



Cree School Board  
Commission scolaire crie

# COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 22-23, 2022 | Meeting via Teams

The meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 was attended by the following commissioners:

**Dr. Sarah Pash**  
Chairperson

**Daisy Shecapio**  
Vice-Chairperson, School  
Commissioner, Oujé-Bougoumou

**Rebecca Masty-Kawapit**  
School Commissioner, Whapmagoostui

**Robin Pachanos**  
School Commissioner, Chisasibi

**Sammy Blackned**  
School Commissioner, Wemindji

**Jasmine Namagoose**  
School Commissioner, Eastmain

**Anthony Moses**  
School Commissioner, Waskaganish

**Gertie Jolly**  
School Commissioner, Nemaska

**Maïté Saganash**  
School Commissioner, Waswanipi

**Minnie Loon Petawabano**  
School Commissioner, Mistissini

**Adam Enosse**  
MoCreebec Eeyoud, Observer

**Council Members Absent on  
March 22, 2022:**

**Adrianna Trapper**  
Washaw-Sibi – Observer

## REQUIRED APPROVALS:

- The Aboriginal and Northern Development Canada funding program known as New Paths Education, the budget for 2022-2023 was approved.
- Reinvestment Plan was request by the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada as there was additional funding available in the New Paths for Education project, funding will be distributed to Instructional Services, Cree Programs, Student Services and Eeyou lihtuwin.
- Teacher Allocation for the school year 2022-2023 was established.
- In collaboration with Cree Nation Government, Apatisiwin Skills Development to help post-secondary students into the work force, the position of Employment Integration Counsellor is a continued partnership.
- Approval of Funding Transfer to support the Special Needs Community Consultation for the Services Agreement with Connexo Conseils Inc.
- Cree School Board has set dates for Christmas Holidays on December 22, 2022 to January 6, 2023 for all management, professional and support staff.
- Amendment of the Personnel Plan 2020-2021 to support the Oujé-Bougoumou Waapihtiwewan school for the guard position.
- Awarding contract to VCC Entrepreneur Inc. to renovate the roof of Wabannuto Eeyou School in Eastmain.
- Awarding of various contract to improve and upgrade security system, housing plumbing and mechanical systems in Eastmain, restrooms and administration reorganization in Waskaganish, school yards in Waswanipi and electrical, plumbing and mechanical system in Nemaska.
- Awarding contract to Plomberie Aumond to renovate a triplex in Nemaska.
- Renewal of Lease Agreement with Cree Nation Government to have office spaces in the Training Centers in Wemindji and Waskaganish.
- Additional funding required for the James Bay Eeyou School in Chisasibi to continue construction.
- Supplementary funding provided to Full-Time Post-Secondary, Adult Education and Cree Teacher Training Students due to high rate of inflation.



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For further information on the subjects discussed at this meeting, please contact your local Schools Commissioner. The next scheduled council meeting is April 20, 2022. Please note that all meetings are open to public, and minutes of past meetings can be accessed through contacting the Office of Secretary [secretarygeneral@cscree.qc.ca](mailto:secretarygeneral@cscree.qc.ca).

- Under Sabtuan Adult Education Services, Iyeskuwiiu Springboard Program was developed to promote culturally relevant learning, language skills and other tools for students with John Abbott College for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Eastmain School Calendar was modified for Goose Break by moving the floating week to May 9th to May 13th.
- In partnership with Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association, basketball and volleyball programming will be provided in each community to the student body.

## DIRECTOR GENERAL REPORTING:

- Driving Training Program is offered in all communities by certified Driving Schools.
- Bully Free Manual was produced to provide more bullying free support for schools.
- The on-going challenge of hiring substitutes for local schools was introduced.
- Statistical analysis of the progression of Post-Secondary Students from 2010-2011 to 2021-2022 to explore success rates and areas of improvement.
- Explore alternative means of heating for Whapmagoostui Schools in accordance to community availability of energy source.
- Cree History Award granted to a student in Secondary 3 & 4 set to launch in the school year 2022-2023.
- Cree School Board is identifying key contributions to the Special Education Symposium that is collaborative effort with Cree Nation Government and Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay.
- A recovery plan was developed to help ensure student success and readiness to explore gaps created during the pandemic.
- Construction of housing units to meet the demand of job opportunities within the organization.
- Explore plans to increase the housing availability in communities to accommodate the creation of new positions.
- Determine an on-going plan for Higher Education in Cree Communities of Eeyou Istchee.
- Status report on location of the Post-Secondary Student Services Offices.



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## INFORMATION:

- There was a presentation by Cree Nation Government's Commissioner of the Cree Language, Jamie Moses along with Director of Cultural and Social Development, Rodney Mark to discuss a supportive collaboration on helping promote Iyiyu Ayimuwin in Eeyou Istchee to the office of Commissioner of the Cree Language.
- There was a presentation by the CSB's Coordinator of Learning and Development, Darlene Wapachee on availability of training opportunities for the Council of Commissioners.

## GOVERNANCE:

- Elections will be held for the Office of School Commissioner of Chisasibi, Nemaska and Oujé-Bougoumou on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.
- Elections for the Waswanipi School Committee 2022 will be held.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Roundtable discussions were held between the Chairperson and Commissioners about the needs of their schools in terms of staffing issues, low attendance rates, student and parent engagement, care for Cree cultural and traditions, teacher appreciation, student readiness for exams and other interests.