

A look back at the orientation trip Wemindji - Eastmain - Waskaganish



Photos : PierLuc Létourneau



This year, the Secretariat was accompanied by companies from the mining services, tourism, transportation, finance and recycling sectors. This exchange allowed participants to discover Cree culture over a traditional dinner, as well as visits with local companies and governments.

**Meegwetch to all
communities!**

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A video of the orientation trip to the communities of Wemindji, Eastmain and Waskaganish has been produced and will be posted on our social networks. Now that we've resumed our community networking activities, we felt the need to promote the orientation trips to our subscribers as a preview for our next trip in September.

New date - 2023 Conference

Due to exceptional circumstances, we have been obliged to postpone the "Forging the Path Forward" conference, scheduled for June 7-8 at the Forestel in Val-d'Or, to a later date. The event will therefore take place on November 14-15 at the same venue. Check your e-mail in the fall for full details.



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Our activities in brief

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together



Grand Gathering 2023 - A step closer to reconciliation

The Secretariat was at the forefront of a Discussion Circle at the Gatineau Grand Gathering 2023, the 3rd edition of the First Nations and Municipal Summit on Reconciliation.

The community of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg and the City of Gatineau welcomed us to the Grand Gathering 2023, an event that brought together the 3rd First Nations and Municipalities Summit on Reconciliation and the 3rd Economic Circle of Indigenous Peoples. With the aim of strengthening our ties, pursuing reconciliation and encouraging civic, cultural and business partnerships, this event was a unique opportunity for the Secretariat to make itself known to those in attendance.

Our General Director moderated one of the many discussion circles - the one on municipal and Aboriginal economic development structures. Discussions focused on economic development with the following panelists: Mickel Robertson, Director General, FNQLEDC; Ken Rock, Executive Director, Société de développement économique Uashat mak Mani-Utenam; and Vincent Lecorne, Director General, Association des professionnels en développement économique du Québec.

The Secrétariat also had a booth at the event. It was a great opportunity to forge profitable links and to talk about our next conference, inviting all the nations present.



Northern Light 2023

As part of the Northern Lights event held in Ottawa last February, the Secretariat met with the Makivvik Corporation to follow up on the alliance we continue to develop, and to keep up to date with the many changes taking place within the Makivvik Corporation. The goal of the Northern Lights event is to showcase the best that the Arctic and Northeastern Canada have to offer, whether in industry, tourism, the arts or culture.



Networking activity - Chamber of Commerce

Activities organized by the region's Chambers of Commerce enable members of the Secretariat team to expand their network. Our participation in a luncheon conference with Mr. Derrick Neeposh, President of Creeco, and another one with Mr. Frédéric Verreault, Executive Director - Corporate Development, Les Chantiers Chibougamau, enabled us to renew our contacts with these companies and update ourselves on their projects.



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Gala Élite David Gourd Award

The Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance (SCNATEA) would like to congratulate its president, Drs. Ted Moses, who received the David-Gourd award at the Gala Élite of the Chambre de commerce et d'industrie du Centre-Abitibi (CCICA), held Saturday, May 13, in Amos. The award is presented to an individual who has contributed to the economic development of the community.

[See the press release](#)



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Commitments taking shape

A number of businesses, organizations, municipalities and band councils made commitments to promote greater participation by Aboriginal peoples in the economy at our Interregional Economic Circle, part of the Grand Economic Circle. Here's an update on some of the 26 commitments made at the event.

Val-d'Or Chamber of Commerce

Two activities were carried out in response to commitments made by CCVD President Valérie Gourde. As part of the first commitment, which aimed to promote training, hiring and the integration of aboriginal workers into the business world, a training session on aboriginal realities and employability was held on February 16, 2023. To demonstrate the success of aboriginal businesses and the opportunities for networking between communities - the second commitment made by the CCVD - Creeco held a luncheon conference on April 6, 2023, at which it presented its various subsidiaries.



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Centre-Abitibi Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The CCICA partnered with the Conseil de la Première Nation Abitibiwinni to introduce a new award at its "Gala Élite" event. For the first time, the "Abitibiwinni Elite" award was presented to the Rodeway Inn. Congratulations to all!

