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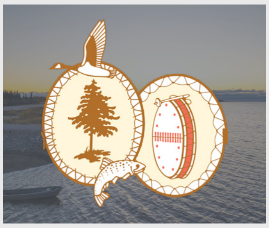

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DECEMBER 1-3, 2026

Meeting of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government focused on Government Relations, Funding Allocations and Budget.

CREE LANGUAGE COMMISSION

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3rd Forum on Cree Language

December 1 - 3, 2026

Gatineau, QC Hilton Lac-Leamy

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DECEMBER 1-3, 2026

The 3rd Annual Cree Language Symposium will be hosted in Gatineau at the Hilton, Lac-Lemay.

Eeyou Youth Gather in Mistissini for CNYC’s 37th Annual General Assembly

Youth from across Eeyou Istchee gathered in Mistissini for the CNYC’s 37th Annual General Assembly.

The Cree Nation Youth Council (CNYC) hosted its 37th Annual General Assembly in Mistissini between August 5 to 8, 2026, bringing together youth from across Eeyou Istchee in a cultural setting filled with workshops ranging from beading, carving, painting and traditional medicine making on the first day. It was a nice way for youth to get to know one another before getting down to business!

The CNYC welcomed Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief, Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak to the gathering and was presented with a beautiful beaded moosehide medallion by award-winning artist, Beth Sealhunter. The National Chief also shared a message with the youth about the important role they will play in the future.

The assembly also welcomed Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch, who attended in support and shared some words with the youth. He was accompanied by Executive Director, Anthony MacLeod and Tina Petawabano, Director of Federal and Indigenous relations.

> *“We are going to need your help, because Canada is at a crossroads with our people and with its relationships with First Nations”*
>
> National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak

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EVENTS

During the assembly, the CNYC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association (CNACA). The agreement aims to strengthen collaboration and create new opportunities for Cree youth artists.

The event also included an evening of entertainment hosted by the CNYC in collaboration with Mistissini's local that featured CerAmony's return to the stage, along with performances by Ezekiel Neeposh, Ouwahh Music, Bob. E Diamond, and Justin Ryan Swallow for an awesome night of fun and entertainment.

The CNYC also advanced organizational priorities by updating its Governance Guidelines to ensure safe spaces at regional events and finalizing its Strategic Action Plan, which prioritizes Mental Health, Cree Culture and Language, Education and Skills Development, and Leadership and Governance. Together, these initiatives will help strengthen the organization and prepare its members to take the lead.

Deputy Youth Grand Chief Darius Neacappo Pelchat reflected on the gathering and the work accomplished during the assembly:

"CNYC's 37th Annual General Assembly was held in Mistissini. We were proud to announce the CNYC Strategic Plan 2026-2031, which will guide our work and priorities for the years ahead. After 7 years of consultations, reviews, and collaboration, we witnessed the implementation of our Governance Guidelines, strengthening the foundation of youth leadership within the Cree Nation. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CNACA, creating new opportunities for youth engagement and cultural empowerment.

I *enjoyed seeing the youth so engaged to the conversations, committed to participating in everything we had in store for them.*

As Deputy Youth Grand Chief, I remain committed to encouraging youth to speak up, share their perspectives, and ensure their voices are heard. Our future is strongest when youth are actively involved in shaping it."

- Deputy Youth Grand Chief Darius Neacappo Pelchat

From Dialogue to Action

The Connect Forum charts a shared path forward

Calls To Action
• "Cree Nation Nutritional Policy" that can be integrated into Laws and Regulations
• Data sharing protocol between CNG, CSB, C
Local Governments to statistically driven ini

On March 18-20, the first of a series of Cree Nation dialogues was hosted in Chisasibi aiming to connect key members of communities, government and entities to tackle core issues in Eeyou Istchee.

The challenges affecting the health, safety and well-being of Eeyou Istchee are deeply connected. Housing shortages affect family stability. Food insecurity and the rising cost of living influence health. Trauma and addictions place pressure on families, schools, health services and the justice system. When organizations respond separately, people can encounter gaps between services precisely when they need support the most.

