

SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-01

Subject: Adoption of Agenda


RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of the Special General Assembly held in Chisasibi, QC on the 27th, 28th and 29th days of October 2009 is hereby adopted as presented.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

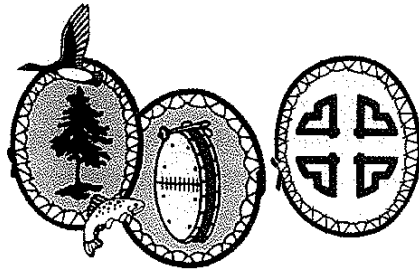
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-02

Subject: Resolution Committee for the Special General Assembly

WHEREAS is being held on the days of October 27, 28 and 29, 2009 in Chisasibi, QC;

WHEREAS among other business that will be discussed at this assembly, certain resolutions will be presented and entertained at the Assembly;

RESOLVED:

THAT Lisa Petagumskum, Paula Rickard and Eddie Diamond are hereby appointed to be on the Resolution Committee.

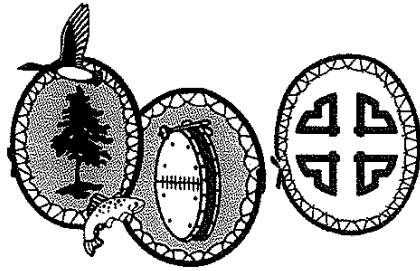
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-03

Subject: Healing Lodge

WHEREAS the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement entered into on November 11, 1975 provides for and guarantees the provision of health and social services to the Cree of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CHBSSJB) is the body established pursuant to the said Agreement (Treaty) through which certain of the said health and social services are to be delivered;

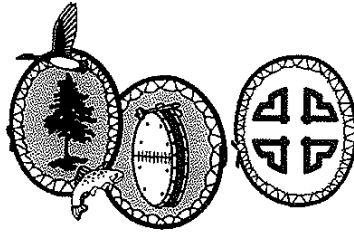
WHEREAS the rights provided for in the JBNQA are protected by Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution;

WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay has the mandate and jurisdiction to provide health and social services to the Cree population of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the development of a Healing Lodge is listed as one objective in the CBHSSJB's Strategic Regional Plan to improve Health and Social Services;

WHEREAS a Working Committee to develop a program for a Healing Lodge was established in 2007;

WHEREAS Resolution No. 2008-07 from the GCCEI/CRA Annual General Assembly recognizes the need for a Cree treatment center for alcohol and substance abuse issues;



RESOLVED:

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly of Health and Social Services hereby request the work of the Working Committee on the Healing Lodge be continued and that its membership be revisited and modified as necessary;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly of Health and Social Services hereby establish a time frame of one year to finalize the location of the healing lodge and that the program be developed;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly of Health and Social Services hereby request the development of the Healing Lodge to deliver services needed by beneficiaries and that this facility be prioritized within the planning of CBHSSJB;

THAT the CBHSSJB Executive Director is hereby mandated to give effect to the foregoing.

Proposed by: Charles Esau

Seconded by: Daisy Shecapio

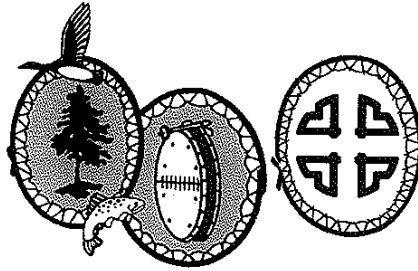
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-04

Subject: Residential Rehabilitation Centre

WHEREAS a Residential Rehabilitation Centre in Eeyou Istchee is identified as a need;

WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CHBSSJB) and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority will enter into negotiations with the Ministry of Health;

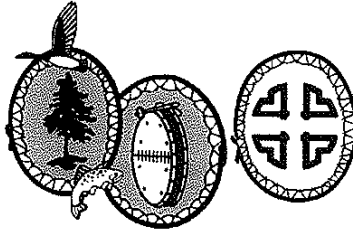
WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay has the mandate to provide health and social services to the Cree population of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS a Residential Rehabilitation Centre needs to be included in the negotiations with the Ministry of Health;

