;

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government mandates the Grand Chief, Executive Director, Treasurer, Senior Manager of Finance, Director of Commerce and Industry, Director of Capital Works and Services to give effect to the foregoing including the tabling a report to the Board/Council on the schedule and outcome of meetings with the fore mentioned financial institutions.

The meeting recessed at 3:10 p.m. to reconvene at 3:25 p.m.

Nishiiyuu Council of Elders

Roderick Pachano, Corporate Secretary of Nishiiyuu Council of Elders (NCOE) presented an update on the NCOE and the budget requirements for the 2026/2027 fiscal year recommended by the NCOE Board of Directors.

Grand Chief informed Mr. Pachano that the Board/Council will revisit their request for additional funding and will report back to the NCOE.

Grand Chief also requested a list of meetings of the NCOE so that he and Deputy Grand Chief can participate at one of their future meetings.

13. Commerce and Industry

Cree HQ New Relationship Agreement Addendum

Anthony MacLeod, Director of Commerce and Industry and Laurence Fecteau, Legal Counsel presented the document entitled, “Addendum to the New Cree Hydro-Quebec New Relationship Agreement, December 3, 2025, Board/Council of GCC(EI)/CNG,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

The members held a discussion concerning the proposed addendum and recommended holding additional discussions at subsequent meetings to give them an opportunity to consult with stakeholders to better understand the proposed addendum and then present it to Board/Council meeting in January 2026 for approval.

Cree Business Summit

Anthony MacLeod, Director of Commerce and Industry presented the document entitled, “Cree Business Summit,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

3. Finance and Administration Prioritization of Offices in Eeyou Istchee

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch presented a proposed amendment to the Law on Financial Authority to include the clause; “No authorization for the creation of a permanent employment position, the filling of a vacancy, the construction of facilities or the increase of square footage of any facility owned or occupied as tenant by the Cree Nation Government outside of a community of Eeyou Istchee is valid without the authorization of Council.”

He stated that this is an administrative issue, however opening, renting or increasing office space in the south, or hiring somebody in the south is a political decision. It was therefore agreed to present it to Board/Council for approval.

The members also held a discussion on relocating jobs to Eeyou Istchee, and a directive was issued to the Management Committee to produce a policy in this regard.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. to reconvene on December 4, 2025 at 9:33 a.m.

Grand Chief provided a summary of the discussions held on December 3, 2025.

He introduced Anthony MacLeod who was engaged as the new Executive Director.

Grand Chief informed the members concerning Nishiiyuu Council of Elders’ request for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

A directive was issued to the Executive Committee to review the request from Nishiiyuu and produce a recommendation to the Board/Council for approval.

Grand Chief reiterated the comments made by Daniel Mark-Stewart concerning reduced funding from HQ to SDBJ for the maintenance of the Billy Diamond Highway and the Route du Nord.

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On a motion duly made by Chief Gaston Cooper and seconded by Thomas Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2025-035: *Reduced Funding from HQ to SDBJ for the Maintenance of the Billy Diamond Highway and the Route du Nord*

WHEREAS there is an apparent underfunding of the road networks of Eeyou Istchee, primarily the Route du Nord and the Billy Diamond Highway which is particularly during the already challenging period of winter;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec and other major natural resource developers active in Eeyou Istchee use the same vast road networks with limited rescue and aid services, that the Cree Nation and non-Native residents of the territory use for domestic travel in the pursuit of their livelihoods and the transportation of family;

WHEREAS poor maintenance of the road networks in Eeyou Istchee poses a serious risk to the safety and lives of the residents of Eeyou Istchee;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government demands that the urgent need for sufficient funding and resources to maintain the Route du Nord and the Billy Diamond highway be brought to the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Transport that are responsible for the Route du Nord and the Billy Diamond Highway, Hydro-Quebec, the Societe de le development de la baie james charged with the maintenance of the road network and the Minster of Public Security;

THAT the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief are hereby mandated to do all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

Hydro Quebec Increased Capacity Technical Committee

Luc Duquette and Robbie Tapiatic, members of the Technical Committee presented the document entitled, "Ayimihiituunaanuwich ᐊᔨᒥᐦᐄᑑᓈᓄᐎᒡ Joint Process on the Potential La Grande Capacity Upgrades, presentation to CNG, December 4, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief informed the members that an update will be provided at all subsequent Board/Council meetings by the Technical Committee.

Cree Development Corporation

Clarke Shecapio, CEO presented the document entitled, "Cree Development Corporation, Cree Nation Government Board Council, Montreal, December 4, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief informed the members that an update will be provided at all subsequent Board/Council meetings by the Cree Development Corporation.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. to reconvene at 11:35 a.m.

7. Justice and Correctional Services Justice Action Plan
Donald Nicholls, Director of Justice and Correctional Services presented the document entitled, "Working together for equity, justice, and stronger communities, The Department Overview, December 3-4, 2025," a copy of which is attached here.

The meeting recessed at 12:50 p.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Composition of the Judicial Advisory Committee
Donald Nicholls, Director of Justice and Correctional Services presented the document entitled, "Cree-Quebec Judicial Advisory Committee, Board Council, December 2-3, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Donald Nicholls reviewed the current members of the Justice Advisory Committee and recommended that new members be appointed.

On a motion duly made by Chief Clarence Jolly and seconded by Chief Gaston Cooper, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2025-036*: Cree Nation Government Representatives on Judicial Advisory Committee*

WHEREAS on May 30, 2007, the Gouvernement du Québec ("Québec") and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) ("GCCEI") and the Cree Nation Government ("CNG") entered into an Agreement concerning the Administration of Justice for the Crees thereby resolving, during the term of that agreement, certain issues involving Québec and relating to Section 18 of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement ("JBNQA");

WHEREAS following the coming into force of the Agreement concerning the Administration of Justice for the Crees, Québec and the CNG each appointed their representatives on the Judicial Advisory Committee contemplated by paragraph 18.0.37 of the JBNQA;

WHEREAS the term of membership of a member of the Judicial Advisory Committee shall be for three (3) years and shall be renewable;

WHEREAS the Judicial Advisory Committee shall comprise equal representation from Québec and the CNG and shall not exceed a total membership of ten (10) individuals;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby rescinds all prior nominations and approves the appointment of the following individuals to be the Cree Nation Government representatives on the Judicial Advisory Committee for a term of three (3) years, effective immediately:

- Deputy Grand Chief/Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer
- Chief Michael Petawabano
- Daniel Mark-Stewart
- Flora Blacksmith
- Samson Wischee

14. Cree Nation Youth Council

Jade Mukash, Youth Grand Chief and Darius Neacappo-Pelchat, Deputy Youth Grand Chief presented the document entitled, "Cree Nation Youth Council, CNG Board Council Meeting, Presented by CNYC Co-Chairs," a copy of which is attached hereto.

2. Governance (Cont'd)

Approval of the Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands

Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations presented the document entitled, "The proposed Waskaganish Agreement on Enclaves, GCC(EI)/CNG, December 3 and 4, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Chief Raymond Shanoush and seconded by Chief Gaston Cooper, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-037: *Approval of the Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands*

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)("**GCC(EI)**"), the Cree Nation Government and the Cree Nation of Waskaganish ("**Waskaganish**") are negotiating with the Government of Canada ("**Canada**") and the gouvernement du Québec ("**Québec**") an agreement, notably to provide for the reconfiguration and incorporation within the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement ("**JBNQA**") of the final territorial descriptions of Category I lands of Waskaganish;

WHEREAS at the same time, the Parties are negotiating an agreement to address certain remaining enclaves of Category III lands within the external boundaries of Category IA lands in order for such enclaves to be set aside as Category IA lands - the *Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands*;

WHEREAS many steps were taken to allow for the conclusion of the *Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands*, namely:

- the transfer of the Waskaganish Mission Lands (Parcel A) to Waskaganish through a Deed of Transfer between the Amos Diocese and Waskaganish;

- the conclusion of an agreement between the Cree Nation Government, the Cree School Board, the Cree Health Board and the Waaseskun Childcare and Family Services Centre, (the Agreement with Cree Entities) which have built and occupied buildings on the Waskaganish Mission Lands, to ensure that their rights and obligations remained;

- the steps taken to confirm Waskaganish's title to the Maloney-Watt Lands (Parcel E), including a Superior Court judgment of October 2025 confirming such title.

