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To help promote, maintain, and facilitate the participation of Cree people in the traditional lifestyle and harvesting activities as a way of life.

COVER OF THE MAGAZINE:

Marcus Loon, from Mistissini, a student of the Eeyou Ituun Program, proudly carries a black bear out of the woods, traditionnal-style!
(Photo by François Payette)

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EDITORIAL

FALL IS FINALLY UPON US AND HUNTERS ALL OVER NORTH AMERICA ARE ANXIOUS TO HEAD TO THE WOODS. WHETHER YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MOOSE, BEAR, HUNTING BIRDS OR ANYTHING ELSE, THE WOODS ARE THE BEST PLACE TO BE IN THE FALL.



There are no flies, the cool air announces the change of seasons and the leaves slowly start changing colour. By fall, young animals are finally independent from adults and animals seem more abundant than ever. Whether you hunt with a gun, a bow or if you like to catch animals in traps, fall is simply the best season!

For beneficiaries of the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board, fall is a busy time and many hunters head to the woods in search of moose or beaver. Fall is definitely the best time to harvest animals and there is nothing better than traditional bush foods served hot in your plate on a cool autumn day!

Serge Larivière,
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Cree Hunters Economic Security Board



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INSCRIPTIONS

FOR

THE ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM

To be enrolled
for 2026-2027



1 RIGHT NOW MEET WITH YOUR LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR

To request to be added to the list of your community's local committee. This list contains the names of people recognized as having chosen traditional activities as their main occupation.

2 YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN MAY 2026 AND MUST PROVIDE

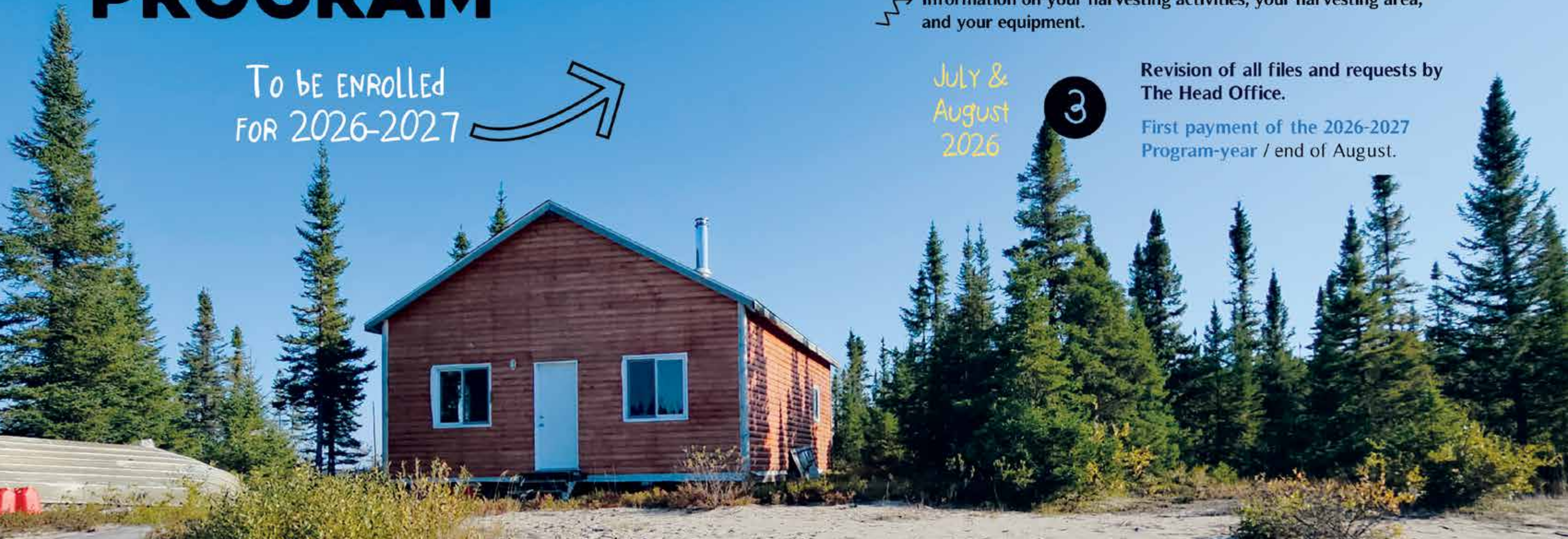
- ↪ Cree beneficiary number / All family members
- ↪ Birth certificate / All family members
- ↪ Social insurance card / All family members
- ↪ Revenu Québec notice of assessment for 2025 / Adults in the family
- ↪ Information on your harvesting activities, your harvesting area, and your equipment.

JULY &
AUGUST
2026

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Revision of all files and requests by
The Head Office.