WHEREAS a Working Committee on the development of a Residential Rehabilitation Centre needs to be established;

RESOLVED:

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby recommends the establishment of a working group on the development of a Residential Rehabilitation Centre on Eeyou Istchee;



THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly of Health and Social Services hereby recommends this facility be prioritized within the planning of CBHSSJB;

THAT the planning includes the facility, personnel, and equipment;

THAT direction is hereby given to include the said Residential Rehabilitation Centre as an item in the up-coming negotiations between CBHSSJB, GCCEI/CRA and MSSSQ;

Proposed by: William Hester

Seconded by: Norman Wapachee

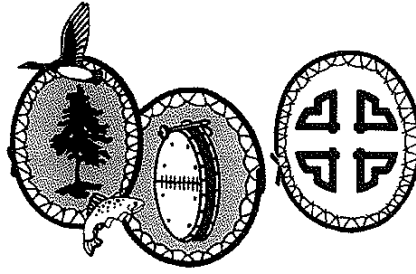
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-05

Subject: Support for Residential Schools Commemoration and Memorial

WHEREAS a very significant proportion of the Cree population during the last century spent, usually the formative years of their lives, in Residential Schools;

WHEREAS these people endured and survived trauma the likes of which few other people have had to endure;

WHEREAS certain of these people did not survive from their experience in such Residential Schools;

WHEREAS the present and future Cree generations must never have to endure such a trauma;

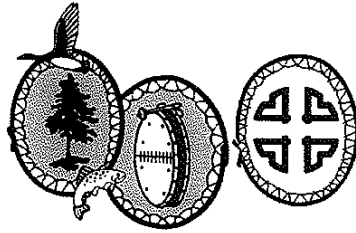
WHEREAS the community of Chisasibi located in Fort George had two (2) Residential Schools, one run by the Anglican Church and the other by the Roman Catholic Church;

WHEREAS Cree as well as Inuit and other Tribes from other communities attended the said Institutions;

WHEREAS the government of Canada has formally apologized to the Aboriginal Peoples for the Residential Schools in Canada and has established the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and set aside funding for memorials and reconciliations;

WHEREAS the Council of the Cree Nation of Chisasibi has formally established a Committee to work on the Residential Schools memorials and commemoration;

WHEREAS it is expedient to deal with and to support the efforts of Cree to deal with and move forward from this historic trauma;



RESOLVED:


THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby supports the development and installation of the Residential Schools memorials and commemorations within the Chisasibi traditional territory;

THAT this Assembly hereby encourages the involvement of the Cree Regional Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay as well as the Grand Council of the Crees of Eeyou Istchee in all ways possible.

Proposed by: Chief Roderick Pachano

Seconded by: James Bobbish

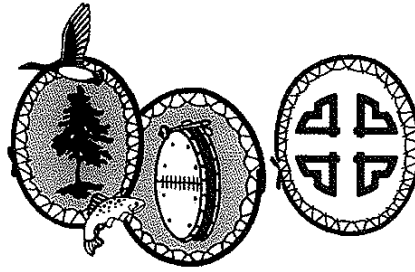
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-06

Subject: Cree Patient Services

WHEREAS the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement entered into on November 11, 1975 provides for and guarantees the provision of health and social services to the Cree of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CHBSSJB) is the body established pursuant to the said Agreement (Treaty) through which certain of the said health and social services are to be delivered;

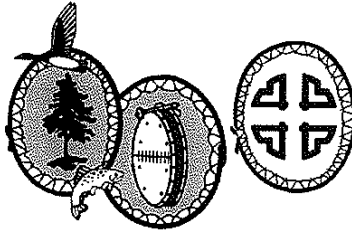
WHEREAS the rights provided for in the JBNQA are protected by Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution;