WHEREAS the Parties have now completed the negotiations for the *Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands* and the said Agreement was tabled and reviewed at this meeting;

WHEREAS the Council of Waskaganish approved the *Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands* on October 22, 2025;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee reviewed the *Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands* on October 23, 2025 and recommends that the *Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands* be reviewed and approved by the Board/Council of the GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government approve the *Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands*;

THAT Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch and Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer are hereby authorized to sign the *Agreement on Certain Waskaganish Lands* and to do all things necessary in order to give effect to the foregoing.

Waswanipi Land Reconfiguration

Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations presented the document entitled, "The proposed Waswanipi Reconfiguration Agreement, GCC(EI)/CNG, December 3 and 4, 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by John Kitchen and seconded by Thomas Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-038: *Agreement on the Reconfiguration of Certain Waswanipi Lands Selection*

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)("**GCC(EI)**"), the Cree Nation Government and the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi ("**Waswanipi**") are negotiating with the Government of Canada ("**Canada**") and the gouvernement du Québec ("**Québec**") an agreement, notably to provide for the reconfiguration and incorporation within the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement ("**JBNQA**") of the final territorial descriptions of Category I lands of Waswanipi (hereinafter the "**Waswanipi Reconfiguration Agreement**") appended hereto;

WHEREAS these negotiations are taking place in view of, notably, section 4.18 of the *Agreement concerning a New Relationship between le gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec*, signed on February 7, 2002 (the Paix des braves), which provides that Québec agrees to discuss with the Waskaganish, Waswanipi and Nemaska Cree First Nations a revised land selection for their Cree Category I lands forthwith upon the receipt by the proponent of all required authorizations to proceed with the construction of the

Eastmain-A/Rupert Project thus resulting in the definitive abandonment of the Nottaway, Broadback and Rupert ("**N.B.R**.") Complex, which has in fact been abandoned;

WHEREAS in August 2022, the *Agreement on the Waswanipi New Waste Management Site and the Community Expansion Zone* ("**Transitional Agreement**") was signed by Waswanipi, the Cree Nation Government, Québec and Canada;

WHEREAS the Plan of Agreement was finalized and signed by all the Parties in February 2024;

WHEREAS the negotiations for the Waswanipi Reconfiguration Agreement are completed;

WHEREAS Waswanipi and the Waswanipi Landholding Corporation adopted resolutions on September 24, 2025, approving the Waswanipi Reconfiguration Agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government approve the *Agreement on the Reconfiguration of Certain Waswanipi Lands Selection*;

THAT Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch and Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer are hereby authorized to sign the *Agreement on the Reconfiguration of Certain Waswanipi Lands Selection* and to do all things necessary in order to give effect to the foregoing.

Communication Awareness Plan proposal for JBNQA Section 22

Nadia Saganash, Director of Environment and Wildlife presented the document entitled, "OUR LAND, OUR PEOPLE, OUR UNITY, OUR POWER, Campaign Framework," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch underlined how important this campaign is and how important that the youth be given an opportunity to participate in any manner as they are most adept to speaking to other youth who are the future generation of Eeyou Istchee.

Eeyou Planning Commission (EPC)

The Grand Chief explained to the members that the General law states that the Deputy Grand Chief will act as Chairperson on the Eeyou Planning Commission. The Grand Chief was recommending however that the Board/Council consider a different approach to the nomination of the Chairperson to this important Commission to ensure greater continuity and stability. He recommended the appointment of Norman A. Wapachee as Chairperson as he had extensive knowledge of the role of the Commission even prior to his recent term as Deputy Grand Chief.

On a motion duly made by Chief Gaston Cooper and seconded by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-039*: Eeyou Planning Commission Chairperson – Norman A. Wapachee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed the Chairpersonship of the Eeyou Planning Commission;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Norman A. Wapachee to act as Chairperson of the Eeyou Planning Commission and further authorizes the preparation of the necessary amendments to the General Law of the Eeyou Planning Commission to ensure that the Chairperson is chosen at the discretion of the Board/Council subject to the available budget and appropriate terms and conditions.

Eeyou Planning Commission

Nadia Saganash, Director of Environment and Wildlife presented the document entitled, "Development of the Eeyou Istchee Master Plan and the Protected Areas Network, Update to Board/Council, December 2025," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Due to time constraints, the presentation was not completed and deferred to a subsequent meeting of the Board/Council.

The meeting recessed at 3:40 p.m. to reconvene at 3:53 p.m.

3. Finance and Administration

Proposed Funding Allocation 2026-2027

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer presented the document entitled, "Proposed Funding Allocation 2026-2027," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Chief Clarence Jolly and seconded by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-040: *Proposed Funding Allocation 2026-2027*

WHEREAS the estimated allocation from the Cree Nation Trust is one hundred and eighteen million seven hundred and two thousand nine hundred and eight Dollars ($118,702,908.00) 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 is estimated at one hundred and seven million seventy seven thousand four hundred and fifty six dollars ($107,077,456.00) for the 2026/2027 fiscal year to allow the

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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 Generals and the Treasurers of Eeyou Istchee for 2026-2027 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;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT 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 2026-2027 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 as presented this 4th day of December 2025.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board/Council held on March 26 & 27, 2025, April 24 & 25, 2025, May 28 & 29, 2025, July 23 & 24, 2025, October 28 & 29, 2025 and November 4 & 5, 2025 (Joint Meeting with DGs and Treasurers) were tabled at this meeting.

On a motion duly made by Lance Cooper and seconded by Chief Clarence Jolly, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2025-041: *Adoption of Minutes* of meetings held on March 26 & 27, 2025, April 24 & 25, 2025, May 28 & 29, 2025, July 23 & 24, 2025, October 28 & 29, 2025 and November 4 & 5, 2025.

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has received the minutes of meetings held on March 26 & 27, 2025, April 24 & 25, 2025, May 28 & 29, 2025, July 23 & 24, 2025, October 28 & 29, 2025 and November 4 & 5, 2025 (Joint Meeting with DGs and Treasurers);

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby adopts the minutes of March 26 & 27, 2025, April 24 & 25, 2025, May 28 & 29, 2025, July 23 & 24, 2025, October 28 & 29, 2025 and November 4 & 5, 2025 (Joint Meeting with DGs and Treasurers).

Review of 2025 AGA Resolutions

Grand Chief informed the members that they are working on the majority of the 2025 AGA Resolutions and that they will table a report at a subsequent Board/Council meeting.

He also underlined the resolutions from the youth, and a directive was issued to management to work with the CNYC specifically on the youth-related AGA resolutions and produce a process to address the initiatives.

Chief Irene Neeposh requested that the following be added to the agenda of the next Board/Council meeting.

- Interruption of Health Canada Services for JBNQA Beneficiaries Living Outside Communities
- Census Canada 2026

Grand Chief informed Chief Neeposh that he will meet with the CBHSSJB during the holidays and raise the matter to ensure a coordinated response to Chief Neeposh's items.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 27, 28 and 29, 2026 in Wemindji, Eeyou Istchee.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The closing prayer was recited by John Henry Wapachee.

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Council of the Cree Nation Government held on January 27th, 28th and 29th, 2026 at **Wemindji Community Hall,** 19 Hilltop Drive, **Wemindji, Eeyou Istchee**

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1. Corporate Matters

i. **Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was recited by Thomas Neeposh.

ii. **Notice and Quorum**

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the Law and regulations and there being a quorum, the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 9:38 a.m.

