



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Highlights – September 9, 10 & 11, 2025

DAY 1 OF ASSEMBLY

CHAIRPERSON

Chief, Irene Neeposh

CO-CHAIRPERSON

Council Member, Eleanor Gull

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

by Chief Irene Neeposh and Former Deputy Chief Rhonda O. Cooper

The following highlights work carried out by the office of the Chief & Deputy Chief for the period covering April 2025 – August 2025

- Food production project (new frontier research project)
- Cultural preservation and revitalization plan
- Mining procurement
- Housing spectrum – initial draft
- CFNW Action plans
- Community garden (Food sovereignty)
- Data collection
- Wellness Framework
- Etc.

CREE NATION YOUTH COUNCIL

by Special Guest, Youth Grand Chief Jade Mukash

The presentation shared 2025 highlights of the Cree Nation Youth Council, along with upcoming events and programming to strengthen youth engagement. It also outlined CNYC's objectives and future direction.

USKAUU ITHUUWIN (CHB)

by Eddie Happyjack

The presentation highlighted UI's growth, focusing on culturally rooted, community-driven approaches to youth wellness. Goals include continued collaboration with local organizations, cross-community activities, seasonal camps. Feedback from a February 2025 youth survey is helping shape these directions.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS (CNG)

by Alexander Moses

The presentation reviewed the CNG department of Social and Cultural Development's vision and mission, along with available funding opportunities. Six funding programs were highlighted: Elders, Youth, Wiichitutau, Cultural, Language, and Physical & Outdoor Activities.



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Council Member, Flora
Blacksmith

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George Neeposh

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Youth Council Member, Austin
Cheezo



Community Garden Volunteers

BOC ECONOMIC FUND

by Treasurer in Succession, Ray Cheechoo

Three options for allocations were presented to community members. After the members' vote, community members chose Option 3, which includes:

- Lac Goeland asset purchase
- Hotel contribution
- Business Centre – repairs
- Business Centre – furnishing
- Continuing Education Work Experience Program
- Museum project (heritage-hotel)
- Summer student program

OUR PEOPLE, OUR DATA PROJECT (DATA COLLECTION)

by Boreala

The presentation introduced Our People, Our Data, a community-driven project gathering insights on wellness, culture, and more to guide future planning. The survey has launched and available on the CFNW Website!



WELLNESS FRAMEWORK

by Boreala

This project aims to build a shared understanding, common language, and collective vision around the overall state of wellbeing within CFNW. It will support long-term goals and help identify opportunities to create new programs, services, and activities that promote and enhance wellbeing in the community.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

by Frances Edwards Roy

The presentation highlighted challenges such as funding delays, long-term maintenance, etc. Despite these, the garden made good progress, successfully harvesting vegetables and herbs. The project improves access to fresh food and aims to expand with more programming to support sustainability in the future.



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Council Member, Don Saganash Sr.

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PUBLIC HEALTH (CHB)

by Joey Saganash

The presentation reviewed the structure, programs, and action plan of Public Health, with a focus on promotion and chronic disease prevention through healthy communities, families, and lifestyles. It also addressed current challenges and opportunities.

EYOU EENOU POLICE FORCE

by Lieutenant, Michael Blacksmith

The presentation reported on staffing, equipment, and upcoming prevention activities on topics like bullying, safety, and substance awareness. 2024 statistics included four drug seizure operations, and EEPF plans to launch an anonymous phonenumber to report drug trafficking.

GOOGOMNOUCH (CWEIA)

by Irene Otter

The presentation outlined its role in carrying forward the traditions, language, and values of our ancestors while teaching, preserving, and guiding in a holistic way. The group, comprised of seven members, also supports the CWEIA regional board and serves as traditional mediators and peacekeepers when needed.

KAKAPATAAKAN PROJECT (CHB)

by Christopher Bacon Lacasse

The presentation introduced the Community-Based Addictions and Mental Wellness Recovery Program in Waswanipi, a 2025–2026 pilot project. It offers three pathways to wellness—

1. Rehabilitation Centre program,
2. Community program, or
3. Individual healing.

Services include assessments, care planning, counselling, aftercare such as group support and wellness maintenance, and family support.



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NISK MODEL CARE (CHB)

by Eleanor Gull

Nisk Model Care aims on improving primary and preventive care through the establishment of Care Teams. The model promotes better access, continuity of care, and cultural safety. Care Teams, made up of nurses, PCCRs, community workers, and medical secretaries, aim to provide access at the 1st line, continuity of care and cultural safety for clients.

INAUGURATION FOR DEPUTY CHIEF AND YOUTH COUNCIL

Sammy Salt-Blacksmith is inaugurated as Deputy Chief of Cree First Nation of Waswanipi.

Creeanna Georgekish, Joel Blacksmith, Izaiah Gull, Jimiane N. Gunner, Austin Cheezo, Silas Mattawashish, Kevin Belanger and Eddie Happjack are inaugurated as Youth Council Members for 2025-2027.

CREE QUEBEC FORESTRY BOARD

by Cree Quebec Forestry Board

The presentation outlined its role in ensuring that the rules of the Paix des Braves are respected. The committee informs government authorities on forestry issues, participates in planning, and advises on regulatory improvements. Current projects include the Moose Quality Project framework.

MOOSE MANAGEMENT

by Regional Cree Trappers' Association

The moose population has declined by 35% over the past 12 years, making sustainable harvest limits crucial. Steps taken so far include developing Cree harvest guidelines, forming a Moose Technical Committee, and securing community support through resolutions. In Zone 22, the population has grown by 40% since 1991, though moose densities remain uneven. Next steps focus on management actions, monitoring, and gathering future data.