WHEREAS Eeyou/Eenou people are required sometimes to travel outside of the Cree communities for specialized, second and third line, health and social services in Val-d'Or, Chibougamau and Montreal;

WHEREAS there is a need to enhance services related to patient awareness, safety and comfort;

RESOLVED:

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB to establish a policy handbook on



services provided to patients along with relevant contact information be developed and distributed to beneficiaries using Cree Patient Services;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly of Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB to develop a policies on health and safety standards for boarding homes that include requirements for meals, cleanliness, adequate space, and safety;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly of Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB to ensure patients are provided with an adequate place to rest and eat during waiting periods between flights or in case the passenger does not reach his/her destination due to circumstances beyond their control.

Proposed by: Bella Jolly

Seconded by: Susan Esau

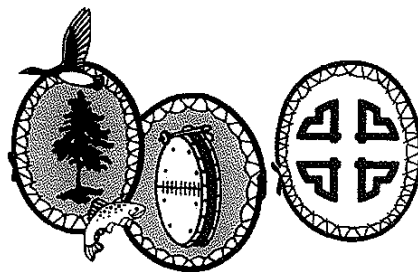
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

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Resolution No. 2009-07

Subject: Increase for Rates for CNIHB Per Diem

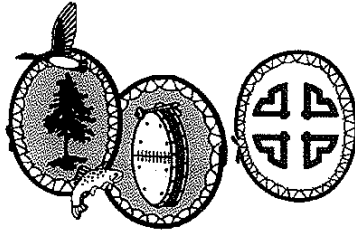
WHEREAS the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement entered into on November 11, 1975 provides for and guarantees the provision of health and social services to the Cree of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CHBSSJB) is the body established pursuant to the said Agreement (Treaty) through which certain of the said health and social services are to be delivered;

WHEREAS the rights provided for in the JBNQA are protected by Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution;

WHEREAS Eeyou/Eenou people are required sometimes to travel outside of the Cree communities for specialized, second and third line, health and social services in Val-d'Or, Chibougamau and Montreal;

WHEREAS the current rates provided by the Cree Non-Insured Health Benefits program are not conducive to the needs of JBNQA beneficiaries;



RESOLVED:

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby recommends the CBHSSJB to review and revise the current per diem rate within the Cree Non-Insured Health Benefits.

Proposed by: Bella Jolly

Seconded by: Thomas Jolly

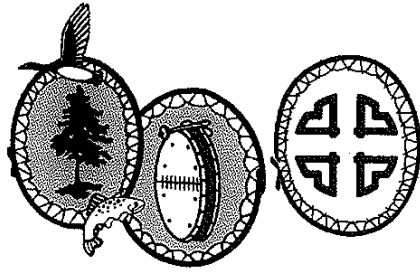
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**SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES
OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009
Resolution No. 2009-08**

**Subject: Gathering to Develop Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and
Postvention Strategy**

WHEREAS there is a need to address the issue of suicide in Eeyou Istchee;

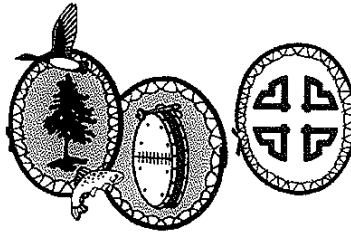
WHEREAS various types of research and recommendations have been developed by the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay, between 2002 and 2007, to analyze and address the issue of suicide in Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS Resolution No. 2006-06 from the GCCEI/CRA Annual General Assembly requests the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority and Cree Board of Health and Social Services to work together to address the issue of suicide;

WHEREAS the various Cree entities, committees, and councils need to collaborate on prioritizing current and new recommendations on this issue;

RESOLVED:

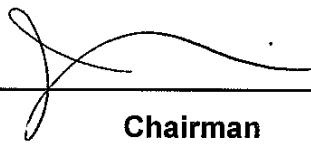
THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby mandate the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority and Cree Board of Health and Social Services to collaborate in coordinating and funding a three-day gathering to develop a Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Strategy.