Naissance de partenariat

At a discussion circle held during the Interregional Economic Circle last November, Mr. Derrick Neeposh, President of CREECO, mentioned that he was always open to business opportunities in Val-d'Or. We would like to congratulate the Ville de Val-d'Or, the Aéroport Régionale de Val-d'Or and Gestion ADC, CREECO for developing a partnership with the management of the Café Bistro. We hope that other collaborations and partnerships will emerge from this commitment to better inclusion of Aboriginal Peoples in the economy.

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Stay tuned for another call for commitment next fall!



The Secretariat celebrates its 20th ANNIVERSARY

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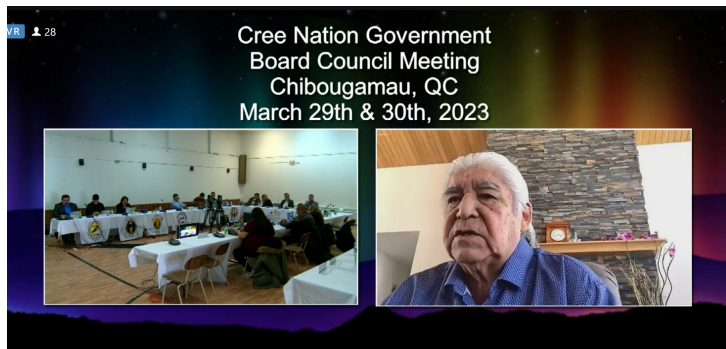
The Secretariat is the result of a collaboration between the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region and the Cree Nation Government.

The first Guide to developing successful partnership was launched in 2005.

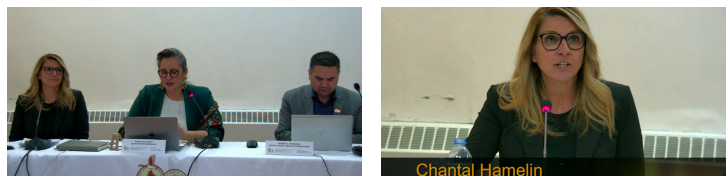




A rewarding meeting with the GCCEI/CNG



The Secretariat made a presentation to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government in March. It was a unique opportunity to meet all the communities, as well as the leaders of the Grand Council of the Crees, at the same time and in the same place. Our President spoke about the role and priorities of the Secretariat, while our Director General's speech focused on our operations and informed members about our Forging the Path Forward event, that was initially planned for June 2023.



Presentation to the newly elected Lac Simon Council

A first meeting was held last March between the new members of the Conseil de la Nation Anishnabe de Lac-Simon and the Secretariat team. The objective was to inform Council members about the history, actions undertaken and services offered by the Secretariat. Secondly, to determine the Nation's interest in collaborating further with the Secretariat. A number of possible collaborations were identified.



Better consultation towards reconciliation



Working together towards reconciliation was the message the Secretariat conveyed during a presentation on its structure and services to some 200 elected municipal officials, members of parliament, ministers, community leaders and representatives of regional organizations. Thanks to the Conférence régionale des élus de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue for this invitation.