Present:	Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch	Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer
	Chief Robbie Kawapit	Stanley George (v)
	Chief Daisy House	Christopher Napash
	Chief Frank Atsynia	Arden Visitor
	Chief Raymond Shanoush	Daniel Mark-Stewart
	Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo	Raymond Blackned
	Chief Clarence Jolly	John Henry Wapachee (v)
	Chief Michael Petawabano	Thomas Neeposh
	Chief Gaston Cooper (v)	Lance Cooper
	Chief Irene Neeposh	John Kitchen

Also present: Chief Annie Mapachee-Salt
Betty J. Trapper
Chief Kelly Kitchicappo (v)
Michael Jolly (v)

iii. **Chairperson and Secretary**

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch acted as Chairperson and Edna Neeposh acted as Secretary.

iv. **Adoption of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda;

- Caribou

On a motion duly made by Thomas Neeposh and seconded by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo, the members adopted:

RESOLUTON BC 2026-001: *Adoption of Agenda for January 27th, 28th and 29th, 2026*

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government adopted the agenda for the meeting held on January 27th, 28th and 29th, 2026.

The following items will be added to the agenda of the next meeting;

- Department Structure
- Interruption of Health Canada Services for JBNQA Beneficiaries Living Outside Communities

v. **Adoption of Minutes**

On a motion duly made by Chief Michael Petawabano and seconded by Chief Irene Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTON BC 2026-002: *Adoption of Minutes of a Meeting held on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2025*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed the minutes of a meeting held on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2025;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council hereby adopts the minutes of December 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2025 as corrected.

Chief Daisy House reiterated her previous concerns about the proposed funding allocation for 2026/2027 that she expressed at the last Board/Council meeting and indicated that she had forwarded questions to the Finance department for discussion at this meeting.

Chief Irene Neeposh recommended that mandates issued during a meeting be formally documented as a directive to guarantee implementation.

The Grand Chief informed the members about the procedures for preparing for meetings. He mentioned that he works in conjunction with the Deputy Grand Chief, Directors, entities, and the Corporate Secretary. He encouraged the members to adhere to the deadline for submitting agenda items, as it is crucial that they review the submissions before the scheduled meeting to make informed decisions on important matters.

vi. **Appointments**

Cree Canada Standing Liaison Committee

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch presented the document entitled, "AGREEMENT CONCERNING A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE CREE OF EEYOU ISTCHEE," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by John Kitchen and seconded by Raymond Blackned, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-003: *Nomination to the Cree Canada Standing Liaison Committee*

WHEREAS Anthony MacLeod assumed the office of Executive Director of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government on December 4th, 2025;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby rescind all previous nominations to the Cree Canada Standing Liaison Committee created under Chapter 8 of the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Canada and the Crees of Eeyou Istchee and designate Anthony Macleod, Executive Director and Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal Relations as representatives of the Cree Nation Government pursuant to subsection 8.3 of the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Canada and the Crees of Eeyou Istchee.

Cree Quebec Standing Liaison Committee

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch presented the document entitled, "AGREEMENT CONCERNING A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LE GOUVERNEMENT DU QUÉBEC AND THE CREES OF QUÉBEC," a copy of which is attached hereto.

The Grand Chief advised the members that the Cree Quebec Standing Liaison Committee will submit a report to the Board/Council for approval in March prior to presenting CNG's position.

On a motion duly made by and Daniel Mark-Stewart and seconded by Thomas Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-004: *Nomination to the Cree Quebec Standing Liaison Committee*

WHEREAS Anthony MacLeod assumed the office of Executive Director of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government on December 4th, 2025;

WHEREAS the Board/Council has reviewed the composition of the Cree Quebec Standing Liaison Committee created pursuant to Chapter 11 of 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 rescind all previous nominations to the Cree Quebec Standing Liaison Committee created under Chapter 11 of the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec and designate Anthony Macleod, Executive Director, Melissa Saganash, Deputy Executive Director and Tina Petawabano, Director of Quebec Relations as representatives of the Cree Nation Government pursuant to subsection 11.3 of the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec.

The meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m. to reconvene at 11:15 a.m.

2. Governance

Cree Canada Relations - Cree Canada Renewal Negotiations
Bill Namagoose, Negotiator, Robert Mainville, Denis Blanchette and David E. Heritage, Legal Counsels, presented an update on the Cree Canada Renewal Negotiations to the members of the Board/Council.

The Grand Chief informed the members that an update will be provided at all subsequent Board/ Council meetings by the Negotiation Team.

The meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m. to reconvene at 1:40 p.m.

vi. **Appointments (Cont'd)**

Cree Development Corporation (CDC)
The members held a discussion concerning the membership of the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation. Interim board members need to be identified to sit on the board of directors of CDC until the end of March 2026. The members also held a discussion concerning the appointment of a committee to produce a recruitment process for the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation.

The members agreed to defer the matter until potential members are identified.

Société de développement de la Baie James (SDBJ)
On a motion duly made by and Chief Michael Petawabano and seconded by Chief Raymond Shanoush, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION: BC 2026-005: *Board of Directors of SDBJ*

WHEREAS section 174(a) of the Agreement on Governance in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory provides that the board of directors of the SDBJ shall be composed of seven (7) members including the chief executive officer, who shall be appointed by Québec taking into account the recommendations of the Cree Nation Government regarding the appointment of three (3) of these members and the chief executive officer;

WHEREAS in the same regard, section 8 of the James Bay Region Development Act provides that the affairs of the SDBJ shall be administered by a board of directors composed of seven members, including the chief executive officer, appointed by the Government, taking into account the recommendations of the Cree Nation Government with respect to the appointment of three of the members;

WHEREAS it is appropriate for the Cree Nation Government to submit its recommendations to the Government of Québec regarding the appointment of a member to the Board of Directors;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Cree Nation Government recommends the nominations of the Clarke Shecapio, CEO of SODAB/CDC, Lucas Del Vecchio, Interim Director of Commerce and Industry and John Kitchen to the Government of Québec for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Société de développement de la Baie-James as per the Agreement on Governance in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory.

1 Abstention – John Kitchen

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This item was deferred to a subsequent Board/Council meeting when potential members are identified.

Cree-Québec Forestry Board

On a motion duly made by and Thomas Neeposh and seconded by Raymond Blackned, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION: BC 2026-006 *Appointments to the Cree-Québec Forestry Board*

WHEREAS there are various vacancies for Cree appointees at the Cree-Québec Forestry Board;

WHEREAS the Director of the Forestry Department, further to interviews, recommend the appointment of Norman A. Wapachee and Pamela MacLeod, who have expressed the desire to represent the interests of the Cree Nation as a whole, and have a good knowledge of forestry;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Norman A. Wapachee and Pamela MacLeod be appointed as Cree representatives to the Cree-Québec Forestry Board for a period of three years.

The members discussed the terms of the Cree representatives on the CQFB. The present agreement states that the term is indefinite, however the members agreed to review the composition of the board in three years.

Cree-Quebec Forestry Economic Council

On a motion duly made by and Chief Michael Petawabano and seconded by Chief Irene Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION: BC 2026-007 *Appointments to the Cree-Québec Forestry Economic Council*

WHEREAS Anthony MacLeod previously the Director of Commerce and Industry was nominated to the Cree Forestry Economic Council and since been named the Executive Director of the Cree Nation Government;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council hereby nominates Lucas Del Vecchio to the Cree Quebec Forestry Economic Council to replace Anthony MacLeod.

Pre-Development and Impact Benefit Agreements

This item was deferred to the March meeting of the Board/Council.

Cree Nation Government Board of Compensation

On a motion duly made by and Thomas Neeposh and seconded by John Kitchen, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-008: *Cree Nation Government Board of Compensation*

WHEREAS there is a vacancy in regards to the three Cree Nation Government representatives appointed to the Cree Nation Government Board of Compensation;

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government considers it imperative that the Cree Nation Government be fully represented at meetings of the Cree Nation Government Board of Compensation;

WHEREAS the Board/Council pursuant to Article 39 of the General By-law of the Cree Nation Government has the requisite authority to nominate representatives to the Cree Nation Government Board of Compensation;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Matthew Swallow, Abel Trapper and Rhonda Oblin-Cooper to the Cree Nation Government Board of Compensation.

1. **Corporate Matters (Cont'd)**

vii. **Federal and Provincial Laws and Regulations**

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch and Nathan Afilalo, Senior Legislation and Policy Advisor presented the document entitled, "Legislation and Policy Developments Report, 2026 Report I, January 27th-29th, 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Thomas Neeposh inquired about Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms) and more particularly the firearms compensation program and what impact it will have on the Cree.

