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Chief, Irene Neeposh

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Council Member, Paul Gull

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Simon Etapp

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Youth Council Member,
Jimianne Gunner

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Day 1 | Highlights

August 22, 2023

SWEARING-IN | Youth Council and Land Registrar

Waswanipi Youth Council

- Jimianne Gunner and Mispun Awashish-Cooper are sworn-in as members of Waswanipi Youth Council for 2023-2025.

Land Registrar

- Jamie Nayassit is sworn-in as Land Registrar for the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

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UPDATES | Office of the Chief

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- *Reconfiguration drafting committee*
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Directives from Previous Assembly

April 17-18, 2023

Natural Resources:

Recycling educational video
and pamphlet

Water testing at camps

Updates thus far: Wapistan
project, Walleye, Sturgeon
and Moose

Local CTA

GPS Coordinates of all
camps

Council

Enact Nuisance Law

Office of the Chief

Motel timeline and plan

Schools - Principal Judith

90% attendance for
students

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ACTION PLANS AND TIMELINES BY DEPARTMENTS

Social Development by Director Aaron Happyjack

Brighter Futures, Wellness and Culture

- Babysitting Course
- Blueberry Week (blueberry picking and contest)
- Moose Break festival
- Obstacle Race
- Gookum and Jooshum supper (Grandparents Day)
- Every Child Matters (September 30th)
- Flea Market
- Preteen Lounge in progress

Community Services by Director Matt Blacksmith

Recreational Master Plan

- Review and align with CFNW Strat Plan
- Create a schedule for local leagues
- Beautification of the walking trails and creation of trail maps
- Identify greenspaces available for future playground use
- Announcement of updated playgrounds to be constructed by end of September
- Create new programs for all ages by revisiting community consultations report
- Community gym - preselect the best suitable option
- Cycling trails - research and review options to fit in existing walking trails
- Aquatic Centre to be started up again
- Communications (internal and external) - provide information and updates to all stakeholders involved
 - Provide changes, updates and cancellations to the Comms. Officer

Capital Works by Interim Director Jarris Gull

Review of projects under Capital Projects

- Warehouse Plans and specs
- Looping of waterline from Jackpine and cultural village to be completed by Fall
- Eco-Center plans and specs to be started by Winter
- Homeless shelter
- Etc.



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Public Works - Garage Infrastructure by Willie Ottereyes

Review of projects under Garage Infrastructure

- Flushing water network
- Reservoir disinfection
- Inspections and maintenance
- Safe storage of chemicals
- Wells inspections,
- Etc.

Public Works - Maintenance by Bruce Saganash

Review of projects under Maintenance

- Maintenance of all CFNW public buildings
- Renovation assessment
- Review of all contracts
- Snow removal of all CFNW public buildings
- Beautification of all CFNW public buildings
- Accessibility of all CFNW public buildings
- Streetlights projects for all streets
- Etc.

Economic Development by Director Jacob Ottereyes

- Align goals and objectives with the CFNW Strat plan
- Implement and execute the mission, vision and values
- Develop funding policies for Economic Development Department
- Creation of Community Economic plan aligned with CCP
- Industry analysis - conduct study for services needed in Waswanipi and potential for businesses
- Identify funding sources for Dragon's Den Initiative

Health and Safety by Director Bruno Blacksmith

- Ice monitoring
- Initiate Fire SMART training
- Search and rescue recruitment
- Ambulance training and development
- Implement animal control law, dog pound and animal control equipment



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Day 2 | Highlights

August 23, 2023

ACTION PLANS AND TIMELINES BY DEPARTMENTS

Natural Resources by Director Steven Blacksmith

Review of projects under Natural Resources

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- Reservoir disinfection
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Day 3 | Highlights

August 24, 2023

CREE HEALTH BOARD

Review of Cree Health Board projects and updates:

- Niishiiyuu Journey: A new partnership with traditional healers (8 Eeyou counsellors)
- Strategic Regional Plan 2023-2029: Timeline of key dates and development approach
- Launch of Cree YP Commission: Examining issues Cree people face with Youth Protection and youth criminal justice matters
- Ashuukin Services: All minor renovations have been done and promotional campaign underway
- Waswanipi CMC Incident report: water damage due to break in the main service line

Review of Cree Health Board highlights:

- Addictions recovery: Cannabis Regional Awareness and Prevention Project (CRAPP) educates youth of effects of cannabis and promotes harm reduction and promotion of naloxone kits
- Diabetes: Diabetes Helpline and virtual patients counselling were widely utilized

CTA CABIN INSURANCE

- Cabin Construction guidelines
- Safety and prevention measures
- Review of main causes of insurance claims
 - Forest fires have greatly affected many Cree owned camps

WASWANIPi EYYOU EENOU POLIC FORCE

Review of 2022-2023 statistics, successful operations and prevention activities:

2022 Detachment stats:

- 22% offences against person
- 24% municipal by-law
- Etc.

2023 Detachment stats:

- 19% offences against person
- 34% municipal by-law
- Etc.



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CREE NATION GOVERNMENT - JUSTICE DEPT.

Review of the Justice Department projects and updates:

- Community Wellness Centre Project
 - Offers culturally grounded programs and services to clients who are struggling and looking for change
 - Target clientele: Individuals diverted from courts or detentions, transitioning from detention, with socio-economic barriers, etc.
- Cree Reintegration, Education and Employment Program
 - Support participants in becoming productive community members, through mentorship, training and job placement opportunities
 - Developed by Department of Justice and Correctional Services and funded by Apatisiwin Skills Development Department

CREE SCHOOL BOARD

Review of stats and highlights of the year 2023:

- 4500+ students enrolled in our schools
- 90 Graduates in our schools and 8 youth sector graduates in Waswanipi
- Past CSB events: 4th Regional General Assembly community tour, Special Needs symposium and Post-Secondary Student Services (PSSS) conference
- Implementation of driving course for 16+ students
 - Total of 81 students: all obtained their learner's permit

CREE GOVERNANCE

Presentation of Cree Governance

- Traditional role and traits of Chiefs

ELECTION LAW COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Review of major changes to the election law:

- Removal of 2-term limit for Chief and Deputy Chief
- Fixed dates for elections (July and August)
- Shorter election period (35 days)
- Simple campaigning rules to ensure fairness and respect
- Addition of e-voting

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LOCAL MIIYUPIMAATISIWIN

- Introduction and history of Miiyupimaatisiwin
- Review of mandate, activities and projects
- Upcoming activities in collaboration with local CMC and CFNW

ELDERS LAC RENAULT LOTS PRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION

Review of Elder Campsite Project and consultation of location site

DIESEL SPILL ROAD 5000

Update:

- Truck has been removed. The oily water has been removed (up to 3000 liters).
- A sampling campaign to be carried out at 4 locations: upstream, downstream, bridge at route 3000, and Waswanipi bridge.
- The MECCFP is monitoring the situation.

COMMUNITY OBSERVATION AND “TELL IT TO SHUUKSHHISH”

Comments brought forward by community members:

- Community (yards) needs to be cleaner. More landscaping is needed.
 - Fixed schedule of community cleanup.
 - Recycling bin to be cleaned up
- Children need more access to Cree Culture
 - Suggestion for elders to be present in the school, during a crisis.

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