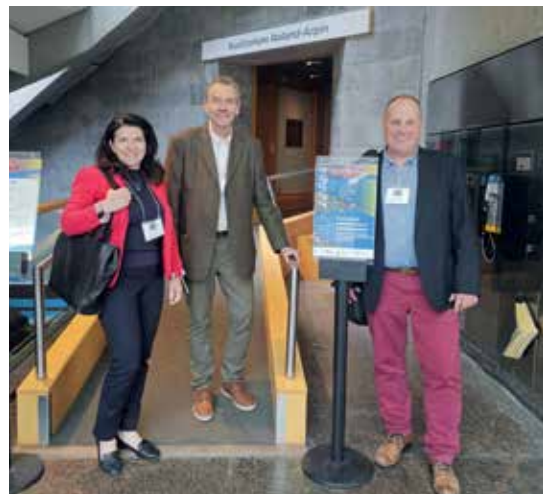
First payment of the 2026-2027
Program-year / end of August.



NEWS & REPORTS

SALON PLEIN AIR, CHASSE, PÊCHE ET CAMPING DE QUÉBEC

On March 20, 2025, Director-general, Serge Larivière had the honor of being a speaker at the Salon plein air, chasse, pêche et camping in Québec City (Québec outdoor, hunting, fishing and camping expo). During his speech, Serge Larivière talked about the usefulness of managing predators for improving wildlife management for populations such of deer and moose. As many of you know, Serge is a strong advocate of trapping and took advantage of this opportunity to introduce trapping to a big hunting crowd!



CIERA CONFERENCE

On May 17, 2025, Tanya Lynn Strong, Michael Wilson and Serge Larivière, from the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board, attended a conference in Québec City that discussed the transformation of economic activities for aboriginal group. At this conference, Dr. Larivière and Ms Strong co-authored a presentation entitled “50 years of supporting Cree hunters: lessons learned and challenges to come for Chapter 30 of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement”.



MEETING IN VAL D'OR

On June 2, 2025, staff from the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board gathered in Val d'Or for an annual meeting to discuss program changes, administrative procedures and to share ideas about how to make the Program better. After the retirement of George M. Shecapio, this meeting is the first where all staff of the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board are women. We definitely have a great team of women working for the Board!



FUR INSTITUTE OF CANADA

From June 9 to 14, 2025, Director-general, Serge Larivière, traveled to Edmonton to attend the Board meeting of the Fur Institute of Canada. Dr. Larivière is a Board member of this important organization, whose mission is to defend the fur industry in Canada. At this meeting, Serge was elected treasurer of the Fur Institute of Canada.



SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CELEBRATION

On June 18, Dr. Larivière attended an annual reception hosted by Premier François Legault, at the Domaine Catarauqui in Québec City. Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Senior managers of several government organizations were present.



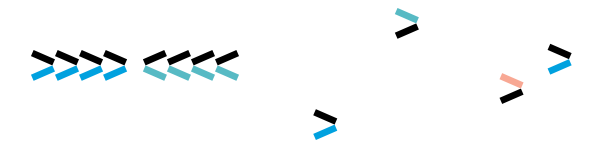
JULY BOARD MEETING

The Cree Hunters Economic Security Board held its first Board meeting for fiscal year 2025-2026 in Chibougamau on July 10, 2025.



NATIONAL TRAPPERS' CONVENTION

From July 17 to 19, Director-general, Serge Larivière was invited to attend the National Trappers Convention in Harrisonburg, Virginia. This is the largest gathering of trappers in North America and this year, Serge was invited to give a trapping demonstration on the capture of fishers.



OIJÉ-BOUGOUMOU LOCAL COMMITTEE

On August 1, 2025, the Local Committee for Oujé-Bougoumou had their annual meeting. Present at this meeting were Janie Rose Bosum, Robert Shecapio Blacksmith, David G. Bosum and Kathy Shecapio, as well as Serge Larivière and Rachel Neeposh (missing from photo).



SUMMER REVISION

During the week of August 4 to 8, all staff from the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board travelled to Québec City for the annual revision of files. This annual revision ensures that all files receive equal treatment and that the same rules are applied to all the communities. It is also a great occasion for staff to gather and participate in some social activities, such as a group supper in downtown Québec. Always a good time when we get together!





WOODSTOCK DU TRAPPEUR

There was a gathering of trappers in the Beauce region, called "Woodstock du trappeur". This year, Serge Larivière was asked to act as an ambassador for this event and help organize the numerous conferences. From left to right: Alain Chabot and Linda Morin (organizers), Marc Dussault (sponsor) and Serge Larivière (ambassador).



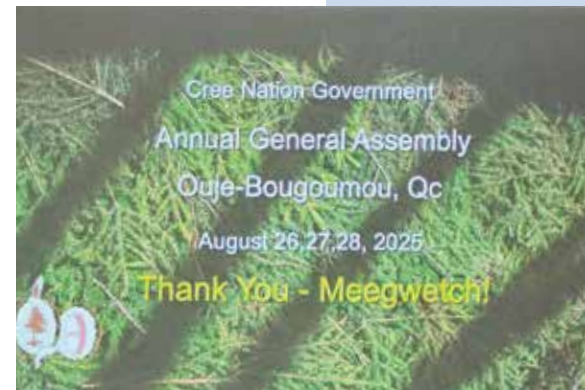
PRESENTATION TO NISKAMOON CORPORATION

On August 12, Serge Larivière attended a meeting of the Niskamoon Corporation and gave a presentation to the staff and Board members to explain how the Cree Hunters Economic Security Program works. This exchange of ideas was very interesting and something to do again in the future!



