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# SeCREEtariat

June 2022 Newsletter



LOOKING  
AHEAD  
TOGETHER

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« *It was excellent,  
especially the panels and  
interactions with the  
participants. I also liked  
Sean Wise's conference a  
lot..* »

- **Pierre Pelletier,  
Les Diamants Stornoway**

## The Mistissini Conference: Looking ahead Together



Elder Henry Mianscum and Chief Thomas Neeposh of the Cree Nation of Mistissini at the opening ceremony.

Normand A. Wapachee, Deputy Grand Chief of CNG and Drs. Ted Moses, President of SCNATEA

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After two years of videoconferencing and distancing, we were finally able to hold our annual conference in person and see some beautiful smiles! It was held on June 8 and 9 at the Neoskweskau Complex in Mistissini.

These two days were once again an opportunity to meet entrepreneurs, notably through the 13 kiosks, and to better understand the economic development issues of the Cree communities. The Secretariat is very pleased with the participation rate, which reached more than a hundred people, as well as with the presence of senior Cree Nation leaders, including its Vice Grand Chief, Mr. Normand A. Wapachee.

« *Avant-garde content, very varied and rich in teaching.* »  
- **Youcef Larbi, CMEB**



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The traditional dinner, with Ezekiel Neeposh's songs and Alexandra Coon-Come and Diane Coon-Come's dances, was a particularly comforting moment after all these months of the pandemic.

We would like to thank the Chief of the Cree Nation of Mistissini, Mr. Thomas Neeposh, and all the members of his community for their warm welcome. We also thank Creeco, the major sponsor of the event.

Please note that conference videos are available for subscribers on the Allia platform.  
[www.alliab2b.com](http://www.alliab2b.com)







## Our Participation at Explo Abitibi



On May 31st at the Forestel in Val-d'Or, the Secretariat offered several activities during Explo Abitibi, an event dedicated to mining exploration in Abitibi-Témiscamingue and organized by the Association en exploration minière du Québec (AEMQ). We had the opportunity to hear Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty who, via videoconference, reminded us of the good practices in mining exploration in the Cree communities.

We then presented some examples of these good practices during a round table discussion in which our president, Dr. Ted Moses, participated.

And finally, the General Manager of Apitisiwiin Skills Development spoke to us about labour needs and indigenous training.

Thank you to Explo Abitibi for giving us this opportunity! For those who wish to view these conferences, they are available for subscribers on the Allia platform.  
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## We're back on the oars of the Economic Circle! November 14-15-16, 2022



The first meeting of the Regional Economic Circle of the First Peoples was held from June 15 to 17, 2022 in Masheutiatsh. During the closing activity of the event, Chief Gilbert Dominique, from the community of Masheutiatsh, transmitted the Circle's terms of reference to our president, Dr. Ted Moses.

It is now up to us to steer the canoe towards the next event of the Regional Economic Circle, which will take place in Val-d'Or on November 14, 15 and 16, 2022. This event will be combined with our Business Exchange Day.

You won't want to miss it! Mark these dates down in your calendars now.



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**SPECIAL EDITION**

## Business Exchange Day

Regional Economic Circle of  
Indigenous Peoples

**November 14-15-16, 2022**

**Hôtel Forestel Val-d'Or**





Mr. Richard Brouillard



Mr. Daniel Plante  
representing the City of Val-  
d'Or and administrator of  
SCNATEA.

We would like to acknowledge the involvement of Mr. Richard Brouillard since 2013. We thank him wholeheartedly for all these years spent with us and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Mr. Daniel Plante, General Manager of Petronor, will now replace him as socio-economic representative of the City of Val-d'Or. We wish him a warm welcome.

We would also like to highlight the arrival of our new administrative assistant, Ms. Lorena Garcia.

Ms. Garcia completed her Bachelor of Business Administration in Colombia in 2009. She then worked in her country as a Financial Relations Assistant and then as an Internal Affairs Assistant for the Embassy of the Netherlands in Bogota until obtaining her Canadian permanent residence permit in 2015. Welcome to our team, Lorena!



## Presentation of the SCNATEA

As part of the renewal of the three-year agreement between the cities of Abitibi-Témiscamingue and the Secrétariat, we sent letters to each of the new city councils. The purpose of these letters was to make the Secrétariat's services and its benefits for businesses better known. Our director and our president, accompanied by Patrick Giguère, Rouyn-Noranda's representative on the board, also had the opportunity to make a complete presentation to Rouyn-Noranda's city council. It was a very appreciated meeting by all.

