



Cree School Board  
Commission scolaire crie

# COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 9, 2022 | Meeting via Teams

The meeting on Thursday,  
February 9, 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

**Jasmine Namagoose**  
School Commissioner, Eastmain

**Anthony Moses**  
School Commissioner, Waskaganish

**Gertie Jolly**  
School Commissioner, Nemaska

**Minnie Loon Petawabano**  
School Commissioner, Mistissini

**Adam Enosse**  
MoCreebec Eeyoud, Observer

**Adrianna Trapper**  
Washaw-Sibi – Observer

**Council Members Absent on  
February 9, 2022:**

**Sammy Blackned**  
School Commissioner, Wemindji

**Maïté Saganash**  
School Commissioner, Waswanipi

For further information on the  
subjects discussed at this meeting,  
please contact your local Schools  
Commissioner.

The next scheduled council meeting  
is March 22-23, 2022. Please note  
that all meetings are open to public,  
and minutes of past meetings can be  
accessed through contacting the Office  
of Secretary General at  
[secretarygeneral@cs Cree.qc.ca](mailto:secretarygeneral@cs Cree.qc.ca).

## Message from the Chairperson:

This past Council meeting, we were proud to take great steps forward in our vision for centering Cree Culture and Cree Language at the heart of our school system. There is progress on our Land-Based Education initiative as we work to ensure that all children are provided with experiences grounded in culture and valuing of our Eeyou connection to the land. There are great strides in Adult Education as the department moves forward in the development of its Cultural Strategy. We are particularly proud of the creation and implementation of a new department within the Cree School Board that will enhance the focus on Cree language and culture programming, materials development, research, and curriculum. This new department will ensure the elevation of Cree Culture and Language within our school board so that we can truly say that who we are is at the heart of all we do. We look forward to moving forward with planning and staffing in this area.

We have been navigating through a very difficult period in our response to the pandemic. The past two months have been exceptionally challenging for students, parents, teachers, administrators, and other school staff. We are very proud of everything that our students and school teams have done as we continue to work for the safety and health of our communities and our schools. The continued engagement of our students and the determination and diligence of our school staff are extraordinary! Thank you for all you do.

On behalf of the Council of Commissioners, thank you to the Cree School Board team for moving forward, despite the current situation, with important capital projects, the new strategic action plan, and for ensuring that we continue to evolve in our abilities to meet the needs of our students and our communities!

**Dr. Sarah Pash,**  
Chairperson



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## REQUIRED APPROVALS:

- Eeyou lihtuwin Research and Development Department: the development of the Cree curriculum and its implementation at all levels of our education system.
- Creation of the Director of Eeyou lihtuwin Research and Development Department.
- Adult Education explore and integration of Cree Culture learning through General Education and Vocational Training Programs.
- The service agreement awarded to Connexo Conseile Inc to work on the Special Needs Community Consultation to identify key gaps and focus in Special Education services. Special Needs Community Consultation Coordinator position was established to ensure effective development of the project. The consultation will be in collaboration with Cree Nation Government (CNG) and Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CBHSSJB).
- The Preliminary Funding Allocation for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.
- Budgetary revision of the Sabtuan Adult Education Services to support an English Upgrading course in Waskaganish.
- Purchasing of Furniture for the Educational Services at École Winibeekuu Eeyou School in Waskaganish.
- Upgrading ventilation control system at the Luke Mettaweskum School in Nemaska.
- Upgrading public facilities in Willie J. Happyjack Memorial School in Waswanipi.
- Renovation of two duplexes in Wemindji on Maquatua Street.
- Budget Transfer for 2015-2016 Supplementary Allocation Projects to fund projects in Wemindji, Mistissini and Waswanipi. The projects include ventilation control upgrade, generator installation, mechanic and electricity upgrade, etc.
- Budget Transfer for 2016-2017 Supplementary Allocation Projects to fund projects in Waswanipi at the Sabtuan Regional Vocational Training Centre to fix exterior wooden columns.
- Budget Transfer for 2017-2018 Supplementary Allocation Projects to support projects in Whapmagoostui, Waskaganish, Mistissini and Waswanipi. The projects include exterior renovation and landscaping.
- Budget Transfer for 2018-2019 Supplementary Allocation Projects to support projects in Waskaganish and Chisasibi for furniture purchasing and renovation.
- Budget Transfer for 2019-2020 Supplementary Allocation Projects for renovation of 5 duplexes in Whapmagoostui.
- Budget Transfer for 2020-2021 Supplementary Allocation Projects to support projects in Oujé-Bougoumou and Waswanipi for roof rehabilitation, control system upgrade, water leak repairs, etc.
- The Annual Report 2020-2021 was approved.



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## Director General Reporting:

Strategic Action Plan approved for 2021 to 2026. The three themes of the SAP are Eeyou lihtuwin, Student Experience and Educational Success.

## Council Committees Reporting:

Audit Committee elected Gertie Jolly as the Committee's Chairperson on January 31, 2022.

Governance Committee elected Anthony Moses as the Committee's Chairperson on February 1, 2022.

Executive Committee approved additional financial support for Post-Secondary, Adult Education, and Cree Teacher Training students that are considered Full-Time.

Executive Committee approval to Line of Credit Agreement with Minister of Finance of Quebec.

## Information:

The Land-Based Pilot Project was presented to highlight liyuu Chiskumaachaawin Philosophy in having our students learn through a Cree Way of Life as a focus.

## Governance:

Chisasibi School Committee welcomed a new committee member Edward Bearskin.

## Community Engagement:

Roundtable discussions were held between the Commissioners and the Chairperson about the needs of their schools in terms of teacher retention, enhanced bus transportation, internet accessibility, COVID-19 related tension to different learning instructions and other issues.