AUGUST BOARD MEETING

On August 26, 2025 the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board held its second Board meeting for this fiscal year in Oujé-Bougoumou. All members were present in person!



AGA CNG

On August 26 to 28, the Cree Nation Government held its Annual General Assembly in Oujé-Bougoumou and Cree Hunters Economic Security Board Director-general, Serge Larivière, attended the meeting to exchange ideas with attendees and to be there in case there were questions from the new leadership about the program.

Bush Life

Trail Cam Chronicle



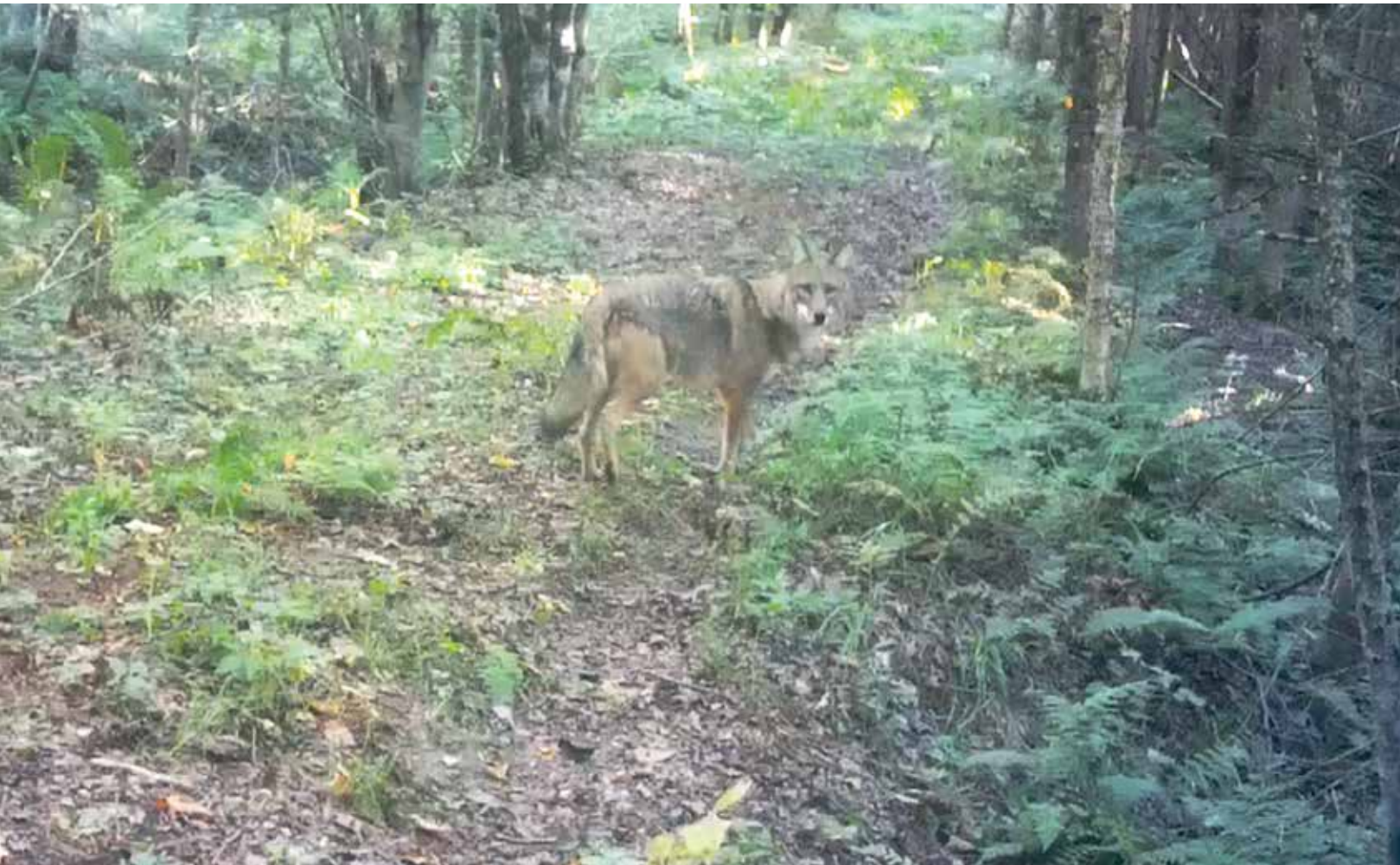




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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

JBNQA REGISTRY

Ways you can help maintain the accuracy of the list



Why It's Important

- The amount of federal subsidy for local government operations is dependent on the accuracy of the list
- Population statistics
- Planning for services such as schools, daycare, family services, etc.