The Connect Forum brought Cree leadership, regional institutions and community representatives together to confront these realities and begin building a more coordinated response. It created a safe space where participants could speak openly about the challenges facing their communities, learn more about one another's work and identify practical opportunities for collective action.

The Forum was the first in a planned series of gatherings involving the Cree Nation Government, Cree School Board, Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay, local governments and other partners. Its purpose was clear: strengthen trust, improve information-sharing, align organizational efforts and move from discussion toward measurable action.

Community representatives share local priorities and experiences.

A shared understanding of the challenges

Roundtable presentations from Eastmain, Wemindji, Ouje-Bougoumou, Waskaganish, Chisasibi, Mistissini, Waswanipi, Whapmagoostui, Nemaska and MoCreebec showed that communities are experiencing many of the same pressures. Leaders spoke about housing shortages, overcrowding and homelessness; mental health and addictions; violence, drug trafficking and community safety; school absenteeism and youth disconnection; chronic disease and food insecurity; unemployment; and the effects of individual, family and intergenerational trauma.

Although these issues may appear separately in the mandates of different organizations, participants emphasized that they are closely linked in people's lives. A student's attendance may be affected by housing instability, family stress, mental health or a lack of transportation. A person returning from treatment or the justice system may need housing, employment, aftercare and community acceptance at the same time. Families experiencing a crisis may have to navigate several organizations without a clear, coordinated path between them.

One of the Forum's strongest messages was that no single organization can resolve these challenges alone. Communities are not necessarily asking for another collection of stand-alone programs. They are asking existing institutions to work together more consistently, connect their services and take shared responsibility for results.

Participants also stressed that solutions must be grounded in Cree values. Cree language, relationships with Elders, land-based activities, traditional knowledge and strong family structures were identified as essential parts of prevention, healing and identity—not optional additions to mainstream services.

From 83 ideas to 36 proposed actions

Throughout the Forum, participants were invited to submit Calls to Action. Chiefs, leaders and attendees contributed 83 initial proposals. Overlapping ideas were then brought together into 36 proposed Calls to Action organized under nine themes:

01 Governance, coordination and system integration

02 Housing, infrastructure and basic needs

03 Health, wellness and prevention systems

04 Food security, nutrition and traditional practices

05 Family, parenting and early intervention

06 Youth, education and capacity development

07 Justice, safety and community protection

08 Culture, identity and community well-being

09 Economic development, workforce and inclusion

Together, these themes reflect a shift from reacting to emergencies toward preventing crises and strengthening people, families and communities earlier.

The proposed actions include creating a permanent inter-agency coordination table; establishing shared communication and data protocols; aligning regional policies and funding priorities; connecting housing with wellness, employment and family supports; expanding mental health, addictions treatment and aftercare; and strengthening community-based justice and safety systems.

Other proposals focus on supporting families in their homes, improving school attendance and youth transition services, expanding access to healthy and traditional foods, creating education and career pathways connected to local workforce needs, and strengthening Cree language, cultural programming and knowledge transfer between Elders and younger generations.

Turning the report into action

The Forum created space for dialogue and coordination across organizations.

The Connect Forum Report makes clear that producing more recommendations will not be enough. Progress will depend on assigning responsibility, setting timelines and reporting openly on what has been accomplished.

Among the immediate next steps proposed in the report is the establishment of a Tri-Partite Leadership Table involving the Cree Nation Government, Cree School Board and Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay. The table would provide central oversight for the Connect initiative and help coordinate decisions and accountability.

The report also recommends reviewing and finalizing the Calls to Action, then developing an implementation matrix that identifies the lead organization, participating partners, timelines and indicators for each priority. For the first phase, each of the three regional partners would identify and commit to three Calls to Action.

