



Business Exchange Day SPECIAL EDITION

Interregional Economic Circle of Indigenous Peoples

The Interregional Economic Circle and the Business Exchange Day 2022 took place on November 14, 15 and 16, 2022 and, as many of you already know, these two days were a great success with more than 350 participants and about thirty exhibitors.

We leave you with the pleasure of seeing some photos of these events and reading some testimonials that have warmed our hearts.

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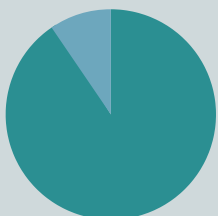
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Here are some stats from the satisfaction survey that will convince you!

Percentage of people who agree that this day:

91%



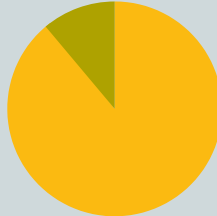
provided an
understanding of
good practices and
awareness of the
importance of
commitment in
Indigenous culture.

89%



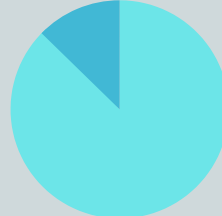
was inspiring and
motivating to
make
commitments.

89%



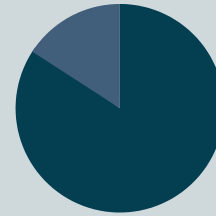
contributed to the
development of
role models.

87%



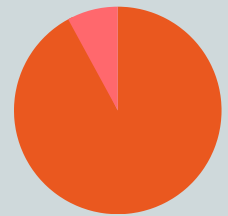
allowed for a
better
understanding of
Indigenous
culture, realities,
and ways of doing
things.

84%



is a good way to
showcase
commitments.

82%



was useful and
relevant.



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Photos and Stats

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368

Participants

4

Nations

50

**Speakers,
panelists,
moderators**

300

**Business
meetings**

26

Commitments



Photo: Paul Brindamour et Marie-Claude Robert



45

companies are considering making a commitment in the coming year.

95%

have indicated that they would like to participate in a future Secretariat event.

84%

stated it should be renewed each year as part of the Business Exchange Day.

I honestly enjoyed every minute!

Thank you for organizing this event. It was good for everyone to meet face to face. A great place for artisans!

The "panel" format seems ill-fitting or poorly delivered, I'd like it to be more fluid, like a conversation.

The whole thing. The banquet evening, the panel discussions, the networking, the realities of the four different peoples.

A less crammed program to be able to take breaks and network.

Leave some free time in the program for networking outside of appointments.

Testimony from some of the panelists.

The exhibition was very enriching, but what about the superb presentation. Wow!

Target participants' interests more precisely to better organize the meetings.

It was hard to hear the panelists with people chatting in the back of the room.

Everything, I really enjoyed the activity and the way it was conducted.

I appreciated the authenticity of the speakers.

Occasionally allowing participants in the room to speak or ask questions.

What did you think of the content offered?



What could be improved?



The Secretariat Celebrates its 20th Anniversary!

The Secretariat's 20th anniversary will be a highlight of our activities during the year. We will highlight our 20th anniversary in our 2023 events and newsletters.

It was in June 2002, that a symposium entitled “Gateway to Building Economic Channels” took place between the Cree Nation leaders and the business people of Abitibi-Témiscamingue.

This symposium proved very successful and revealed a high potential for building alliances between both populations with respect and in the spirit of the “Paix des Braves” Agreement and Cree empowerment.

The Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance was therefore created as a non-profit organization to act and follow-up on the contacts and projects arising from the symposium.





Take Part in the Consultation

In order to better know its clientele and to further pursue its actions aimed at promoting sustainable links and economic alliances between the Cree Nation (Eeyou Istchee), James Bay, Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Nunavik, the Secretariat is conducting a survey in order to understand your needs, challenges, and issues, and to find out if the means we use to reach you are relevant and effective.

In concrete terms, the data from this study will allow us to adjust our services, to demonstrate the needs of our clientele and to plan our objectives for the coming years. In short, it will be a great way to demonstrate the relevance of our mission and to move it forward.

All your answers will be confidential, but oh so precious for us! We thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation if you have participated in our activities or used our services in the past two years.



**Take Part in the
Consultation**



Welcome to our new members!