→ Declaration of Birth

New parents are to complete the "Application for Simplified Access to Birth-Related Government Programs and Services" with the Declaration of Birth. The hospital sends the application to the Ministère de la santé et des services sociaux (MSSS). The MSSS updates the JBNQA registry and attributes a beneficiary number to your new child.



Are you moving?

Inform your membership clerk to change your community of residence

→ Declaration of Death

Send the declaration of death to your local membership clerk.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MEMBERSHIP CLERK

THOMAS COON

Thomas Coon, from Mistissini, was a true gentleman and a genuine Cree Hunter. We will all miss him dearly.



BURIAL SITE OF THE LATE THOMAS COON. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Murrea Coon, his granddaughter and Jerry Coon, his son.



In memory of
Thomas Coon
August 11, 1947 - July 30, 2025

Our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

From the staff & Members of the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board

ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CREE HUNTER ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM WILL SOON CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY?

HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS



NOVEMBER 11, 2025

50TH ANNIVERSARY JAMES BAY AND NORTHERN QUÉBEC AGREEMENT

and the creation of Cree Hunters Economic Security Board (as Chapter 30 of the JBNQA)

JAN TO SEP 1976

Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Québec create a work group to establish rules and procedures of the program

1975-1976

Payments issued to first applicants

1976-1977

First full program-year

ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM AND

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

The Cree Hunters Economic Security Program helps Cree people who want to live a lifestyle of hunting, fishing, and trapping. **It gives benefits to those who would not have enough to buy the equipment and supplies they need.** If someone already has enough income to do these activities, they do not get help from the program, because **it is meant for people who really need it.**



JBNQA, CHAPTER 30

30.2.1

An income security program to provide a guarantee and benefits and other incentives for Cree people who wish to pursue harvesting activities as a way of life is established by and in accordance with this Section.

TRIBUTE TO A BENEFICIARY OF THE PROGRAM

BIO- BOBBY PASHAGUMSKUM

Bobby was born September 7, 1941 out on the land by the rapids known as “Emerald Eyes Rapids”

Not having a formal education, he lived a nomadic life with his parents and relatives. He was an excellent hunter, fisherman and trapper. He used to say that he was at the stage where he felt confident to navigate and shoot rapids by himself before he stayed in Fort-George to work at various jobs. Later he took a carpentry course and got certified. Bobby also worked at whatever and whenever the opportunity arose.

-Logging, Archeology, Guiding, Surveying, Slasher

Bobby was able to finish work on the naming of portages, the story behind the name and land marks along the mighty Great River. His contribution was integral in collaborating with the Chisasibi Heritage and Cultural Centre and the Working Group on the Kipitaakin Project.

Being out on the land was his happy place where he was at his best connecting with nature . He finished his life’s journey on earth August 24, 2024 and left for his heavenly home.



THE TRAVELING DIRECTOR

Here are some photos taken by the Director-general during his recent trips to Cree communities.

WASHAW SIBI JUNE 2025



SERGE LARIVIÈRE (LEFT)
AND SIMEON TRAPPER (RIGHT).



SERGE LARIVIÈRE WITH THE NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL
OF WASHAW SIBI, CINDY NEEOSH.



MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE
IN WASHAW SIBI.
FROM LEFT TO
RIGHT:
Maurice Kistabish,
Simeon Trapper,
Darlene Diamond
and Serge Larivière.

MATAGAMI JUNE 2025



RONNIE OTTER AND MARY ANN KITCHEN OTTER

KEN TAYLOR (RIGHT) AND JOHNNY A. GRANT (LEFT)



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Johnny A. Grant,
Ken Taylor,
Jackson Ottereyes
and Charlie Ottereyes Jr.

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OUJÉ-BOUGOUMOU
AUGUST 2025



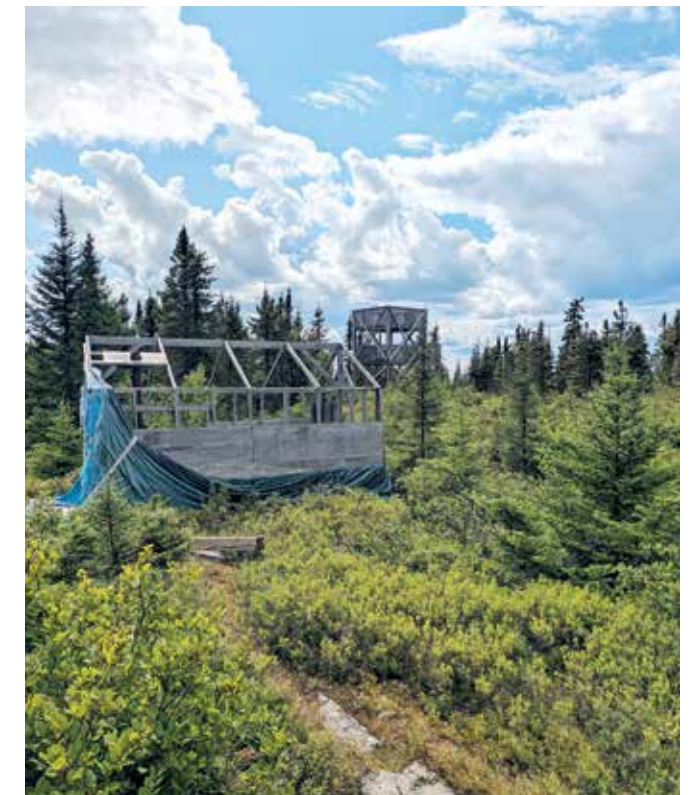
PHOTOS TAKEN BY NATHAN DION-LARIVIÈRE
FROM THE OUJÉ-BOUGOUMOU HIKING TRAIL.
Definitely a trail worth visiting for its beautiful
scenery and lookout points! Nathan hiked and took
photos while his father Serge was in a meeting!