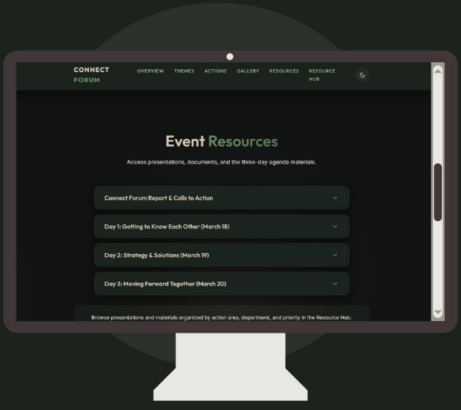
A shared monitoring and reporting system would make it possible to follow progress across organizations, while formal reviews would give leadership and participating entities opportunities to report on results, address barriers and adjust their approach.

Implementation will need to happen at both the regional and community levels. Some priorities require regional policies, coordinated funding and shared information systems.

Others will need to be adapted locally through community safety tables, justice committees, schools, housing processes and family-support networks. This approach can provide regional alignment while respecting the circumstances, strengths and priorities of each community.

The report also proposes future Connect gatherings focused on areas such as secondary and adult education, trauma and addictions, and early childhood education. These events would allow partners to deepen their work on specific priorities while maintaining the relationships created through the first Forum.

The report from the Connect Forum is now available to download on our dedicated site



Event Resources

Access presentations, documents, and the three-day agenda materials.

Connect Forum Report & Calls to Action

Day 1: Getting to Know Each Other (March 18)

Day 2: Strategy & Solutions (March 19)

Day 3: Moving Forward Together (March 20)

Browse presentations and materials organized by action area, department, and priority in the Resource Hub.

Want to learn more?

The Connect Conference has a site to access

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United in Purpose, Guided by Hope

Highlights from the 2026 Annual General Assembly in Waswanipi

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GOVERNANCE

From August 10 to 13, 2026, over 60 delegates, leaders, Elders, youth representatives and community members gathered in Waswanipi for the 52nd Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the 49th Annual General Assembly of the Cree Nation Government.

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Guided by the theme "United in Purpose, Guided by Hope," the extended four-day format Assembly created more an important space to review the work of the past year, discuss priorities facing Eeyou Istchee and help direct the work ahead. It was also a time to recognize service, support an important health awareness initiative and celebrate the culture and music that bring people together.

Throughout the week, the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi welcomed participants with generosity and care. From the meeting space and community feast to the work of local staff and volunteers, the host community helped create an atmosphere where important discussionsbusiness could be conducted while relationships were strengthened.

Four Days of Nation-Building

TThe Assembly opened with a prayer and welcoming remarks from the Chief of the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi, Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch and Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer. Community delegates were introduced before the Assembly moved into its formal business.

The first day included the appointment of recording secretaries and a Resolutions Committee, adoption of the agenda and the previous year's minutes, acknowledgement of Board/Council records and the tabling of the Cree Nation Government's Annual Report.

These proceedings form an essential part of accountability to the people of Eeyou Istchee. They provide delegates with an opportunity to review decisions, examine progress and ensure the Nation's institutions remain responsive to community priorities.

Financial accountability continued on the second day with the presentation of audited financial statements from the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government, as well as the Board of Compensation. Delegates also heard from the Cree Nation Youth Council and received an update on the Connect Leadership Forum, which is bringing regional institutions and communities together to coordinate action on health, safety and social well-being.

An evening presentation from the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board and Cree Trappers' Association also reflected on 50 years of leadership and collective effort in support of Cree hunters and their families. Through archival photographs, memories and discussion, the session honoured those who helped develop the Income Security Program and those who continue to maintain Cree knowledge and connections to the land.

DAY 1

Opening prayer, appointments, minutes and the tabling of the CNG Annual Report

DAY 2

Audited financial statements, Cree Nation Youth Council and CONNECT update

DAY 3

Cree School Board and CBHSSJB presentations, community feast

DAY 4

Cree Trappers' Association, General Law amendments and resolutions

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MATTHEW SWALLOW
TREASURER
ANTHONY MACLEOD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Honouring Exceptional Service

One of the most meaningful moments of the opening day was a Recognition of Service Awards Ceremony involving the Eeyou Eenou Police Force.

