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## 2021 Business Exchange Day

**HYBRID FORMAT**

December 7, 2021 | Hôtel Forestel, Val-d'Or

Registration deadline: **NOVEMBER 22, 2021** Vaccination passport mandatory

## An 18th Edition featuring Cree businesses

This year, we will have the honour to welcome Cree companies with extensive experience in partnerships and business collaborations. The Business Exchange Day will begin with presentations from John Kitchen, CEO of Miyuukaa, and Louie-Rene Kanatewat, CEO of Wachiya Construction Inc., Kanapio Property Development Inc., BakeCree, Waaskaahiikin Furnishings and Auberge Maanitaaukimikw.

The two entrepreneurs will share with us on their best partnering experiences and the challenges that made them grow. Additionally, we have the distinct honour to welcome Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty as our keynote speaker.

Whether you are in presence or virtually, you will have access to quality conferences and scheduled business meetings throughout the duration of the event on December 7th. In addition, for those present on site, you will have access to the booths of our exhibitors.



John Kitchen  
Director and President/CEO  
Miyuukaa Corporation  
Cree First Nation of Waswanip

[Biography](#)



Louie-Rene Kanatewat  
President/CEO  
Chisasibi Business Owner

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Would you like to know more on how the day will unfold?  
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## Miaja

The Secretariat took part in the 3rd Edition of Miaja.



The Secretariat seized the opportunity to attend this great gathering of the Anicinabe Nation that focuses on its culture and heritage. Eager to better understand neighbouring communities and to create connections, the Secretariat team has listened to and taken great interest in conferences and debates on preserving and transmitting both Anicinabe's heritage and language.

It also took the opportunity to meet members of Anicinabe communities in the region. The Anicinabe cultural scene is growing stronger, and we keep watching for emerging cultural enterprises with which we could promote the advantages of harmonious partnerships.

## National Day for TRUTH and RECONCILIATION



Last September 30th marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. After the horrible discoveries and tragedies surrounding residential schools, that day has turned out to be more than essential. Truth and respect are paramount in order to establish harmonious and mutually beneficial relationships between peoples.

Therefore, the Secretariat took the opportunity on that day to continue its mission of raising awareness regarding equality by reminding us of the importance of each child through its social networks.



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des Peuples autochtones  
et du Québec

Grand Economic Circle  
of Indigenous People  
and Quebec

## Grand Economic Circle of Indigenous People and Quebec

The Quebec government and the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL), announce the Grand Economic Circle of Indigenous People and Quebec to be held in person on November 25th and 26th 2021, both at Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel and online.

Through conferences, workshops, and panel discussions, elected officials and business community will have the chance to think about solutions and create partnerships relating to the full participation of Indigenous people in Quebec's economy as well as economic recovery.

This event, whose objective is to establish a new era of nation-to-nation relations, is in line with the Secretariat's mission on a provincial scale. This is why we are so happy to invite you to participate in great numbers at this event, on which the Secretariat collaborated as a member of the committee debating its major orientations. [Visit the website](#)

## Important Notice to Northerners

Please note that the Vallée-de-l'Or mining companies have planned shutdowns in the week of November 29 to December 3, 2021. 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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## In loving memory of John Boudrias

We join our voice along with the entire Anicinabe Nation to pay tribute to the Grand Chief of the Tribal Council. Mr. Boudrias, who passed away on September 8 from COVID-19, was defending his nation in a dignified fashion and was an advocate for its unity. Gifted by a genuine open mindedness, Mr. Boudrias was appreciated by all. He was working towards reconciliation and inspired respect from all.

The Secretariat team and all participants from its last June conference on energy and the environment have had the chance of welcoming him and appreciate his talents as a communicator.

We will all have very fond memories of this moment spent with you, Grand Chief Boudrias.



# Tea & Bannock



## Tea & Bannock

Tea and Bannock are an opportunity to spend time together, to respectfully exchange and to listen. Since the start of the pandemic, this particular moment of exchange has become more difficult to experience.

That is why in 2022, the Secretariat will create a totally new initiative called Tea and Bannock.

Thanks to the Allia platform, those meetings will mainly give voice to cultural, social, political, and economic actors from our indigenous community partners, but also to groups and organizations of interest for the Cree Nation, in a friendly atmosphere.

This new 2022 Secretariat programming will be available in the upcoming months. Be on the lookout!



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