WINTERGREEN









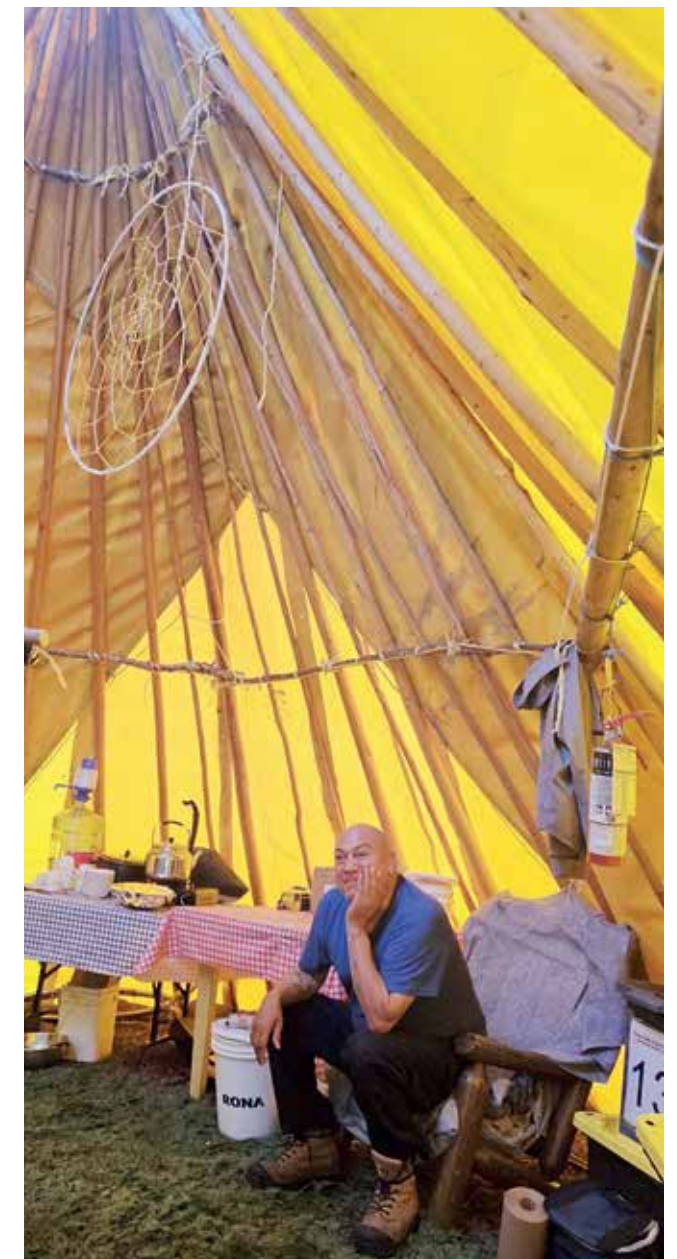
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**NISKAMOON MEETING
(LAKE WACONICHI)
AUGUST 2025**





MARIO LORD FROM WASWANAPI WAS THE STORYTELLER DURING THE NISKAMOON STAFF AND BOARD GATHERING.

NISKAMOON PRESIDENT WILLIAM MCLEOD AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE CREE HUNTERS ECONOMIC SECURITY BOARD, SERGE LARIVIÈRE.





SOME STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS FROM THE NISKAMOON CORPORATION WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL, SERGE LARIVIÈRE.

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MISTISSINI
AUGUST 2025



LOCAL ADMINISTRATORS RACHEL NEEPOSH (LEFT) AND MURREA COON (RIGHT), IN MISTISSINI.



GEORGE M. SHECAPIO HAPPILY RETIRED HUNTER THAT USED TO WORK FOR THE CREE HUNTERS ECONOMIC SECURITY BOARD.

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OIJÉ-BOUGOUMOU
AUGUST 2025



SOME BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CREE HUNTERS ECONOMIC SECURITY BOARD MET THE NEW GRAND CHIEF. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Kathy Shecapio, Eric Labelle, Renée Claude Baillargeon, Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch, Gérald Lemoyne and Serge Larivière.