Proposed by: Pauline Bobbish

Seconded by: Jane Blacksmith

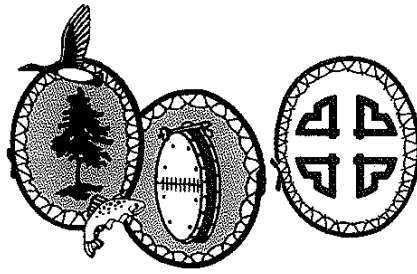
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-09

Subject: MSDC Phase II (long-term care facility)

WHEREAS the Phase II of the MSDC projects is still a need on the territory;

WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CHBSSJB) and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority will enter into negotiations with the Ministry of Health and Social Services of Quebec within the next two years;

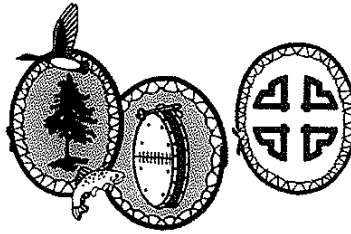
WHEREAS nine long term care facilities be included in the negotiations with the Ministry of Health and Social Services of Quebec;

WHEREAS a Working Committee on the development of the long-term care facilities (Phase II of MSDC) needs to be established;

RESOLVED:

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby recommends the establishment of a working group on the development of the nine long-term Care facilities (MSDC Phase II) on Eeyou Istchee;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly of Health and Social Services hereby recommends these facilities be prioritized within the planning of CBHSSJB;

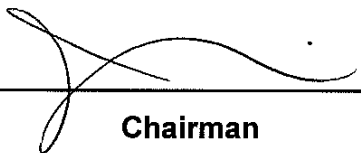


THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly of Health and Social Services mandates the inclusion of the said facilities as an item in the up-coming negotiations between CBHSSJB, GCCEI/CRA and MSSSQ;

Proposed by: Anna Bosum

Seconded by: John Jolly

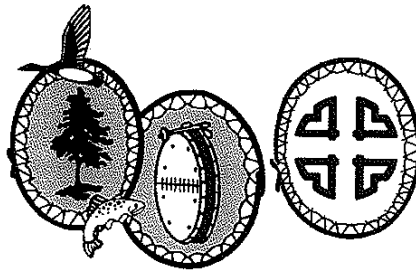
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-10

Subject: Social Services Blitz

WHEREAS the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement entered into on November 11, 1975 provides for and guarantees the provision of health and social services to the Cree of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CHBSSJB) is the body established pursuant to the said Agreement (Treaty) through which certain of the said health and social services are to be delivered;

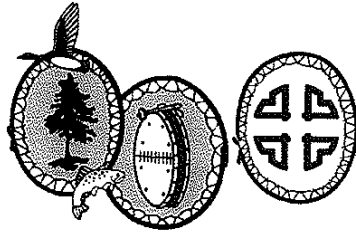
WHEREAS the rights provided for in the JBNQA are protected by Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution;

Whereas there is funding available under the Cree Health Funding Agreement to provide the human resources, develop programs and services and provide training to ensure the provision of such social services;

WHEREAS there is an urgent need to address and respond to the social issues in Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS there is a need to support our frontline workers in Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS there is a need to enhance services related to violence, addictions, emotional and sexual abuse;



RESOLVED:

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB undertake a blitz immediately to address and respond to the social issues of Eeyou Istchee;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request to enhance services to Eeyou Istchee by hiring the necessary appropriate human resources as well as relief workers to provide Psycho-social services within the Awash, Uschiniichisuu, Chishaayiyuu and Current teams;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB to develop programs and services appropriate to the needs and demands in Eeyou Istchee in the immediate future;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB ensure that the Human Resource Management prioritize its activities to support this initiative;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB develop and provide the necessary,

culturally adapted tools required as well as the protocols, policies and procedures;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB to prioritize the necessary training required for the front lines to carry out their work as well as refresher training for those with prior trainings and experience;


THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB ensure that the above are carried out in consultation with the frontline workers;

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request that the CBHSSJB a preliminary work plan on the Social Services Blitz be developed and tabled at the Board of Directors' meeting in December 2009.