The ceremony recognized exceptional acts of service and bravery by officers serving the communities of Eeyou Istchee. It offered the Assembly an opportunity to acknowledge work that can require courage, sound judgment and a deep commitment to protecting others.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients:

Bruce Wapachee
VALOR AWARD

Late Charlie Gunner received by Kobe & Family Gunner
VALOR AWARD

Bianka Sharl-Roy
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Emilie Blais-Mercier
THE LATE ERIC BENAC MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Education Rooted in Identity

88%

of students in the 2021–2026 cohort remained in school from Secondary 1-5, compared with 42 per cent for the 2005– 2010 cohort

31%

of students in Lexia reading programs at or above grade level in 2024–2025, up from two per cent in 2022–2023

85%

attendance: students attending at least 85 per cent of school days generally achieved stronger results

Education and the future of Cree students were at the centre of the Assembly's third day, with the Cree School Board presenting a wide-ranging update covering attendance, retention, graduation, literacy, post-secondary education, adult learning, Cree language revitalization, socio-emotional wellness, specialized student supports and school infrastructure.

The presentation showed encouraging progress in student retention, with 88% of students in the 2021–2026 cohort remaining in school from Secondary 1-5, compared with 42 per cent for the 2005–2010 cohort.

Attendance continues to have a major influence on academic performance, with students attending at least 85 per cent of school days generally achieved stronger results.

Literacy and Cree language revitalization also remain key priorities. The proportion of students in Lexia reading programs working at or above grade level increased from two per cent in 2022–2023 to 31 per cent in 2024–2025.

The Cree Language Immersion project completed its first full year of Grade 1, with Grade 2 programming now being introduced as the Cree School Board continues developing a learning path that can take children from early word recognition to confident conversation and storytelling.

The presentation also highlighted alternative education, land-based learning, socio-emotional supports and practical pathways for students whose needs are not fully met through conventional programming. Adult and post-secondary programs are similarly expanding opportunities, including the newly renamed iiyiyiu/iinuu Springboard to Health Careers, which broadens preparation beyond nursing to additional health professions.

A recurring message throughout the presentation was that student success is shared work.

[PHOTO REQUIRED — Cree School Board presentation]

Presentation provided by Director General Caroline Mark, and Chairperson Dr. Sarah Pashagumskum gave an overview of key statistics and highlights for 2025-2026.

Care Closer to Home

That message continued during the afternoon presentation by the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CBHSSJB), which shared its vision of Miyupimâtisîun grounded in Cree strength, values and self-determination. Its update focused on building a system organized around individuals and families, with stronger continuity between services and greater attention to cultural safety.

The presentation highlighted how community-based services such as hemodialysis and diagnostic testing can reduce the burden of medical travel and allow clients to remain closer to family, culture, language and community support.

In 2025-206, CBHSSJB reported more than 92,000 regional and inter-community arrivals and departures connected to health care and other services, while also organizing 220 in-territory specialized clinics and expanding both in-person and virtual access.

CBHSSJB also emphasized prevention and collaboration.

Through the CONNECT initiative, CBHSSJB is also working on improving communication and data-sharing, shifting sectors toward prevention-based wellness approaches and creating joint case-management practices for individuals and families facing greater risk.

The overall goal is to create a more connected system, bringing services together, organizing them around people and reducing the need for clients to navigate disconnected systems alone.

92,000+ **regional and inter-community arrivals and departures connected to health care and other services**

220 **in-territory specialized clinics organized by CBHSSJB**

Community, Culture and Celebration

Following the day’s presentations, the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi welcomed delegates and community members to a traditional community feast at the Sports Complex.

The evening concluded with live entertainment from Miikun, a Cree band from Waskaganish. The performance brought energy and celebration to the gathering, giving participants an opportunity to enjoy Cree music together after a full day focused on education, health and community well-being.

Guiding the Work Ahead

The final day included a presentation from the Cree Trappers' Association, proposed General Law amendments, open discussion and adoption of resolutions.

These final sessions gave delegates an opportunity to bring forward community priorities and provide direction to leadership and administration.