SERGE LARIVIÈRE AND OIJÉ-BOUGOUMOU CHIEF, GASTON COOPER.



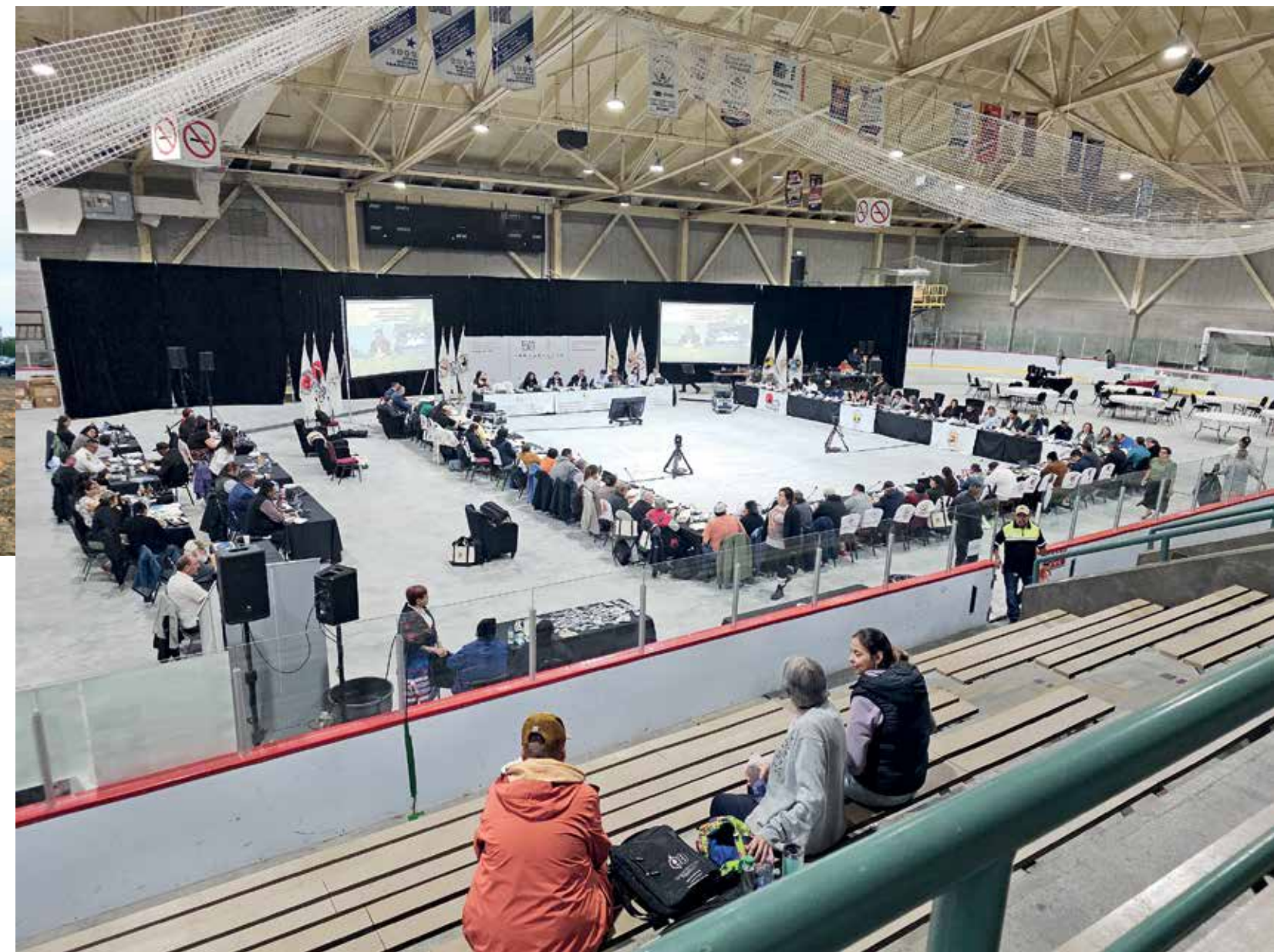
CHIEFS OF THE VARIOUS CREE COMMUNITIES WITH SIGNATORIES OF THE JAMES BAY AND NORTHERN QUÉBEC AGREEMENT.

IN THE FRONT ROW, SITTING ARE Philip Awashish (left) and Robert Kanatewat (right).

IN THE BACK ROW, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Clifford Jolly, Annie Mapachee-Salt, Christina Gilpin, Greta Cheechoo, Irene Neeposh, Michael Petawabano, Raymond Shanoush, Gaston Cooper and Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer.



CNG AGA IN PROGRESS.



ROBERT KANATEWAT, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNATORIES OF THE JAMES BAY AND NORTHERN QUÉBEC AGREEMENT.



SOME BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CREE HUNTERS ECONOMIC SECURITY BOARD WITH THE DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Renée Claude Baillargeon, Rodney Mark, Kathy Shecapio, Eric Labelle, Deputy Grand Chief Linden Spencer and Gérald Lemoyne.



