

SUMMARY



MAMU UITSHEUTUN / MAAMUU WIICHEUTUWIN AGREEMENT

(Note: This is a summary of the main points of the Agreement but it does not replace the text of the agreement as signed by the parties.)

Preamble

- Coexistence has existed since time immemorial between the Pekuakamiulnuatsh Nation and the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee.
- We have shared long-standing ties between the two nations through trade, marriage and mutual political, cultural and traditional values, especially in regard to the protection of the land.
- The Pekuakamiulnuatsh Nation have Aboriginal Rights and Aboriginal Title over Nitassinan.
- There is an area within Nitassinan named Peschitaskau/Shashtuaussi where the Pekuakamiulnuatsh and Crees still exercise and enjoy, as in the past, Aboriginal Rights.
- The Pekuakamiulnuatsh Nation and the Cree Nation wish to renew and reinforce their coexistence through an Agreement affecting not only Peschitaskau/Shashtuaussi territory, but also to foster cooperation in other areas.
- First Nations have the right to enter into agreements among themselves.

Key Points

- The Cree Nation recognizes the sovereignty and Aboriginal Title of the Pekuakamiulnuatsh Nation on Nitassinan, of which Peschitaskau/Shashtuaussi is a part and supports such recognitions by other governments.
- The Pekuakamiulnuatsh Nation recognizes the sovereignty of the Cree Nation over Eeyou Istchee.
- The Pekuakmiulnuatsh Nation recognizes the existence of Aboriginal Rights of members of the Cree Nation in Peschitaskau/Shashtuaussi and wish to agree on how to exercise these Rights without undermining the recognition of its own Rights in this territory.

- Respect for the Right of one Nation to invite members of the other Nation to practice traditional activities.
- Creation of a permanent Cree-Ilnu Committee for the implementation of the Agreement and the strengthening of mutual political, economic and social relations.
- Creation of a Cri-Ilnu Forestry Committee to act as a forum for exchange on matters related to forestry and for joint participation in a tri-partite Working Group with the Government of Quebec.
- Creation of a Cri-Ilnu Wildlife and Traditional Activities Committee in order to propose, in collaboration with the families concerned, a formula of cohabitation and common rules for traditional activities in Peschitaskau/Shashtuaussi, and also to develop modalities for inviting each other to practice of traditional activities either in Eeyou Istchee or Nitassinan.
- Creation of a Cri-Ilnu Committee on Economic Development to not only offer collaboration and mutual support in the economic field, but also to develop modalities and protocols to promote access to jobs and contracts in development projects in Eeyou Istchee for the Pekuakamiulnuatsh and in developments projects in Nitassinan for Crees subject to respective local priority requirements.

General Provisions

- The Agreement and its implementation shall be reviewed every five years and adjusted as needed.
- There are no modification of the territorial boundaries of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement or an adjustment of the boundaries of the Municipality of James Bay within the meaning of the Agreement on governance in the territory of Eeyou Istchee James Bay
- There are no changes in the responsibilities of the governments of Quebec and Canada to any of the Nations.
- The Agreement does not affect the rights, claims or interests of any other First Nations.
- Joint efforts by the two Nations will be made to governments to ensure compliance with and the implementation of the Agreement for matters that concern them.