Across four days, the Assembly demonstrated that governance is more than documents and resolutions. It is also about listening, learning, recognizing service and maintaining relationships across communities and generations.

The education and health presentations highlighted both progress and the work ahead, while the EEPF ceremony, Sol Awashish's walk, and community activities reinforced the importance of service, culture and connection.

As delegates left Waswanipi, the theme "United in Purpose, Guided by Hope" reflected the responsibility shared by leadership, institutions and communities to carry the discussions forward.

Meegwetch to the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi, the delegates, Elders, youth representatives, presenters, organizers, staff, technicians, volunteers and community members who made the 2026 Annual General Assembly possible.

Walking the Message Home

Sol Awashish shares a message to bring services closer to home

Walkers join together to raise awareness of hemodialysis and the need for services closer to home.

For Sol Awashish, walking has been a powerful way to deliver a message. Over several decades, he has organized and participated in journeys promoting diabetes prevention, healthy living and collective responsibility for community wellness. Many of these walks have brought their message directly to Cree leadership at the Annual General Assembly.

In August 2026, Sol and a group of supporters turned their attention to hemodialysis. Through a relay walk that ended at the AGA in Waswanipi, they called for treatment closer to home and greater support for patients and families who must travel several times each week to receive essential care.

1. Please take us back to the beginning of this walk. What made you decide this was the right way to raise awareness?

The idea came from visiting the hospital in Chibougamau. My brother was on dialysis there for a while, and I would sometimes give him a ride home. Whenever I went to the hospital, I would see Elders in wheelchairs near the entrance. Sometimes they would be sleeping there.

One time, I spoke to a patient from Waswanipi. The person explained that dialysis started at eight in the morning, which meant getting up around four or five to prepare for the drive. The treatment would finish at noon, but the ride home might not leave until three. That is a very long day, three times a week.

When I heard that, I thought, “That’s terrible.” Being on dialysis is already tiring, and then people have to spend so much additional time travelling and waiting.

I spoke with people in Waswanipi, including Chief Matthew Happyjack, about organizing a walk to the Annual General Assembly. The idea was to ask for a resolution and begin working toward having hemodialysis services in Waswanipi. Because we were already close to the AGA dates, we decided to organize a relay. Everybody walked their share of the route. I walked approximately 40 kilometres.

Walking together along the relay route.

What did you hear from people that you most want readers to understand about hemodialysis?

Most of the people who walked with us had a relative or a parent receiving dialysis, either in Chibougamau or Montreal. Others had relatives living with diabetes and were concerned about the complications that can develop. Some of the walkers were themselves living with diabetes.

At the Assembly, I asked how many people had diabetes or were at risk. Many people raised their hands. Then I asked how many knew somebody affected by it, and hands went up everywhere.

Everybody had a reason to be there.

> “Kidney disease and dialysis do not affect only the patient. They affect the entire family. People lose hours and days travelling. They miss family life and things happening in their communities.”
>
> — SOL AWASHISH

The message arrives in Waswanipi: Bring Our People Home.

03 What does "Bring Our People Home" mean to you?

The whole idea is bringing our people home and improving their quality of life.

If services can be provided closer to home, patients can remain nearer to their families, communities and support systems.

The message is similar to earlier hemodialysis campaigns. People wanted to bring patients home then, and that is still what we want today.

> "Walking to me is a spiritual thing, it is a way to connect with the land."
>
> — SOL AWASHISH

04 Why is walking such an effective way to reach people?

In the good old days, messages were delivered by walking. When news reached a camp, someone would walk to the next camp and another person would continue carrying the message. Walking is one of our oldest traditions, and I think it should continue.

I decided that walking might still be one of the best ways to deliver a message.

I began organizing my own walks in the early 2000s. During the 2002 journey, we finished with a large group of people walking together. That is what I usually try to do: bring people together and get as many walkers involved as possible. Walking is also one of the easiest ways for people to become physically active. We regularly tell people they should be more active, so we should demonstrate it ourselves.

I often organize the destination around the Annual General Assembly because the leaders are gathered there. It is an opportunity to bring attention to an issue and ask leadership to act.