AT THE MISTISSINI TABLE DURING THE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE GRAND CHIEF AND DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Chief Michael Petawabano, Lina Petawabano, Charlotte Wapachee Shecapio, George M. Shecapio, Abel Coon and Emily Shecapio.



DIRECTOR-GENERAL (LEFT) WITH EASTMAIN CHIEF, RAYMOND SHANOUSH (RIGHT). ANNA BOSUM, THE OFFICIAL COOK FOR THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY, MADE A SHORT SPEECH TO EXPLAIN WHERE THE FOOD CAME FROM.



A GROUP OF DELEGATES MADE AN APPEARANCE DURING THE CREE NATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROMOTE A HEALTHIER WAY OF LIFE BY WORKING TOGETHER TO BE MORE ACTIVE AND EXERCISING MORE.



GRAND CHIEF, PAUL JOHN MURDOCH DURING HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS.



DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF, LINDEN SPENCER AND HIS WIFE.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: John Matoush, Clarke Shecapio and Daniel Mark-Stewart.



ABEL BOSUM LOOKED WITH GREAT PRIDE INTO THE EYES OF NEW GRAND CHIEF PAUL JOHN MURDOCH.

JOSHUA ISERHOFF AND LILLIAN MOSES



ONE OF THE FORMER ESP STAFF, NOW CHAIR OF THE CREE HEALTH BOARD, BELLA PETAWABANO.



PRAYER TIME AT THE OPENING OF THE MEETING.



AMANDA CAPASSIT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND ROBIN CAMPBELL, CONSERVATION PROGRAM OFFICER WITH KEVIN-JOSEPH MIANSUM.



SOMEBODY'S HAS TO WORK AT THE CTA BOOTH! JUDY COON-COME (LEFT) AND STANLEY MIANSUM (RIGHT).



SERGE LARIVIÈRE AND KATHY SHECAÏO



HARRY LINTON AND CHARLOTTE WAPACHÉE SHECAÏO.



CLIFFORD COONISHISH FROM OIJÉ-BOUGOUMOU AND SERGE LARIVIÈRE.



INSCRIPTIONS

POUR

LE PROGRAMME DE SÉCURITÉ ÉCONOMIQUE

POUR S'INSCRIRE
EN 2026-2027



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MAINTENANT

RENCONTRER VOTRE ADMINISTRATEUR LOCAL

Pour demander à être ajouté à la liste du comité local de votre communauté. Cette liste contient les noms des personnes reconnues comme ayant choisi les activités traditionnelles comme leur occupation principale.

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VOTRE INSCRIPTION DOIT ÊTRE REÇUE
EN MAI 2026 ET DOIT FOURNIR

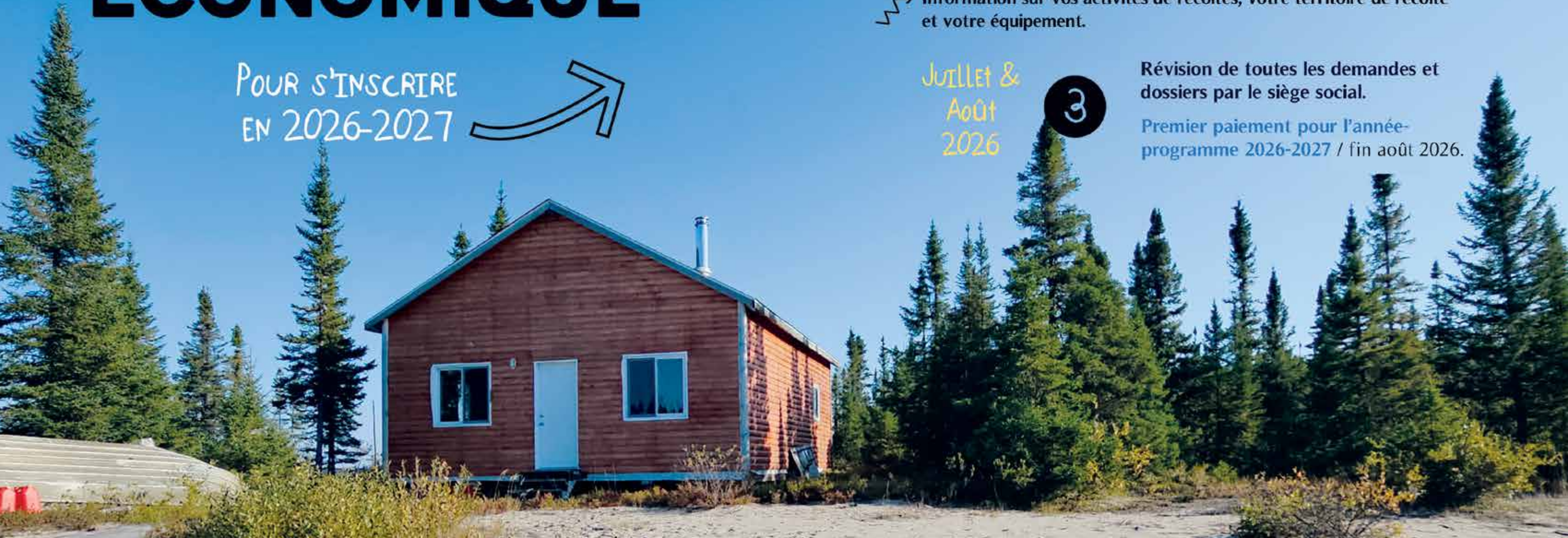
- Numéro de bénéficiaire cri / Tous les membres de la famille
- Certificat de naissance / Tous les membres de la famille
- Carte d'assurance sociale / Tous les membres de la famille
- Avis de cotisation de Revenu Québec, pour 2025 / Adultes de la famille
- Information sur vos activités de récoltes, votre territoire de récolte et votre équipement.