Grand Chief informed the members that Bill C-21 will be presented at the next meeting of the Board/Council.

Grand Chief also informed the members that the Federal and Provincial Laws and Regulations will be presented at all subsequent meetings of the Board/Council.

viii. **Executive Committee Decisions**

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch reviewed the Executive Committee decisions from the meeting of January 15, 2026 for the members' information.

2. Governance (Cont'd)

Cree Development Corporation

On a motion duly made by Chief Frank Atsynia and seconded by Chief Robbie Kawapit, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-009: *Interim Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation*

WHEREAS there have been a number of resignations from the Board of Directors of Société de développements autochtonne de la Baie James (SODAB) created under section James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement and the Cree Development Corporation created under the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec;

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government wishes to make interim appointments to the Board of Directors of SODAB and CDC while a comprehensive recruitment and nomination process is undertaken;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby names Dr. Abel Bosum and Christina Gilpin to the Board of Directors of Société de développements autochtonne de la baie james (SODAB) created under section James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement and the Cree Development Corporation created under the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Government of Quebec and the Crees of Quebec in replacement of Mr. Louis Rene Kanatewat and Brenda Weistche, respectively;

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government further mandates Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer, Daniel Mark-Stewart and John Kitchen to present the results of a recruitment process for the Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation on March 26th, 2026.

13. Commerce and Industry

Kapisikama Agreement

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch and Chief Raymond Shanoush introduced the Kapisikama Agreement, and Lucas Del Vecchio, Interim Director of Commerce and Industry presented the document entitled, "Proposed Amendments to Kapisikama Agreement, January 27-28-29, 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Chief Frank Atsynia and seconded by John Kitchen, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION: BC 2026-010*: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Kapisikama Agreeement between Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc., the Cree Nation of Eastmain, the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government*

WHEREAS Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc., the Cree Nation of Eastmain, the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government entered into the Kapisikama Agreement on December 14, 2023, to which intervened Galaxy Lithium (Ontario) Inc.;

WHEREAS Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc., then a subsidiary of Allkem Limited, became a subsidiary of Arcadium Lithium, as a result of the merger between Allkem Limited and Livent, and then became a subsidiary of Rio Tinto, following its acquisition of Arcadium Lithium;

WHEREAS the Kapisikama Agreement provides for the payment of a Fixed Amount by Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. to the Cree Nation Government, as Recipient of Payments, with the payment of a sum of $39,676,000.00, as partial payment of the Fixed Amount, within thirty (30) days from the Commencement of Construction Date;

WHEREAS, in light of the significant works undertaken at the Mine Site, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. has agreed to make a good faith payment of $19,838,000.00, as partial payment of the Fixed Amount, to the Cree Nation Government, as Recipient of Payments, on or before December 31, 2025;

WHEREAS Galaxy Lithium (Canada) has agreed to make a second payment of $19,838,000.00, as partial payment of the Fixed Amount, to the Cree Nation Government, as Recipient of Payments, within thirty (30) days from the Commencement of Construction Date;

WHEREAS the unpaid balance of the Fixed Amount would be paid in accordance with Subsection 9.3.4 of the Kapisikama Agreement, commencing on April 1st of the year following the Commencement of Construction Date, by way of twenty (20) consecutive quarterly instalments until payment in full of the unpaid balance of the Fixed Amount, including the interest;

WHEREAS Galaxy Lithium (Canada) has also agreed to pay the sum of $1,738,722.84 to the Wabannutao Eeyou Development Corporation (the "WEDC"), now the Wapanoutauw Services Corporation following the corporate reorganisation dated 1 April 2025, for services provided throughout 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 Galaxy financial years. The sum of $1,738,722.84 will be paid in two instalments: a first payment of $869,361.42 on or before December 31, 2025 and a second payment of $869,361.42 within thirty (30) days from the Commencement of Construction Date;

WHEREAS the amendments to the Kapisikama Agreement further reflect that the mining claims are now entirely held by Galaxy Lithium (Canada) and changes to the parties' representatives for notice purposes;

WHEREAS the parties to the Kapisikama Agreement have agreed to have good faith discussions in the coming months regarding the possible replacement of the Galaxy Wabannutao Eeyou Development Corporation (the "WEDC"), now the Wapanoutauw Services Corporation, mechanism in the Kapisikama Agreement through an alternate structure;

WHEREAS the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Kapisikama Agreement was submitted to and reviewed by the Council/Board of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government at this meeting and is appended hereto;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Council/Board of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby approves Amendment No. 1 to the Kapisikama Agreement, in the form submitted and reviewed at this meeting and appended hereto;

THAT the Council/Board of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and of the Cree Nation Government authorizes and mandates the Executive Director, or any other person he may designate to: (a) sign the said Amendment No. 1 to the Kapisikama Agreement, and to do all things necessary to ensure its implementation; (b) do all things useful or necessary to give effect to the foregoing resolution;

THAT the present resolution remains in full force and effect unamended, as of the date hereof.

Caribou

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch provided a short summary on the Leaf River caribou herd. He stated that discussions on the issue will continue the next day.

Board/Council Meeting – Change of Dates

On a motion duly made by Chief Clarence Jolly and seconded by Daniel Mark-Stewart, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION: BC 2026-011: *Change of Dates – Board/Council Meeting*

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby changes the date for the regularly scheduled meeting of September 29, 30 and October 1st to September 22nd to the 24th, 2026 in Waskaganish, Eeyou Istchee.

The meeting recessed at 4:57 p.m. to reconvene at 9:35 a.m. on January 28, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Chief Frank Atsynia made his opening remarks and welcomed the Chiefs, Representatives and Staff of the CNG.

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch reviewed the discussions that were held on January 27, 2026.

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Firearms

Cree Canada Relations

Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations and Anthony MacLeod, Executive Director presented the document entitled, “AGREEMENT CONCERNING A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE CREE OF EEYOU ISTCHEE,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief informed the members that updates will be presented at all subsequent Board/ Council meetings.

Eastmain Land Transfer Agreement

Tina Petwabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations presented the, “AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN EASTMAIN LANDS, January 20, 2026,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Christopher Napash and seconded by Thomas Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-012: *Agreement on Certain Eastmain Lands*

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Eastmain, the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Ischee), the Cree Nation Government, Québec and Canada are negotiating the Agreement on Certain Eastmain Lands in order for the so-called Roman Catholic Mission Lands, acquired by Waskaganish by Deed of Transfer signed on August 26, 2024, presently Category III lands, to be reconfigured as Category IA lands;

WHEREAS the drafting committee mandated to work on the proposed Agreement on Certain Eastmain Lands agreed on January 20, 2026 on the text of thereof, subject to review by each party with respect to non-substantive changes;

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2026, Eastmain reviewed and approved the proposed Agreement on Certain Eastmain Lands dated January 20, 2026;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Cree Nation Government hereby approves the Agreement on Certain Eastmain Lands reviewed at this meeting;

THAT Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch and Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer are hereby authorized to sign the Agreement on Certain Eastmain Lands reviewed at this meeting, with non-substantive changes, and to do all things necessary in order to give effect to the foregoing.

The meeting recessed at 10:24 a.m. to reconvene at 10:40 a.m.

Technical Committee on La Grande Upgrades

Robbie Tapiatic, Luc Duquette, Marc Dunn, and Sammy Blackned, members of the Technical Committee presented the document entitled, “Ayimihiituunaanuwich **ᐊᔨᒥᐦᐄᑑᓈᓄᐎᒡ** Joint Process on Potential Capacity Upgrades, Update to Cree Nation Government Council Board, Wemindji, January 28, 2026,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

Cree Development Corporation

Clarke Shecapio, CEO presented the document entitled, “Windpower Development in Eeyou Istchee, Progress Update, Council Board, January 28, 2026,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

The Board/Council issued a Directive to the Protected Areas Team of the Environment and Wildlife Department and the Eeyou Planning Commission to provide data and or resources to SODAB/CDC necessary for the completion of the mandate they have received in the preparation of a global picture of wind energy development in Eeyou Istchee from an Eeyou Eenou perspective concerned with the protection of the land, wildlife, and Cree Way of life.

