



« Le Québec est fier de poursuivre cette collaboration avec le Gouvernement de la nation crie et les communautés cries. La préservation de la nature est un enjeu qui nous préoccupe. C’est pourquoi les actions concrètes pour protéger notre eau, notre climat et notre biodiversité me rendent fier. En signant des ententes de nation à nation qui respectent notre environnement, nous protégeons notre avenir et nous renforçons notre confiance mutuelle. » — **Ian Lafrenière, vice-premier ministre, ministre de la Sécurité intérieure et ministre responsable des Relations avec les Premières Nations et les Inuit**

« Il s’agit d’une étape importante pour la Nation Crie. Ces ententes donnent à nos communautés des moyens accrus pour protéger ce qui compte le plus — nos terres, nos eaux et notre avenir — par des actions ancrées dans le savoir, les valeurs et le leadership cris. » — **Paul John Murdoch, grand chef du Grand Conseil des Cris (Eeyou Istchee) et président du Gouvernement de la Nation Crie**

« Ces accords aideront à soutenir nos communautés avec les ressources nécessaires pour transformer les priorités environnementales émergentes en projets concrets. Cela continuera à renforcer notre capacité à protéger les terres et les eaux des Eeyou et des Eenou. » — **Jonathan Sutherland, directeur du Département de l’environnement et travaux de remédiation, Gouvernement de la Nation Crie**

L’**Eeyou ÉcoFond** est la plateforme de financement environnemental du Gouvernement de la Nation Crie pour les **projets environnementaux menés par les Cris**. Pour en savoir plus, visitez [www.cngov.ca/ecofund](http://www.cngov.ca/ecofund).

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### The Gouvernement du Québec and the Cree Nation Government conclude agreements for over \$14 million towards Cree-led action on biodiversity, water, and climate

**NEMASKA (Eeyou Istchee - James Bay), June 19, 2026** – The Gouvernement du Québec and the Cree Nation Government are announcing two new grant agreements under the **Plan national de l'eau** and the **2030 Green Economy Plan (PEV 2030)**. These agreements provide, respectively, **\$5,875,000** for water-related initiatives and **\$2,500,000** to support Cree leadership in the climate transition. Together with the **\$6 million biodiversity conservation agreement announced in 2025 under the 2030 Nature Plan**, they bring total available funding under the **Eeyou EcoFund** to more than **\$14 million** for Cree-led environmental action in Eeyou Istchee – James Bay. Through the Eeyou EcoFund, **Cree communities, businesses, and organizations** will be able to access support for **water, climate and biodiversity** projects.

The water agreement, funded by the **Fonds Bleu** under the **Plan national de l'eau** of the **Stratégie québécoise sur l'eau**, will support projects that address water-related issues specific to Cree communities and organizations, including the protection, restoration, enhancement, and management of water and aquatic environments in a responsible, integrated, and sustainable manner. Under the **2030 Plan for a Green Economy**, the climate agreement will support community projects that strengthen Cree leadership in the climate transition, including adaptation, mitigation, capacity-building, knowledge development, and community action

"These new agreements attest to a strong partnership between Québec and the Cree Nation Government to protect water, the climate and biodiversity. By supporting projects rooted in the realities of communities, we are taking concrete action toward responsible management of our resources and a sustainable climate transition, for the benefit of current and future generations." — **Pascale Déry, Minister of the Environment, the Fight against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks**

“Québec is proud to continue this collaboration with the Cree Nation Government and Cree communities. The preservation of nature is a concern for us, which is why concrete actions to protect our water, our climate, and our biodiversity make me proud. By signing nation-to-nation agreements that protect our environment, we ensure a sustainable future and strengthen our mutual trust.” — **Ian Lafrenière, Deputy Premier, Minister of Domestic Security and Minister Responsible for Relations with the First Nations and the Inuit**

“This is an important milestone for the Cree Nation. It gives our communities stronger means to protect what matters most—our lands, waters, and future—through action grounded in Cree knowledge, Cree values, and Cree leadership.” — **Paul John Murdoch, Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and president of the Cree Nation Government**

“These agreements will help support our communities with the resources to turn environmental priorities into projects. This will continue to build our capacity for the protection of Eeyou and Eenuou lands and water.” — **Jonathan Sutherland, Director of the Department of environment and remedial works, Cree Nation Government**

The **Eeyou EcoFund** is the Cree Nation Government’s environmental funding platform for **Cree-led environmental action**. More information is available at [www.cngov.ca/ecofund](http://www.cngov.ca/ecofund).

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