New members are joining our Board of Directors, allowing us to fill all vacant seats. This is a great gift for our 20th anniversary! Let's welcome these three new members, all representatives of the Cree Nation Government:



Sheena
Costain

Manager of
Program
Development

Department of
Commerce and
Industry (DCI)



Raymond
Jolly

Founder &
Owner

Eeyou
Istchee
Lifestyle



Stephane
Petawabano

Manager of
Programs

Apatisiwin
Skills
Development
(ASD)

Annual General Meeting

Our 20th Annual General Meeting will be held on May 24, 2023, from 11 a.m. to noon. If you would like to participate as an observer, please contact Lorena at reception@creenation-at.com



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ORIENTATION TRIP

Wemindji - Eastmain - Waskaganish

March 12 to 16, 2023

[Register](#)



Departure from Val-d'Or and Amos on March 12. Registration is limited!
Contact genevievebinette@creenation-at.com or visit creenation-at.com

Event	Date	Information	Registration
Regional information session for indigenous entrepreneurs (Eng)	Online January 26, 2023 9:00 am to noon	Procurement Assistance Canada - Quebec region, offers you a virtual information session on federal procurement with regional business opportunities dedicated to indigenous entrepreneurs.	Register online
Northern Lights	Shaw Centre, Ottawa February 7-11, 2023	The BRCC and the LNCC are once again jointly hosting Northern Lights, a high-profile business and cultural showcase of Nunavut, Nunavik, and Labrador / Nunatsiavut.	Register online
Housing Networking Event 4th Cree Housing Symposium	Double Tree-Hilton Gatineau March 1, 2023 5:00 pm	Call for construction companies! The Secretariat is organizing a housing networking event as part of the 4th Cree Housing Symposium.	Register online
Orientation Trip Wemindji - Eastmain - Waskaganish	Departure from Val-d'Or/Amos March 12 to 16, 2023	Come and meet the communities of Wemindji, Eastmain and Waskaganish! Only 10 places are available.	See more details
Eastmain Business Exchange Day	Eastmain March 14-15, 2023	Eastmain will be hosting it's first Business Exchange Day.	Contact Elvis eweapenicappo@eastmain.ca
2023 Grand Gathering	Gatineau March 22-24, 2023	The Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Nation Council and the City of Gatineau will host the 2023 Grand Gathering. The event is the 3rd Regional Economic Circle of Indigenous Peoples.	See more info
SCNATEA Annual General Meeting	May 24, 2023 11:00 a.m. to noon	If you would like to participate in our AGM as an observer, please contact us	reception@creenation-at.com
Explo Abitibi	Forestel, Val-d'Or May 30 - June 1, 2023	Organized by the QMEA to bring together a vast network of mining sector professionals to exchange and share new technologies and establish contacts within the industry	Register online
SCNATEA Annual Conference	Forestel, Val-d'Or June 7-8, 2023	Organized by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Cree Nation Government under the theme « Forging the Path Forward »	More info to come



Come and experience your next challenges at the new branch of the ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable!

The ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable is very proud of the inauguration of its new Eeyou Istchee James Bay branch, or direction générale d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James in French (DGEIBJ). This new branch will allow us to target interventions on the network according to defined territorial priorities. As a result, asset maintenance and above all, the strengthening of strategic links north of the 49th parallel, will be based on the invaluable contribution of local people, further promoting concerted development of the territory.

In this regard, the DGEIBJ team will be responsible for optimizing relations with the community, planning and managing road projects, as well as performing general maintenance, in close collaboration with neighbouring branches and regional and provincial partners.

In parallel with this mission, the team will be responsible for developing a government vision of the needs and issues to further develop northern transportation expertise. Since the team will be establishing relationships between the jurisdictions and this territory, it is essential to promote business relationships based on respect and trust between partners.

**Contributing to the development
of northern expertise in transportation
More than a career!**

JOB OPENINGS:

- Coordination, Community Relations, and Planning Manager
- Administrative Technician
- Expert Executive Assistant
- Secretarial Officer
- Community Relations Advisor
- Portfolio/Project Manager
- Road Investment Planning Advisor
- Structure and Roadway Business Managers
- Asset Management and Road Investment Planning Engineer
- Operations Engineer
- Road Project Technician
- Surveying Technician
- Land Surveyor

To achieve these objectives, a team of 35 employees from a variety of job categories, such as management, professional and technical personnel working in engineering, public works, and administration, will be mobilized in Chibougamau to meet the needs of the Eeyou Istchee James Bay territory. These jobs will all be eligible for an annual allowance of up to \$9,258.

Are you interested in these opportunities? Please send us your application now, indicating the type of position you are interested in, at emplois@transports.gouv.qc.ca.



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Cree Nation Government - Capital Works and services

4th CREE HOUSING SYMPOSIUM

February 28-March 2, 2023
Double Tree-Hilton, Gatineau

You wish to be an exhibitor or a participant contact:
Winnie Trapper at housing.agent@mistissini.ca

CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES

The Secretariat is organizing a
networking event during the
symposium.

JOIN US

March 1, 2023, 5 to 7pm
Double Tree-Hilton, Gatineau

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Important Notice to Northerners

Please note that the Vallée-de-l'Or mining companies have planned shutdowns in the weeks of **March 6 - 10 2023** and from **May 29 to June, 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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