



GRAND COUNCIL OF THE
CREE

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Outline

- History
- Governance Structure
- Programs, Projects & Services
- Changes, Challenges & Impacts



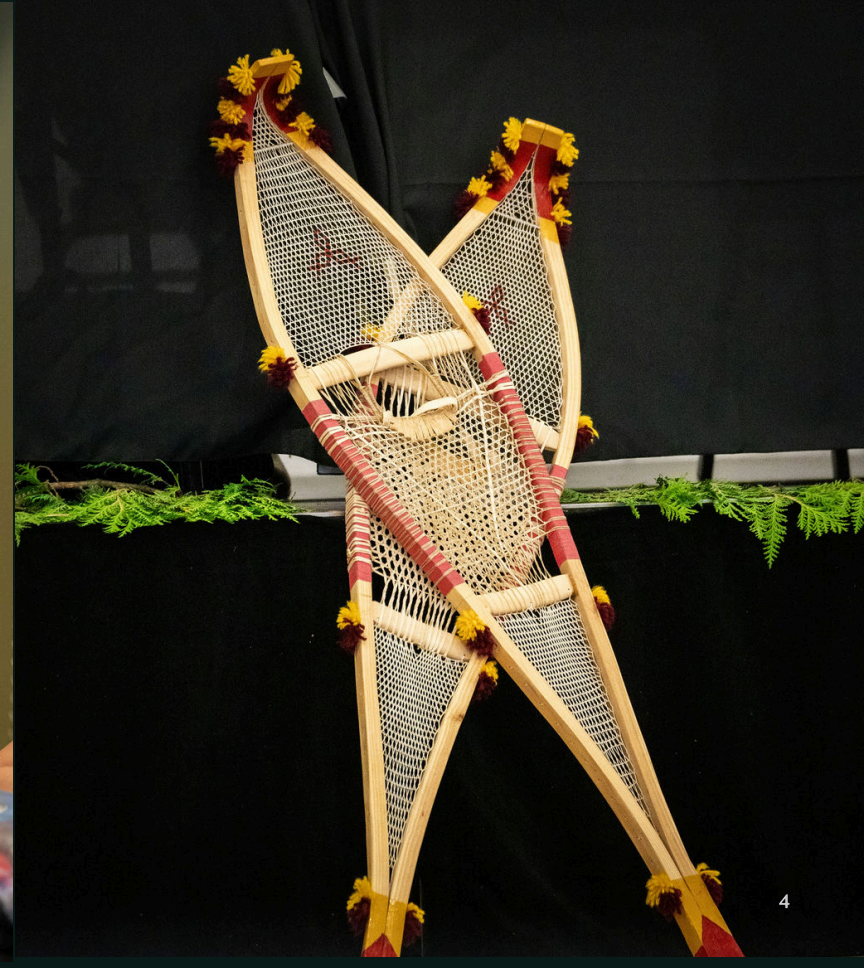
In 1975, the Grand Council of Cree signed the James Bay Northern Québec Agreement (JBNQA) with the objective of ensuring that the traditional activities of the Eeyou/Eenou continue to be exercised without binding restrictions.

Three years later, the Cree Trappers' Association (CTA) was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in accordance with the agreement.



Vision

TO ADVOCATE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE
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Organization Chart



Implemented 2016

LOCAL CTA COMMITTEES

- Cree Trappers Association offers full autonomy to the local CTA committees to determine the services and support to be offered to its members. These can take many forms...
- In return, the regional CTA requires, at the local level, rigorous governance and accounting accountability.

Programs & Services

- The Cree Trappers' Association's role and responsibility consist in protecting and promoting the interests of Eeyou hunters & trappers. The programs & services allow our members accessibility and traditional pursuits. Programs include:
 - **Transportation**
 - **Land occupancy**
 - **Equipment subsidies**
 - **Etc.**

Programs & Services 2019-2023



Special Projects

- Cabin Insurance 2023-24
- Firearms Course
- Cree Medical Bush kits
- Community Freezer Project
- Traditional Food
- Local CTA Strategic planning
- Wildlife Harvest Database
- Fur Sales
- CTA Summit – Chisasibi / Mistissini
- Eeyou Marine Region

Eeyou Ituun Program

To develop a training program designed to teach Cree not experienced in bush life the skills to engage in Eeyou Ituun

The objective is to maintain our Cree way of Life (Culture & Language)





Changes, Challenges & Impacts in Eeyou Istchee

Climate Change

In Eeyou Istchee, climate change is affecting terrestrial, aquatic and marine ecosystems, leading to impacts on population health and safety and affecting quality of life, traditional activities and the well-being of Cree communities.



Development in the Territory



Forestry



Mining



Hydro



Exploration

Hunting & Trapping

Cree population has drastically increased since the establishment of CTA.

The majority of Eeyou depend in employment .

Hunting and Trapping is still viable and active way of life in Eeyou Istchee.



Wildlife

Moose population has decreased in certain areas of Eeyou Istchee

Woodland caribou are a concern and is considered species at risk

Migratory caribou population has decreased causing the sport hunt to close.

Sturgeon population is also decreased causing the creation of the sturgeon management plan



Trapline Management

- Traplines system has been established, in early years for beaver preservations
- Trapline Boundaries system with technology has caused overlaps in the territory
- CTA will initiate the process of settle the issues, having community involvement is vital.

Role of Tallyman

- There is a need to understand the purpose of Tallyman
- Need to better understand Eeyou Ituun Which includes Eeyou Hunting & Trapping Governance, Practices, Values and customs
- Our Ancestors developed our Cree traditional system of governance;
- Today we still have our Cree traditional practices in place but slowly moving away from that form of management & Eeyou Ituun governance
- But the term “Tallyman” has caused a lot of confusion today

In Closing

- Since the first contact of non-indigenous people. Cree people have always learnt how to adapt with the changes, challenges and impacts.
- Hunters and Trappers have always maintained a remarkable degree of autonomy – Lets continue the tradition!

Thank you