Event	Date	Information	Registration
Housing Networking Event 4th Cree Housing Conference	5 p.m. June 28 Gatineau	Calling all construction companies! The Secretariat organizes a networking cocktail as part of the 4th Cree Housing Conference at the Château Cartier Hotel & Resort in Gatineau.	Register online
19th Annual Lac Simon Pow Wow	July 15-16 Val-d'Or	This year, the 19th Annual Lac Simon Pow Wow will be held at the Cité de l'Or site in Val-d'Or.	Welcome to all
Washaw Sibi Eeyou Golf Benefit 2023	July 21 Amos	To become a sponsor or register, download the form and send it to : Simeon Trapper strapper@washawsibi.ca or Maryssa Mapachee youthcoordinator@washawsibi.ca	Download the form
Takwagin Lac Simon Golf Tournament	August 3 Val-d'Or	At the Club de Golf du Belvédère, Val-d'Or Contact Bryan Dumont 819-527-7399 Ketty-Rose Mitchell 819-860-0043	Contact the organizers for further details
6th Annual Golf Benefit 2023 Kate Sharl Foundation	August 19 Gatineau	Château Cartier Hotel & Resort Gatineau Barbara Snowboy (418) 770-4545 Desiree Blacksmith *819(753-7593	For further details
Nemaska Golf Tournament	August 24 Val-d'Or	At the Club de Golf du Belvédère, Val-d'Or Teddy Wapachee 819-354-9348 Laurence Gagnon lgagnon@nemaska.ca	golf@nemaska.ca
Shut down Minier	Sept. 5-9 Val-d'Or	Please note that the Vallée-de-l'Or mining companies have planned shutdowns. Issues with accommodation may arise during these periods, it is strongly recommended that you reserve your hotel rooms in advance.	More details on page 10
4th Regional Economic Circle of First Nations and Quebec	Sept. 20-21 Uashat mak Mani-Utenam	This event, organized by the Société de Développement Économique Uashat mak Mani-Utenam (SDEUM) as part of the Great Economic Circle Movement (GECIPQ), will bring together the Côte-Nord Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal business community, elected officials from the Innu and Naskapi nations, and regional municipal authorities.	For further details
Orientation trip	Sept. 2023	Stay tuned for the dates and destination of our next orientation trip in September.	More details to follow
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Sept. 30	Wear your orange sweater in support of residential school victims and survivors.	To find out more
XPLOR 2023	Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 Westin, Montreal	Québec Mining Exploration Congress. Registrations will be available in summer 2023.	Registration coming soon
18th Annual Conference Forging the Path Forward	Nov. 14-15 Forestel, Val-d'Or	Organized by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Cree Nation Government under the theme « Forging the Path Forward ».	More details to follow
20th Business Exchange Day	Nov. 15 Forestel, Val-d'Or	Business Exchange Day is an opportunity to identify new opportunities, form new partnerships, expand networks and develop business.	More details to follow



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In 2022, the ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable opened the Direction générale d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James (DGEIBJ). Since last January, strategies have been implemented by the Ministère to attract skilled workers, resulting in the recruitment of over ten employees. Management is working to build an experienced, dynamic team that can operate in keeping with government guidelines, while considering local needs and priorities. As a result, asset maintenance and the strengthening of strategic links north of the 49th parallel are carried out in collaboration with residents, fostering concerted development of the territory.

Key findings and development projects for the coming year:

- Initial community consultations helped identify regional issues;
- An agreement between the Ministère and the Société de développement de la Baie-James covers preliminary studies for the replacement of 14 structures on the Route du Nord;
- After participating in the Journée maillage 2022-Cercle économique interrégional des Peuples autochtones and SAENCAT's conférence annuelle 2023-Façonner le chemin vers l'avenir, the DGEIBJ is pursuing consultations with Aboriginal communities to gain a clear understanding of their transportation issues and priorities. Thanks to this proactive approach, the DGEIBJ will be able to develop a governmental vision of transportation that is clearly focussed on local people.

The smooth running of our activities has led to the growth of the DGEIBJ team, which will be moving to new, more spacious offices in downtown Chibougamau as of June. The new offices will provide employees with a stimulating work environment, encouraging collaboration between teams. Several positions are still to be filled in several different job categories.

Are you looking for a work experience surrounded by wide-open spaces, working in a start-up organization where you can still put your best foot forward? Embark on this adventure in one of Québec's most beautiful regions. Send your application now at emplois@transports.gouv.qc.ca, specifying the type of position you are interested in.

These jobs will all be eligible for an annual regional disparity allowance of up to \$9,258.

JOB OPENINGS:

- Senior engineer coordinating the project module.
- Senior operations engineer.
- Road investment planning advisor.
- Activity manager-Structures and pavements.
- Road project technician.
- Surveying technician.
- Surveyor.
- Secretariat officer.
- Technical assistant to the project manager.
- Public works technician.



Along with all the advantages that the ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable has to offer, the DGEIBJ is committed to maintaining a stimulating work environment and an incomparable quality of life. The region's particularities and challenges—many of which are unique in Québec—mean that a job at DGEIBJ leaves plenty of room for creativity and initiative.



Important Notice to Northerners

Please note that the Vallée-de-l'Or mining companies have planned shutdowns in the week of **september 5 to 9, 2023**. Issues with accommodation may arise during these periods. If you plan to travel to Val-d'Or on these dates, it is strongly recommended that you reserve your hotel rooms in advance. Note that debit cards marked “visa” can be accepted as credit cards. In the event that you do not have one, it is sometimes possible to make an agreement with the reception. Please share this information!

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