Grand Chief thanked Clarke for his presentation and invited him to provide an update at the Board/Council meeting in March.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. to reconvene at 1:10 p.m.

8. Eenou Eeyou Police Force

EEPF/Police Commission Update

William MacLeod, Police Commissioner presented the document entitled, “EEYOU EENOU POLICE COMMISSION PRESENTATION GCC(EI)/CNG, Board/Council Meeting, January 27 to 29, 2026, Wemindji,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

The Board/Council issued a Directive to the Cree representatives of the Cree Quebec Standing Liaison Committee to seek discussions with the Minister of Public Security for an identification of the opportunities of the Eenou Eeyou Police Commission to collaborate with the Bureau des enquêtes indépendants (BEI) in the event of an investigation within Eeyou Istchee and report back to the Board/Council for discussion.

Shannon Nakogee, Director of Eenou Eeyou Police Force presented a summary on the activities of the EEPF in Eeyou Istchee.

RCMP Depot Training Initiative (EEPF/HR) – Update

Shannon Nakogee, Director of Eenou Eeyou Police Force presented the document entitled, “RCMP Special Constable Training at Depot For non-Cree candidates, Cree Nation Government, Eeyou Eenou Police Force Department, Human Resources Department” a copy of which is attached hereto.

The meeting recessed at 3:05 p.m. to reconvene at 3:35 p.m.

7. Justice and Correctional Services

Presentations on Programs and Projects

Donald Nicholls, Director of Justice and Correctional Services presented the document entitled, "CREE JUSTICE An Overview, January 27, 2026 Wemindji, Quebec," a copy of which is attached hereto.

3. Governance (Cont'd)

Special Working Group on Housing

Rhonda Oblin-Cooper, Director of Capital Works and Services presented the document entitled, "Cree Nation Housing Strategy, Update to Board/Council, January 28, 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief thanked Rhonda for her presentation and invited her to provide an update at the Board/Council meeting in March.

Leaf River Caribou Herd

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch provided a summary and update on the Leaf River caribou herd.

Chief Daisy House mentioned the decline in caribou and stressed the importance of refraining from overharvesting.

Grand Chief expressed his sincere gratitude to the Chisasibi CTA, the regional CTA, Tina Petawabano, and Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer who was appointed to the HFTCC, for their contributions in the discussions with other Nations

13. Commerce and Industry

Cree HQ New Relationship New Addendum

Grand Chief informed the members that the second reading of the Cree HQ New Relationship New Addendum will be presented at the Board/Council meeting in March.

Chief Daisy House emphasized the need for additional time to conduct a thorough review of the new addendum, to gain a deeper understanding of the addendum and inform her community of the potential impacts before making decisions that may affect her community.

Directives

Grand Chief informed the members that all directives issued by the Board/Council will be incorporated into the minutes.

Directive – Nomination of Chairperson to the Eeyou Planning Commission

The Board/Council issued a Directive to the Management Committee and the Office of the Grand Chief for the preparation of the necessary amendment to the General Law of the Cree Nation Government for the nomination of a Chairperson to the Eeyou Planning Commission by the Board/Council of the Cree Nation Government.

Directive – Amendment to the Financial Administration Act

The Board/Council issued a Directive to the Management Committee and the Office of the Grand Chief for the preparation of the necessary amendment to the Financial Administration Act to reserve the authorization for the hiring of personnel or the procurement of office space outside a community of Eeyou Istchee to the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

The meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene at 9:50 a.m. on January 29, 2026.

Grand Chief informed the members that the remainder of the meeting will not be livestreamed or broadcast on air to maintain open communications channels that may be required concerning the incident last evening in Mistissini. Grand Chief expressed his support for the community of Mistissini.

Shannon Nakogee, Director of EEPF provided an update and status concerning the incident in Mistissini.

A prayer was recited by Raymond Blackned.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. to reconvene at 10:45 p.m.

The Grand Chief informed the members that considering the tragic events in Mistissini last evening, the meeting will be adjourned early to allow members to return to their communities and be with their families.

12. Social and Cultural Development

Cree Language Commissioner

On a motion duly made by Christopher Napash and seconded by Chief Irene Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-013: **Nomination of Cree Language Commissioner** - *James Bobbish*

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;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Mr. James Bobbish as the Cree Language Commissioner under the Cree Language Act.

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3. Finance and Administration

2026-2027 Budget

Prior to the 2026-2027 Budget presentation, the Grand Chief informed the members that funding priorities and requests are to be discussed at the September Board/Council where they will be reviewed and then the budget presented at the December Board/Council meeting for approval.

Grand Chief also informed the members that the funding allocation priorities will be discussed at the March Board/Council meeting.

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer presented the document entitled, "Cree Nation Government/Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) Recommended Consolidated Budget 2026-2027, Presented to Council/Board, January 29, 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Neeposh and seconded by John Kitchen, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-014: *Consolidated Budget 2026-2027*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed the proposed budgets for 2026/2027 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 2026/2027 Budgets of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government as presented this 29th day of January 2026.

Directive

Board/Council issued a Directive to the Executive Director and the Director of Capital Works and Services to work with the Director Generals and Treasurers Committee to ensure that there is a community-based approach to the design, development, construction, operation and maintenance to the funds set aside for almshouses in the 2026-2027 budget to be present back to the Board/Council.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

The closing prayer was recited by Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch.

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Council of the Cree Nation Government held on March 24th, 25th and 26th, 2026 at the **Nemaska Sports Complex,** 13 Lakeshore Road, **Nemaska, Eeyou Istchee**

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1. Corporate Matters

i. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was delivered by Chief Clarence Jolly.

ii. Notice and Quorum

Notice having been delivered in accordance with the Law and regulations and there being a quorum, the meeting was duly constituted and commenced at 1:30 p.m.

Present:	Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch	
	Chief Robbie Kawapit	Stanley George
	Chief Daisy House	Christopher Napash
	Chief Frank Atsynia	Arden Visitor
	Chief Raymond Shanoush	Daniel Mark-Stewart
	Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo	Raymond Blackned
	Chief Clarence Jolly	Joshua Iserhoff
	Chief Michael Petawabano	Thomas Neeposh
	Chief Gaston Cooper (v)	Lance Cooper
	Chief Irene Neeposh	John Kitchen

Also present: Chief Annie Mapachee-Salt
Andrianna Trapper
Chief Michael Jolly
Abraham Jolly

iii. Chairperson and Secretary

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch acted as Chairperson and Edna Neeposh acted as Secretary.

iv. Adoption of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda;

- Flight Schedules in Eeyou Istchee

On a motion duly made by Thomas Neeposh and seconded by John Kitchen, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-015: *Adoption of Agenda for March 24th, 25th and 26th, 2026*

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government adopted the agenda for the meeting held on March 24th, 25th and 26th, 2026.

v. Adoption of Minutes

On a motion duly made by Stanley George and seconded by Chief Michael Petawabano, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-016: *Adoption of Minutes of a Meeting held on January 27th, 28th and 29th, 2026*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed the minutes of a meeting held on January 27th, 28th and 29th, 2026;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council hereby adopts the minutes of January 27th, 28th and 29th, 2026 as presented.

vi. **New Members**

MoCreebec Eeyoud Representative

On a motion duly made by Chief Raymond Shanoush and seconded by Chief Irene Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-017: *Board/Council Membership - Chief Michael Jolly*

WHEREAS the MoCreebec Eeyouch held elections for Chief of MoCreebec;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby recognizes the election of Chief Michael Jolly as Chief of the MoCreebec Eeyouch and Observer representative to the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

Nemaska Representative

On a motion duly made by Christopher Napash and seconded by Chief Clarence Jolly, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-018: *Board/Council Membership – Joshua Iserhoff*

WHEREAS the Cree Nation of Nemaska held elections for community representation to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Board/Council;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby recognizes the election of Joshua Iserhoff as the community representative of Nemaska to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Board/Council for a term of three (3) years as per the General Laws of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

vii. **Appointments**

COMEV and COMEX

On a motion duly made by Chief Michael Petawabano and seconded by John Kitchen, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-019: Provincial Committee of Examination (COMEX), Evaluation COMMITTEE (COMEV) Federal Committee of Examination (COFEX)

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Government pursuant to Section 22 of the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement has the authority to name representatives to the COMEX, COMEV and COFEX Committees as part of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Processes;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby names Mrs. Bella H. Petawabano and Mrs. Christina Gilpin as representatives to all Committees under Section 22 of the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement, namely the COMEX, COMEV and COFEX;

Pre-Development and Impact Benefit Agreements

Opinagow Agreement (Eleonore)

Opinagow Environment Committee

On a motion duly made by Daniel Mark-Stewart and seconded by Joshua Iserhoff, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-020*: Appointment of CNG representatives as a member and as an alternate member to the Opinagow Environment Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed the recommendations for the nomination of a members and of an alternate representative to the Opinagow Environment Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Graeme Morin as the CNG (GCC) representative, and Anna Krupa as the alternate to the Opinagow Environment Committee.