> "Of course, we're trying to improve their quality of life. Being on dialysis is quite tiresome. People are missing out on family life and a lot of other things."

A call to work together

5. What do you think should happen now?

We need to find a way to work with government to secure the necessary approvals. We also need cooperation from the Health Board and continued support from Cree leadership.

Leaders can help by being role models. They do not have to do difficult exercise. They can walk, participate in community activities, play hockey or support people returning to traditional activities on the land.

I would also like to see more funding for healthy-lifestyle programs, including physical activity and traditional land-based activities. Hunting, walking, checking snares and snowshoeing are all ways of being active. They also help people manage stress.

For community members, my message is to begin with your own health. I get up in the morning, stretch, exercise with light weights and try to walk for at least an hour. That is part of my routine—my ritual.

People should also be tested for diabetes, especially when there is a family history. Someone can live with diabetes for years without knowing it. By the time symptoms appear, complications may already be developing.

Preventing chronic disease cannot be the responsibility of one organization or one department. Schools, health professionals, recreation programs, community governments and regional entities all have a part to play.

> "If you don't have healthy kids, they're not going to succeed either, even if you have the best academic program in the world."

> "We need to work together. A leader should be able to bring all the players together and create a healthy environment for the community."

Bring Our People Home: the call carried to the AGA.

Community members bring their voices to the Assembly.

> "I always try to let the local people do the speaking. It is their community, and they should be heard."
>
> — SOL AWASHISH

Room for local voices

Sol expressed appreciation to Cree leadership for making room in the AGA agenda for the walkers and their message. He also emphasized that he tries to place community members at the centre of each presentation.

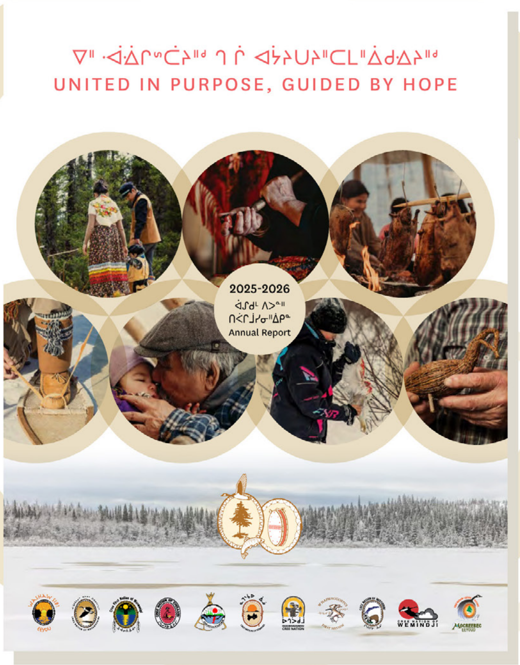
Sol hopes the walk will contribute to both immediate improvements in dialysis care and a wider regional commitment to preventing chronic disease.

He believes progress will require healthier schools, stronger community programs, more opportunities for land-based activity and cooperation between organizations that too often work separately.

"My hope is that we will see the prevalence of diabetes begin to decline," he said. "That can only be done if we all work together."

A year of progress for Eeyou Istchee

United in purpose, guided by hope



2025-2026 Annual Report

Across Eeyou Istchee, the past year brought progress, transition and continued collaboration. The 2025-2026 Annual Report shares how the Cree Nation Government advanced community priorities, strengthened services and supported opportunities for Cree people.

In his message to the Cree Nation, Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch emphasized unity, collaboration and staying focused on the needs of Cree communities as the foundation for a stronger future.

That commitment guided work with communities, regional organizations and other Indigenous Nations. Relations with federal and provincial governments remained a priority, including discussions on renewing the New Relationship Agreement with Canada before its expiry in 2028.

Economic development continued to create opportunities for Cree entrepreneurs and communities, alongside investment in education, skills development and employment. Environmental stewardship remained central to the Cree Nation Government's work.