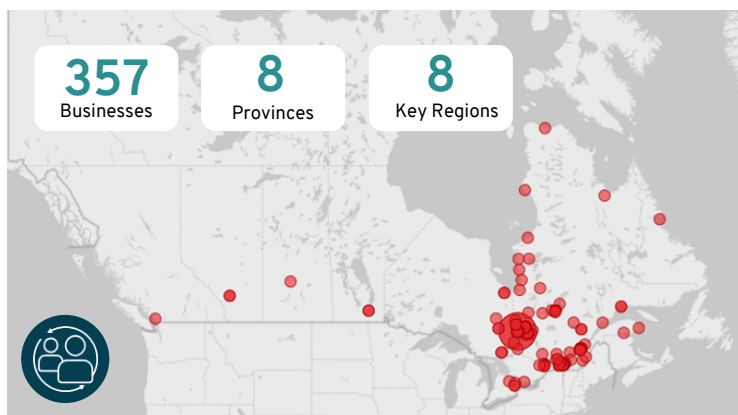




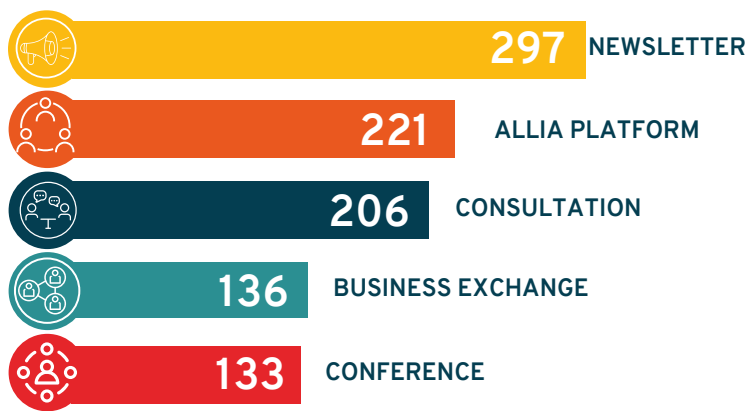
The Secretariat's 2021 Annual Report was tabled before and adopted by the General Assembly on June 1, 2022 in Val-d'Or. Here are some highlights from the report.

## STATISTICS ON OUR OUTREACH

### OUTREACH ACROSS CANADA



### COMPANIES ENGAGED



## MOST IMPACTED REGIONS

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- Eeyou Istchee-J. Bay
- La Vallée-de-l'Or
- Capitale Nationale
- Montreal
- Rouyn-Noranda
- Abitibi
- Other

#### BUSINESS EXCHANGE



- La Vallée-de-l'Or
- Eeyou Istchee-J. Bay
- Abitibi
- Capitale Nationale
- Rouyn-Noranda
- Montreal
- Other

#### CONFERENCE



- Eeyou Istchee-J. Bay
- La Vallée-de-l'Or
- Rouyn-Noranda
- Abitibi
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- Other

#### CONSULTATION



- Eeyou Istchee-J. Bay
- La Vallée-de-l'Or
- Capitale Nationale
- Rouyn-Noranda
- Montreal
- Outside Quebec
- Other

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## Reverse Mission

We were pleased to welcome Peggy Petawabano, Social Economy Advisor for the Department of Commerce, and Industry (DCI) of the Cree Nation Government. We toured some of the social economy businesses with her in Val-d'Or and visited the Anishnabe community of Lac-Simon. Thank you to this community, as well as to all the businesses that accepted to welcome us and present their work. You are inspiring!



## Inauguration of Petronor in Amos

Our long-time partner, Petronor, recently inaugurated its new offices in Amos and our director had the opportunity to participate. This beautiful opening event highlighted the company's complete move, which now concentrates its team in Amos, in a brand-new building.

## Congratulations to Mr. Robert Kanatewat and Mr. Bill Namagoose on their honorary appointments



UQAT honours Robert Kanatewat's exceptional career in defending and promoting the rights of First Peoples.

[See the article](#)



Bill Namagoose will receive the degree of Doctor honoris causa of law from the Carleton University "in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee over a period spanning nearly 40 years."

[See the article](#)



## Important Notice to Northerners

Please note that the Vallée-de-l'Or mining companies have planned shutdowns in the week of **September 6 to 11** and of **November 28 to December 3, 2022**. 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!

**From all of us at BOC & CREECO, we wish you a wonderful day celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day**



HAPPY  
NATIONAL  
INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES DAY

Photo: Maggie Etano Saganash from Waswanipi.

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