Opinagow Business Opportunities Committee

On a motion duly made by Daniel Mark-Stewart and seconded by Joshua Iserhoff, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-021: *Appointment of CNG representatives as a member and as an alternate member to the Opinagow Business Opportunities Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Opinagow Business Opportunities Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Isaac Iserhoff as the CNG(GCC) representative, and Joshua Blacksmith as the alternate, to the Opinagow Business Opportunities Committee.

Cree-Opinaca Collaboration Agreement Development (COCAD) Committee

On a motion duly made by Daniel Mark-Stewart and seconded by Joshua Iserhoff, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-022: *Appointment of CNG representatives as a member and as an alternate member to the Cree-Opinaca Collaboration Agreement Development (COCAD) Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Cree-Opinaca Collaboration Agreement Development (COCAD) Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates the Director of Commerce and Industry as the CNG(GCC) representative, and the Deputy Director of Commerce and Industry as the alternate, to the Cree-Opinaca Collaboration Agreement Development (COCAD) Committee.

Mescheschoo Agreement (Stornoway Diamonds)

Mescheschoo Environment Committee

On a motion duly made by Daniel Mark-Stewart and seconded by Chief Raymond Shanoush, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-023*:* *Appointment of CNG representatives as a member and as an alternate member to the Mescheschoo Environment Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Mescheschoo Environment Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Graeme Morin as the CNG (GCC) representative, and Anna Krupa as the alternate, to the Mescheschoo Environment Committee.

Mescheschoo Agreement Renard Implementation Committee

On a motion duly made by Daniel Mark-Stewart and seconded by Chief Raymond Shanoush, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-024: *Appointment of CNG Representatives as a Member and as an Alternate Member to the Mescheschoo Agreement Renard Implementation Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Mescheschoo Agreement Renard Implementation Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Lucas Del Vecchio as the CNG(GCC) representative, and Isaac Iserhoff as the alternate, to the Mescheschoo Agreement Renard Implementation Committee.

Kapisikama Agreement (James Bay Lithium)

Kapisikama Environment Committee

On a motion duly made by John Kitchen and seconded by Lance Cooper, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-025: *Appointment of CNG representatives as a member and as an alternate member to the Kapisikama Environment Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Kapisikama Environment Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Graeme Morin as the CNG(GCC) representative, and Anna Krupa as the alternate, to the Kapisikama Environment Committee.

Kapisikama Implementation Committee

On a motion duly made by John Kitchen and seconded by Lance Cooper, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-026: *Appointment of CNG representatives as a member and as an alternate member to the Kapisikama Implementation Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Kapisikama Implementation Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Lucas Del Vecchio as the CNG(GCC) representative, and Isaac Iserhoff as the alternate, to the Kapisikama Implementation Committee.

Pihkuutaau (Rose Lithium-Tantalum)

Pihkuutaau Environment Committee

On a motion duly made by Chief Robbie Kawapit and seconded by Chief Irene Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-027: *Appointment of CNG representatives as a member and as an alternate member to the Pihkuutaau Environment Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Pihkuutaau Environment Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Graeme Morin as the CNG(GCC) representative, and Eva-Maria Hanchar as the alternate, to the Pihkuutaau Environment Committee.

Pihkuutaau Implementation Committee

On a motion duly made by Chief Robbie Kawapit and seconded by Chief Irene Neeposh, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-028: *Appointment of CNG representatives as a member and as an alternate member to the Pihkuutaau Implementation Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Pihkuutaau Implementation Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Lucas Del Vecchio as the CNG(GCC) representative, and Isaac Iserhoff as the alternate, to the Pihkuutaau Implementation Committee.

Troilus (Goldcorp)

On a motion duly made by Christopher Napash and seconded by Daniel Mark-Stewart, the members adopted:Jos

RESOLUTION BC-2026-029: *Appointment of CNG representatives as a member and as an alternate member to the Troilus Pre-Development Agreement Implementation Committee*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Troilus Pre-Development Agreement Implementation Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Isaac Iserhoff as the CNG(GCC) representative, and Joshua Blacksmith as the alternate, to the Troilus Pre-Development Agreement Implementation Committee.

Chinuchi Agreement (Nemaska Lithium – Whabouchi)

Chinuchi Environment Committee and Wabouchi Implementation Committee

On a motion duly made by Chief Robbie Kawapit and seconded by Joshua Iserhoff, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-030: *Appointment of CNG Representatives as a Member and as an Alternate Member to the Chinuchi Agreement Committees*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Chinuchi Environment Committee;

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed recommendations for the nomination of a member and of an alternate representative to the Wabouchi Implementation Committee;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Graeme Morin as the CNG(GCC) representative, and Anna Krupa as the alternate, to the Chinuchi Environment Committee;

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby nominates Lucas Del Vecchio as the CNG(GCC) representative, and Isaac Iserhoff as the alternate, to the Whabouchi Implementation Committee.

2. Governance

CDC Recruitment Committee

Lucas Del Vecchio, Interim Director of Commerce and Industry presented the document entitled, “Report to the Board/Council from the CDC Board Member Recruitment Committee,” a copy of which is attached hereto.

The members held a discussion on the nominations for the CDC Board and agreed to hold further discussions in-camera before approving the nominations.

The meeting recessed at 2:49 p.m. to reconvene at 3:05 p.m.

3. Finance and Administration

Completing Obligations (NRA)

Rhonda Oblin-Cooper, Director of Capital Works and Services presented the document entitled, "A Global Portrait of all Local Government's Health Check Report," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Hydro-Quebec Relations - Update

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch provided a brief update on discussions with Hydro Quebec and informed the members that Clarke Shecapio, CEO of CDC will provide a thorough update later on in the present meeting.

Cree Quebec Relations

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch provided a brief update on discussions with Premier Legault on a potential meeting which was unlikely considering how close we were to the nomination of a new Premier.

Grand Chief also provided a brief update on the GCCEI/CNG submission on Bill 1, the Quebec Constitution Act and the meeting held with Simon Jolin-Barrette, CAQ following the submission. He informed the members that this item will be brought back to the Board/Council in May.

Moose Cree First Nation

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch, Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo, and Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations provided a report on the meeting with the Moose Cree First Nation concerning the MOU between the GCCEI/CNG and Canada, the establishment of MoCreebec, the Ontario Litigation, the establishment of a relationship between the GCCEI/CNG and the Moose Cree First Nation, and support to Moose Cree First Nation to initiate discussions with the Government of Canada.

Grand Chief informed the members that if there are no objections, they will ask the lawyers to re-examine the litigation and bring it back to the Board/Council in May.

Election Law

Grand Chief informed the members that the potential for creating provisions in the Cree General Law would be presented to provide for a "Vote of Non-Confidence" for elected officials of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government.

The members supported the initiative.

Flight Schedules in Eeyou Istchee

Christopher Napash and Chief Robbie Kawapit expressed concern about the flight schedules in Eeyou Istchee where the current schedule does not meet the needs of some communities, especially Whapmagoostui. He mentioned that there is lack of communication between the users and the airline, Air Creebec.

Grand Chief proposed to either contact Air Creebec or invite the Board of Compensation to provide a report to the members at the Annual General Assembly to resolve the issue.

The meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene at 9:37 a.m. on March 25, 2026.

The opening prayer was delivered by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo.

