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BOARD/COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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January 29, 2025

1. CORPORATE MATTERS

Adoption of Minutes

· December 4th & 5th, 2024

2. GOVERNANCE

Executive Director's Report

- Presented by Executive Director Davey Bobbish providing an update on:
  - Key issues from Cree-Canada and Cree-Quebec relations, with a focus on ongoing files and potential partnerships
  - Housing in Cree communities, detailing existing social and private housing initiatives
  - Monitoring of the potential economic impacts of proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian imports

JBNQA Anniversary – Update

- An update on the video series United We Walk was provided by Deputy Executive Director Melissa Saganash. The 9-episode series will cover major milestones leading up to the 1975 signing of the JBNQA in Cree, English and French. More information can be found at www.jbnqa50.com
- A JBNQA Coordinator position is posted for all upcoming events related to the 50th Anniversary of the JBNQA and can be applied to at: https://jobs.dayforcehcm.com/en US/creenation/CANDIDATEPORTAL/jobs/2666

Ghislain Picard Retirement

- Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty offered a statement on behalf of the Cree Nation Government thanking Ghislain Picard for nearly 35 years within the AFNQL and for his collaborations with the Cree Nation during his career.

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Update on Air Creebec

- Tanya Pash, President of Air Creebec, presented a summary of the subsidy on travel costs that will be offered through Air Creebec between 2025 and 2027
- More information will be provided in the coming weeks on how to benefit from reduced airfare costs at aircreebec.ca

Caribou Harvest Update

- Tina Petawabano Director of Federal and Indigenous Relations provided an update on the discussions with the Innu that led to a non-renewal of the Maamuu Nisituhtimuwin (Traditional Understanding of the Caribou Harvest) for 2025.
- An Innu community harvest within Cree territory of atike is based on the good health of the Leaf River herd. Preliminary reports indicate a decrease in overall health as well as a decrease in population.
- As a result, Chisasibi and the Innu Nation of Quebec have agreed that a community harvest within Eeyou Istchee for the Innu Nation would not be held this year given the data on the health of the herds.

Cree Language Commissioner

- Jamie Moses, Cree Language Commissioner, provided an update on the Commission’s current activities, resources and highlights of the Cree Language Commission.
- The Cree Language Commission is actively working to revitalize the Cree language through various initiatives, including policy development, mentorship programs, language laws, and increased language education.
- They aim to engage stakeholders, including the Cree Nation Government, local governments, the Cree School Board, and regional Cree media, to create a coordinated approach to language preservation.
- Jamie also informed the Board that he will be stepping down from his role and begin a new opportunity. We wish Jamie the best in his new endeavour!

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Coastal Mining Information Session

- Anthony Macleod, Director of Commerce and Industry, provided an update on the outcomes of the Coastal Mining Information Session that was held on January 21-22 in Chisasibi.
- Feedback from land users, tallymen and participants is being compiled and will be made available in a report that highlights the outcomes of the Coastal Session.

Update from Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay

- Newly elected Chairperson, Jeannie Pelletier, delivered a presentation regarding the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CHSSJB). The presentation focused on the theme of "Rewriting our Story, Reclaiming our Path, and Restoring our Health". The presentation outlined a framework for improving health services and establishing priorities for community health and miyupmaatisiiun.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March Board Council

March 26th-27th, 2025 | Mistissini, Eeyou Istchee

May Board Council

May 28th-29th, 2025 | Whapmagoostui, Eeyou Istchee