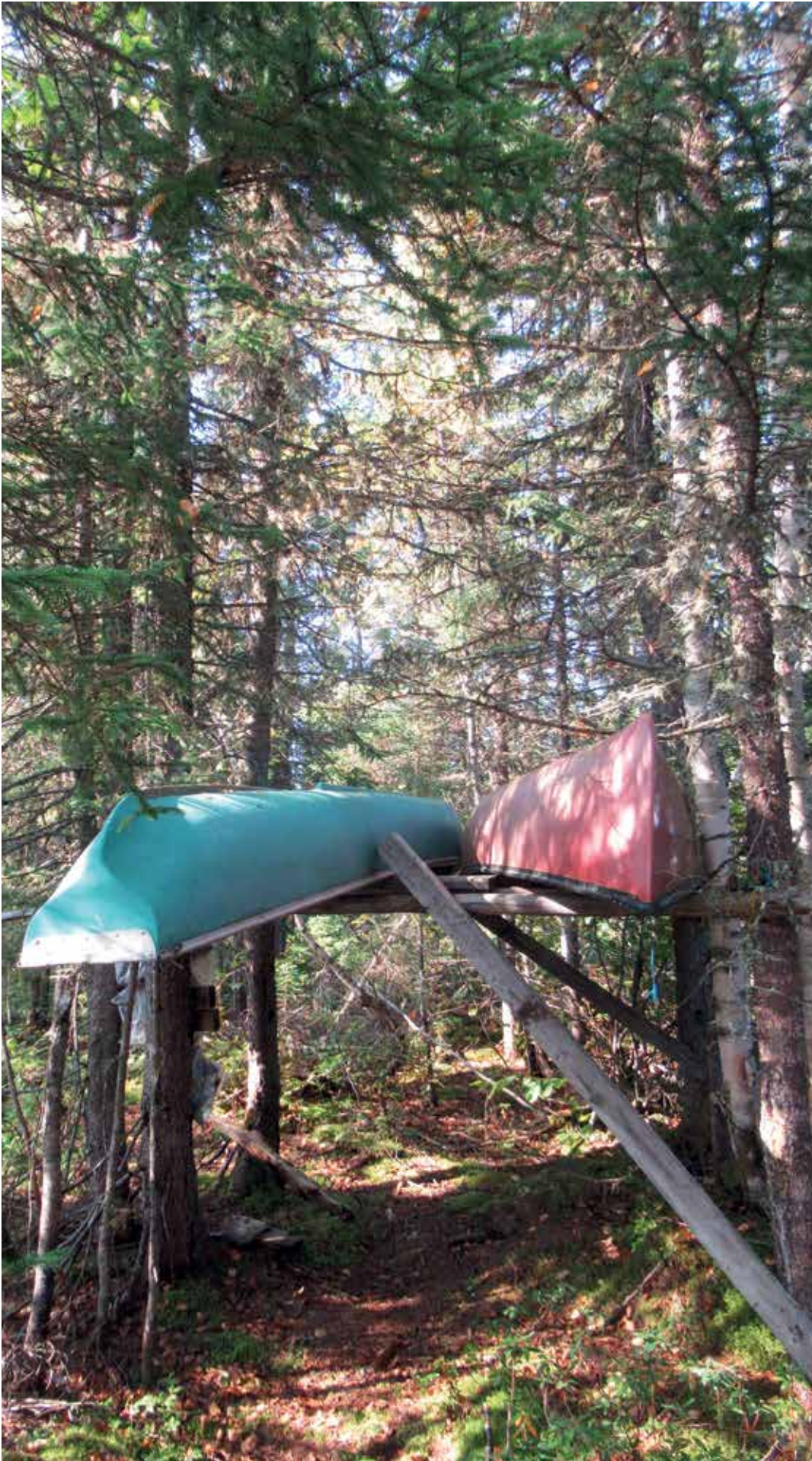
JUILLET &
Août
2026

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Révision de toutes les demandes et dossiers par le siège social.

Premier paiement pour l'année-programme 2026-2027 / fin août 2026.



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