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch reviewed the discussions that were held on the first day of the Board/Council meeting.

viii. Summary of Executive Committee Decisions
Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch reviewed the decisions made by the Executive Committee at the meeting held on March 12, 2026 for the members' information.

vii. Federal and Provincial Laws and Regulations
Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch presented the document entitled, "Legislation and Policy Developments Report, March 24, 25, 26, 2026, Report II of 2026, Nemaska," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief informed the members that Tina Petwabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations and Nathan Afilalo, Senior Legislation and Policy Advisor will present the Federal and Provincial Laws and Regulations - Legislation and Policy Developments Report at subsequent Board/Council meetings.

Cree-Quebec Relations
Anthony MacLeod, Executive Director, Melissa Saganash, Deputy Executive Director and Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations presented a report on the Cree-Quebec Relations.

Chief Gaston Cooper expressed concern and requested support on the negotiation of contracts for the restoration of Mine Principale with the MNRF.

The Board/Council issued a directive to the Cree Representatives on the Cree Quebec Standing Liaison Committee to address concerns that the consultants of the Ministry of Natural Resources are not acting in good faith concerning the negotiation of the contracts for the restoration of Mine Principale with representatives of the Ouje-Bougoumou Cree Nation where a short deadline has been imposed.

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. to reconvene at 11:10 a.m.

2. Governance (Cont'd)

Hydro-Quebec Relations

Technical Committee on La Grande Upgrades
Members of the Technical Committee on the La Grande Upgrades, André Lord, Luc Duquette, Natasha Bates, and Marc Dunn presented the document entitled, "Ayimihiituunanuwich Technical Table, Technical Update, March 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch recommended to the Technical Committee to create a space for members to obtain information without any delay rather than waiting for a presentation.

Annual General Assembly Location

On a motion duly made by Chief Daisy House and seconded by Joshua Iserhoff, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC-2026-031: *Annual General Assembly*

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government must schedule an Annual General Assembly;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby determine that the 2025/2026 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government be held on August 11th to the 13th, 2026 in Waswanipi, Eeyou Istchee.

The meeting recessed at 11:48 a.m. to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

12. Social and Cultural Development

Connect Conference Debrief

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch presented an overview of the Connect Conference held on March 18 & 19, 2026, in Chisasibi, and informed the members that the team will present a detailed report along with next steps at the next Board/Council meeting.

Cree Canada NRA Renewal

Bill Namagoose, Lead Negotiator and the Negotiation Team, Robert Mainville, Denis Blanchette and David E. Heritage presented the document entitled, "Report on Cree-Canada Renewal Negotiations, GCC(EI)/Cree Nation Government, Board/Council Meeting, March 25, 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch informed the members that the team will present another update at the next Board/Council meeting in May.

Cree Canada Relations

Anthony MacLeod, Executive Director and Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations provided a general update on the Cree Canada Relations.

The meeting recessed at 2:43 p.m. to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

7. Justice and Correctional Services

Establishment and Maintenance of Local Justice Committees

Donald Nicholls, Director of Justice and Correctional Services presented the document entitled, "Community Justice Committees – A Review, March 23, 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

The members held a lengthy discussion and requested more time to review the presentation, and more particularly the terms of reference in order to make an informed decision for the benefit of the members of the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee.

Board/Council issued a directive to the Director of Justice to provide terms of reference for the Local Justice Committees that allow for greater content and adaptation from local Governments immediately and in future years as conditions and circumstances evolve in our communities to be distributed on May 19th, 2026 for consideration and adoption on May 27th, 2026 subject to comments and suggestions from members of the Board/Council, EEPF Management, Director of Social and Cultural Development and the Eeyou Eenou Police Commission and the discussion held on March 25th, 2026. (Directive 2026-08)

3. Finance and Administration

Funding Allocation Priorities

Rhonda Oblin-Cooper, Director of Capital Works and Services and Anthony MacLeod, Executive Director presented the document entitled, "Overview of Funding Priorities for Local Government Projects, Prepared by the Department of Capital Works & Services, CNG," a copy of which is attached hereto.

The members expressed concerns and held a lengthy discussion on the priority lists that were presented.

Grand Chief suggested that the Priority Lists be presented every year in March at Board/Council meetings in order to assist the DO's and Treasurers Committee as they develop a Cree Nation Capital plan each year.

The members expressed concern regarding the lack of participation of the Board of Compensation at Board/Council meetings. They also highlighted that economic development outside Eeyou Istchee appears to take precedence over local community needs.

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch informed the members that the Board of Compensation (BOC) has not participated and, more specifically, has not presented their minutes and financial statements at the Annual General Assembly for a period of 7 years. The Grand Chief informed the members that he would direct the BOC to participate in the next AGA.

15. Other Matters

Cree Literacy Month

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch and Anthony MacLeod shared a video in honour of Cree Literacy Month and a competition from the Cree Language Commission to produce a famous movie scene with Cree dialogue.

Darius Neacappo-Pelchat, Deputy Youth Grand Chief expressed his gratitude for the video and shared his vision for different advertising methods to promote the preservation of the Cree language.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. to reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

2. Governance (Cont'd)

Cree Development Corporation

Clarke Shecapio, CEO for the Cree Development Corporation (CDC) presented the document entitled, "Cree Development Corporation, CNG Board/Council, March 26, 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief informed the members that an update on CDC will be provided at all subsequent Board/Council meetings.

3. Finance and Administration (Cont'd)

Unappropriated Revenue

Matthew Swallow, Treasurer and Pascal Chadronnet, Senior Manager of Finance presented the Recommendations on the allocation of estimated 2025-26 unappropriated Interest Revenue.

On a motion duly made by and Joshua Iserhoff and seconded by Christopher Napash, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION 2025-032: *Allocation of Estimated 2025-2026 Unappropriated Interest Revenue*

WHEREAS interest earnings are dependent on available cash assets and are subject to revision based on funding obligations and disbursement schedules;

WHEREAS projected interest earnings for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026 are estimated at approximately $15,000,000;

WHEREAS These estimated earnings arise from excess cash deposits held in connection with ongoing projects and deferred revenues.

WHEREAS approximately $8,000,000 relates to Housing Fund deposits and $2,000,000 has already been appropriated in the approved 2025–2026 consolidated budget

WHEREAS the remaining unappropriated interest revenue is estimated at $5,000,000;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the GCCEI/CNG hereby approve and authorize the allocation of $5,000,000 in unappropriated Interest Revenue as follows;

Project	Amount
Community Security	$2,500,000
Capital Works and Services - Whapmagoostui Program 1.3B	$1,525,000
Capital Works and Services – Community-Based Federal NRA Studies Review	$500,000
Social and Cultural - Connect Initiative	$300,000
Government Support Services - Centralization of Database	$175,000
Total	**$5,000,000**

THAT the Treasurer is further mandated to ensure that all appropriate allocations are executed in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the CNG in relation thereto.

Quebec Governance Agreement – 5-Year Funding Renewal

Financing Agreement for the 2025-2026 to 2029-2030 Financial Years

On a motion duly made by and Chief Raymond Shanoush and seconded by John Kitchen, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-033: *Funding Agreement for the 2025-2030 Financial Year Concerning the Agreement on Governance in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory Between the Crees of Eeyou Istchee and the Government of Quebec*

WHEREAS the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government has reviewed the 2025-2030 Funding Agreement for the Cree Nation Government for the purpose of financing activities under the Cree Quebec Governance Agreement;

WHEREAS the parties shall meet no later than April 1, 2029 to begin negotiations for the renewal of a subsequent five-year funding arrangement;

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby approves the Financial Agreement for the 2025-2026 to 2029-2030 Financial Years Concerning the Agreement on Governance in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory Between the Crees of Eeyou Istchee and the Government of Quebec and authorizes Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch to sign said agreement.