Proposed by: Nancy Danyluk

Seconded by: James Napash

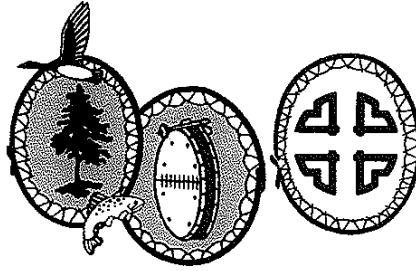
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-11

Subject: Extension and Pavement of Runway at Chisasibi Airport

WHEREAS the Challenger medical aircraft cannot land at the Chisasibi Airport due to the length of the runway as required by government regulations;

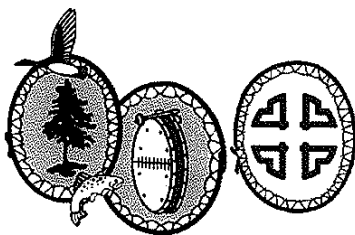
WHEREAS the paved runway at La Grande 2 airport is more than 100 kilometers from the community of Chisasibi where the regional hospital is located;

WHEREAS critically ill patients who need a medivac have to be transported from Chisasibi to La Grande 2 airport or patients from other communities are transported from LG2 to Chisasibi;

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the First Responders to be near the community when services are required for medical emergencies;

RESOLVED

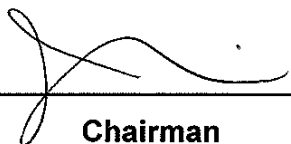
THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby recommends the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) together with the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay support the Cree Nation of Chisasibi in their effort to attain pavement and extension of the runway at the Chisasibi Airport from 3800 feet to 5000 feet to accommodate the Challenger medical aircraft.



Proposed by: Matthew Petagumskum

Seconded by: Violet Bates

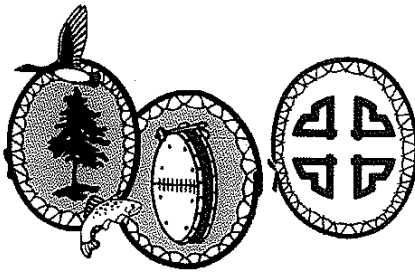
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28, & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-012

Subject: Comprehensive Study of the Impacts of the Change of Water Quality

WHEREAS the Cree Nation has been blessed with an abundance of clean water;

WHEREAS the Cree have used the water to their benefit since time immemorial;

WHEREAS non-Cree development has altered the quality of the water with massive projects, namely hydro-electric production, mining exploration and activity, forestry activity as well as the construction of ancillary services and infrastructure;

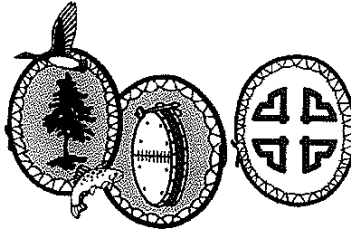
WHEREAS the Cree have had to suffer and endure the alteration of the quality of water, in spite of having been assured that the water would be safe to drink after the development;

WHEREAS the Cree are concerned with the quality of the water and its impacts which are not definitely known but which uncertainty is a major concern of the Cree;

WHEREAS efforts must be undertaken to ascertain the quality of the water where feasible and possible and its impacts, real or perceived;

WHEREAS certain parties have entered into a treaty and subsequent agreements setting out the undertakings and certain responsibilities for certain jurisdictions;

WHEREAS certain unexplained conditions have come to light which the Cree believe may be related to water quality or changes;



WHEREAS the time has come to determine what the changes to the quality of the water may have on the Cree since the completion and the operation of the said massive development on Eeyou Istchee;

RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby support a study of the changes in the water quality after the commissioning and subsequent operation of the said development on Eeyou Istchee and these changes real or imagined;

THAT the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) together with the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay lead this initiative with the active participation of those communities which wish to participate;

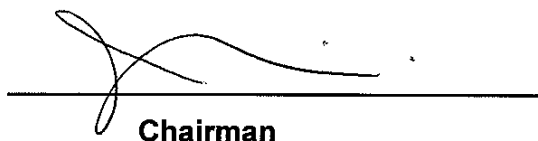
THAT the terms of reference be developed with the communities where the study will be primarily focused;

THAT support be and is hereby provided to secure the necessary funding to realize this comprehensive study for the benefit of the Cree in Eeyou Istchee.

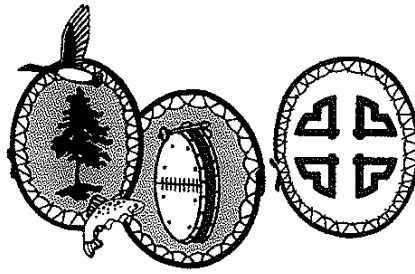
Proposed by: Robbie Matthew

Seconded by: Sally Matthew

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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

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Resolution No. 2009-13

Subject: Programming to Address the Impacts of Residential Schools

WHEREAS a significant number of Crees attended residential school;

WHEREAS these people have endured a loss of identity, culture, language and connection to spirit as a legacy of the residential schools;

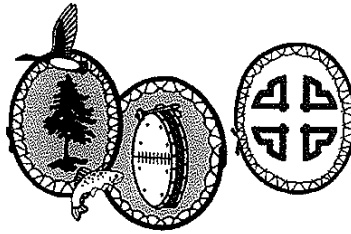
WHEREAS these losses and subsequent impacts have resulted in various types of violence and other social issues that are prevalent in the Cree Nation today;

WHEREAS studies on indigenous populations worldwide have found that cultural identity is key to wellness in communities;

WHEREAS there is a need to create awareness on the root causes of the social issues faced by the Crees and to develop programs to support those seeking wellness;

RESOLVED:

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay contract the services of Dr. Eduardo Duran, an expert in Indigenous healing and clinical practice, or others with qualifications and expertise to educate and create awareness on the impacts of residential schools and to develop programming to address these impacts.



THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby call for the creation of a special task force, with members to be identified by each community, on Residential Schools to assist in the development and implementation of community programs;

THAT the recent creation of a Task Force to address Social issues include this particular issue as part of its mandate;

THAT the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay identify the necessary resources to implement meaningful and effective programming to address the issues stemming from residential schools and to all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing;

Proposed by: Susan Esau

Seconded by: Abraham Bearskin

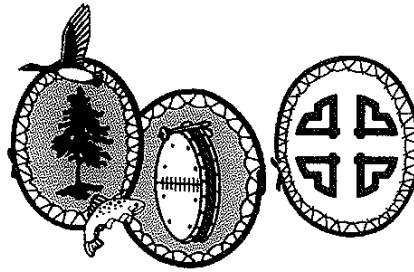
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SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH & SOCIAL ISSUES

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 29, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-14

Subject: Revisit Membership of Cree Social Wellness Policy

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services passed **Resolution 01-052-09** approving the Policy on Cree Social Wellness at their Board meeting on July 14, 2009;

WHEREAS a task force was created and members were identified;

WHEREAS it is imperative that an economic component be included in the Policy on Cree Social Wellness;

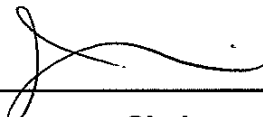
RESOLVED:

THAT the delegates of the 2009 Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority Special General Assembly on Health and Social Services hereby request that the task force membership for the Cree Social Wellness Policy be reviewed and revised and that two members from CreeCo, one male and one female, be appointed to sit on this task force.

Proposed by: Thomas Jolly

Seconded by: Matthew Petagumskum

Carried



Chairman



Date