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Cree School Board
Commission scolaire crie

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 9, 10 & 11, 2025 / Meeting in Montreal, QC

Elected Council of Commissioners:

Dr. Sarah Pashagumskum
Chairperson

Christa Bobbish
School Commissioner, Whapmagoostui

Robin Pachanos
School Commissioner, Chisasibi

Gillian Blackned
School Commissioner, Wemindji

Jasmine Namagoose
School Commissioner, Eastmain

Noreen Moar
School Commissioner, Nemaska

Kaitlyn Hester-Moses
School Commissioner, Waskaganish

Abraham Jolly
School Commissioner, Mistissini

Dinah Bosum
School Commissioner, Oujé-
Bougoumou

Emily G. Mianscum
School Commissioner, Waswanipi

Observers:

Adam Enosse
MoCreebec Eeyoud, Observer

Betty Trapper
Observer, Washaw-Sibi (Virtual)

REQUIRED APPROVALS:

- Council approved the 1st Revised Budget for 2025-2026 and the List of Strategic Action Plan projects.
- Council authorized payment of community user charges across all communities, in accordance with the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee Governance Agreement Act and CSB budgetary rules.
- Council approved the Cree School Board 2024 – 2025 Annual Report.
- Council approved the 5-year Capital Plan and mandated the Director General, with the Deputy Director General (Operations) and the Director and Assistant Director of Material Resources Services, to present the plan to Québec and Canada and take all necessary actions to implement it.
- Council approved a third series of change orders. The contract amount has been revised accordingly. The Director General, with the Deputy Director General (Operations) and the Director and Assistant Director of Material Resources Services, is mandated to take all necessary actions to implement the decision.
- Council approved the initiation of Project EQ-02-2403, the construction of 18 housing units.
- Council approved the three-year agreement (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2028) between the Cree School Board and SickKids for training and materials.
- Council approved the hiring of Darlene Cheechoo as Deputy Director General (Adult and Higher Learning).

COUNCIL REPORTING CYCLE:

- Update given on Strategic Action Plan Quarterly Report.
- Update given on Language Assessment Reports.
- Update given on Cree Language Mentorship Program.
- Update given on the JBNQA Beneficiary Hiring.
- Update given on Staff Attendance.
- Update given on Student Attendance.
- Update given on Standards.
- Update given on Local Education Plan
- Update given on Driving Course.
- Update given on Lunch Program.



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- Update given on Breakfast Program.
- Update given on Sports Programming Report
- Update given on Partnerships Report.
- Update given on PSSS Progress Report.
- Update given on Higher Learning Enrollment Rates.
- Update given on Capital Projects and Technical Committee Reports.

DIRECTOR GENERAL REPORTING:

- Update given on Cree Succession Plan.
- Update given on Cree Language Curriculum Standards.
- Update given on Alternative Program.
- Update given on Communication with Youth Protection.
- Update given on Retention and Attendance Rates Sec II – III (2024-2025).
- Update given Teacher Training Program Review.
- Update given on Standards in Cree Teacher Training Program.
- Update given on Adult Education Services.
- Update given on Literacy and Numeracy Plan.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES REPORTING:

- Council approved the 2nd Amendment of the Council Reporting Cycle, effective December 2025. The Director General is mandated to take all necessary actions to implement the amendment.
- Verbal update given by Audit Committee.
- Verbal update given by Executive Committee

INFORMATION:

- Update given on Grade 1 and Grade 2 Cree as a Language of Instruction.
- Update given on Planning of Surplus spending of Supplementary Allocation Projects.
- Update given on Peacebuilding Team.

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GOVERNANCE:

- Update given on the Commissioners Attendance Report

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- The commissioners reported a variety of ongoing priorities and concerns across the communities. Several schools are facing building-related challenges, staffing shortages, and issues with student attendance. Many communities emphasized the importance of improving learning environments, maintaining essential support services, and strengthening cultural and language initiatives. Mental health support, student safety, and reliable transportation-particularly for special-needs students-were also recurring themes. At the same time, commissioners highlighted positive developments such as cultural learning opportunities, active student programming, and increased collaboration with local entities and Elders. Overall, the updates reflected both the challenges and progress within the schools, with an emphasis on addressing operational needs and ensuring the well-being of students and staff.

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