Authorization to Sign PEV (Climate) and Plan national d'eau (Water) Funding Agreements

Olivier Kölmel, Manager of Eco-Investments & Strategic Partnerships, Department of Environment and Wildlife presented the issue sheet, a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Chief Raymond Shanoush and seconded by Lance Cooper, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-034: *Pre-Authorization to Sign PEV (Climate) and Fonds Bleu (Water) Funding Agreements*

WHEREAS The Cree Nation Government established the Eeyou EcoFund to administer Québec environmental funding agreements supporting Cree-led projects in Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS A first agreement under Plan Nature 2030 was signed in Spring 2025 in the amount of $6,062,500;

WHEREAS Québec has confirmed approval of the Plan national de l'eau (Fonds Bleu) agreement in the amount of $5,875,000;

WHEREAS Québec has indicated that the PEV 2030 (Plan pour une économie verte 2030) agreement in the amount of $2,500,000 is expected to be confirmed on March 25, 2026;

WHEREAS The value of these agreements requires Board Council authorization for signature;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government authorizes the signature of the following Québec contribution agreements to be administered under the Eeyou EcoFund:

- "AGREEMENT REGARDING THE AWARDING OF A GRANT TO THE CREE NATION GOVERNMENT UNDER **THE PLAN NATIONAL DE L'EAU**" (maximum grant of $5,875,000);
- "AGREEMENT FOR THE AWARDING OF A MAXIMUM GRANT OF $2,500,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2025–2026 TO 2028–2029 TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PROJECTS BY THE CREES OF EEYOU ISTCHEE IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THE **CLIMATE** TRANSITION" (maximum grant of $2,500,000).

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government authorizes **Matthew Swallow**, Treasurer, to sign the above agreements and any related ancillary documents on behalf of the Cree Nation Government.

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government designates **Anthony MacLeod** as the Cree Nation Government administrative contact point with MELCCFP for purposes of finalization and follow-up, in the absence of a Director of Environment and Wildlife.

11. Forestry

Update on Implementation Discussions

Gillman Ottereyes, Director of Forestry presented the document entitled, "GCCEI/CNG Board/ Council, March 24-26, 2026, Forestry Update," a copy of which is attached hereto.

The members raised concerns about forestry practices in Eeyou Istchee, especially within the Waswanipi territory. The Grand Chief informed the members that he, along with Gillman Ottereyes, and Chief Irene Neeposh, would meet with the Talleymen to address their forestry-related concerns.

Moratorium on Caribou Hunting

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch gave an update on the moratorium on caribou hunting.

Board/Council issued a directive to the Cree Representatives on the Cree Quebec Standing Liaison Committee to address the concerns that the Cree Nation of Chisasibi have in regard to the barriers that the 500 foot corridor along the main access road is causing to development and operations of the community. (Directive 2026-07)

The meeting recessed at 8:00 p.m. to reconvene on March 26, 2026 at 9:35 a.m.

15. Other Matters

Eeyou Istchee Summer Games

Darius Neacappo-Pelchat, Deputy Youth Grand Chief and Clifford Loon, Operations Manager of the Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association presented the document entitled, "Eeyou Istchee Summer Games, March 2026, Presented to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) Board Council," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch thanked Darius for his presentation and acknowledged his presence throughout the Board/Council meeting.

The members encouraged the organizers to add traditional games, and the communities to contribute in any manner including providing financial support to the Eeyou Istchee Summer Games.

Four Pillars

Melissa Saganash, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Daisy House, who will host the event on July 30, 2026 presented the document entitled, "Holistic: Four Pillars Celebration Event, Board/Council Update, March 26, 2026, On behalf of Matthew Coon Come," a copy of which is attached hereto.

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. to reconvene at 10:57 a.m.

2. Governance (Cont'd)

Cree Nation Housing Strategy

Rhonda Oblin-Cooper, Director of Capital Works and Services presented the document entitled, "Cree Nation Strategy on Housing, Follow-up on Directives, March 24-26, 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

On a motion duly made by Chief Michael Petawabano and seconded by Chief Gaston Cooper, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-035: **Approval of New Subsidy Rate for Private Housing**

WHEREAS on December 3rd, 2025, the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government passed resolution BC 2025-033 creating the Special Working Group on Housing with the mandate to develop recommendations for the simplification of the Cree Nation Housing programs specifically the reduction of administrative burdens on applicants, the expansion of eligibility, the expansion of types of programs that the private housing fund could be applied to including the re-evaluation of the subsidy levels and structure under the Community Private Housing Initiative 1.3.A (Private Housing Program) and the development of a communication plan to promote greater understanding and awareness of the housing issue generally in Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS on March 26, 2026, the Special Working Group on Housing requested a resolution adopting its proposal for new flat subsidy rates and eligibility requirements for the Private Housing Program;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (EeyouI stchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby affirms the new flat subsidy rates and eligibility requirements for the Private Housing Program Subsidy 1 as set out at Value Assessment Option in the Cree Nation Strategy on Housing: Follow-up on Directives presentation as presented by the Special Working Group on Housing on March 26, 2026;

THAT the Board/Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby affirms that the new flat subsidy rates apply to projects currently under the Private Housing Program that have not been taken into physical possession as of March 26, 2026;

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

RESOLUTION BC 2026-036: Extension of the mandate of the Special Working Group on Housing and confirmation of its workplan

WHEREAS on December 3rd, 2025, the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government passed resolution BC 2025-033 creating the Special Working Group on Housing with the mandate to develop recommendations for the simplification of the Cree Nation Housing programs specifically the reduction of administrative burdens on applicants, the expansion of eligibility, the expansion of types of programs that the private housing fund could be applied to including the re-evaluation of the subsidy levels and structure under the Community Private Housing Initiative 1.3.A (Private Housing Program) and the development of a communication plan to promote greater understanding and awareness of the housing issue generally in Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS on December 3rd, 2025, the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government passed resolution BC 2025-033 holding that the mandate for the Special Working Group on Housing would be considered for renewal on March 26, 2026;

WHEREAS on December 3rd, 2025, the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government passed resolution BC 2025-033 mandating the Special Working Group on Housing table reports and recommendations at each meeting of the Board/ Council;

WHEREAS on March 26, 2026, the Special Working Group on Housing recommended a resolution extending its mandate to two years and affirming its proposed two-year work-plan;

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby extends the mandate of the Special Working Group on Housing by 2 years, including its obligations to regularly report and make recommendations at each meeting of the Bord/Council, and shall be considered for renewal upon the second meeting of the Board/Council in 2028;

THAT the Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby affirms the 2 year workplan of the Special Working Group on Housing set out in the Cree Nation Strategy on Housing: Follow-up on Directives presentation as presented on March 26, 2026;

9. Capital Works and Services

Almshouses (Homeless Shelters)

Rhonda Oblin-Cooper, Director of Capital Works and Services presented the document entitled, "Community Almshouses, Department of Justice and Correctional Services (DOJCS), Prepared by Department of Capital Works and Service, March 24, 2026," a copy of which is attached hereto.

Chief Clarence Jolly requested clarification on Nemaska's allocation for an almshouse. Rhonda Oblin-Cooper informed Chief Jolly that the presentation contained information that was transferred from the Justice department to Capital Works and Services. She informed Chief Jolly that she would confirm the details with the Justice department and provide him with an update.

Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation (SODAB) and Cree Development Corporation Governance and Ethics Committee

On a motion duly made by Chief Greta Whiskeychan-Cheechoo and seconded by Chief Frank Atsynia, the members adopted:

RESOLUTION BC 2026-037: *Board of Directors of the Cree Development Corporation (SODAB) and Cree Development Corporation Governance and Ethics Committee*

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 to which the James Bay Native Development Corporation (SODAB) shall be amalgamated;

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

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the Board/Council Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby names Mr. Clarke Shecapio, as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors Cree Development Corporation and names Dr. Abel Bosum, Raymond Jolly, Kayleigh Spencer, Dr. Abraham Jolly and Christina Gilpin to Board of Directors the Cree Development Corporation/ (SODAB) for a period of two (2) years;

THAT the Board/Council Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government hereby names Daniel Mark-Stewart as the Shareholder representative to Cree Development Corporation/(SODAB) Governance and Ethics Committee mandate to ensure the ethicality and efficiency of the Directors to the Board of Directors.

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board/Council will be held on May 26, 27 and 28, 2026 in Ouje-Bougoumou, Eeyou Istchee.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

The closing prayer was delivered by Joshua Iserhoff.

Edna Neeposh, Corporate Secretary