The report also highlights work in housing, infrastructure, public safety, justice, forestry, policing, and social and cultural development. New initiatives strengthened emergency preparedness and housing support, while early childhood programs continued to provide culturally grounded daycare services across Eeyou Istchee.

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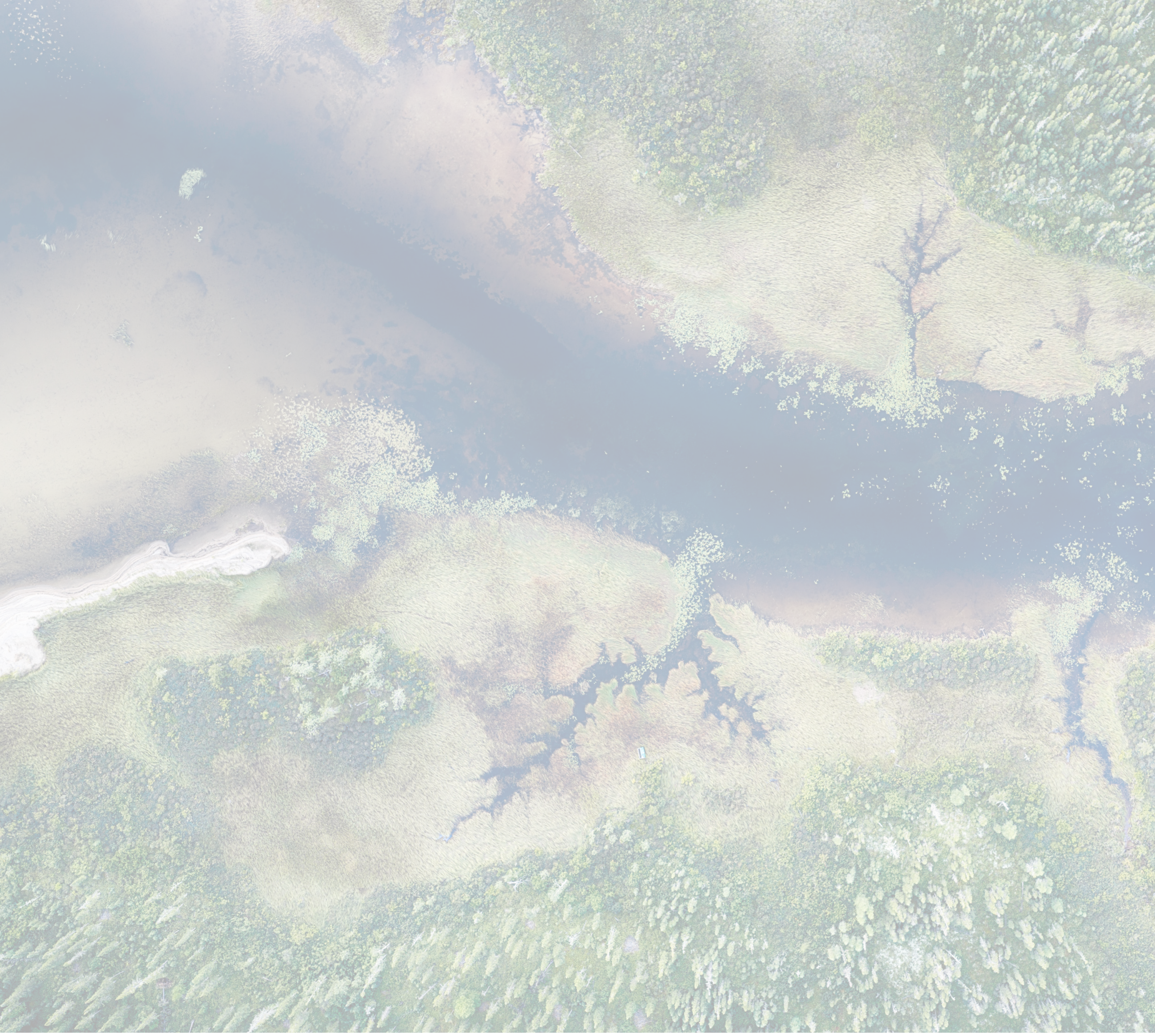

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