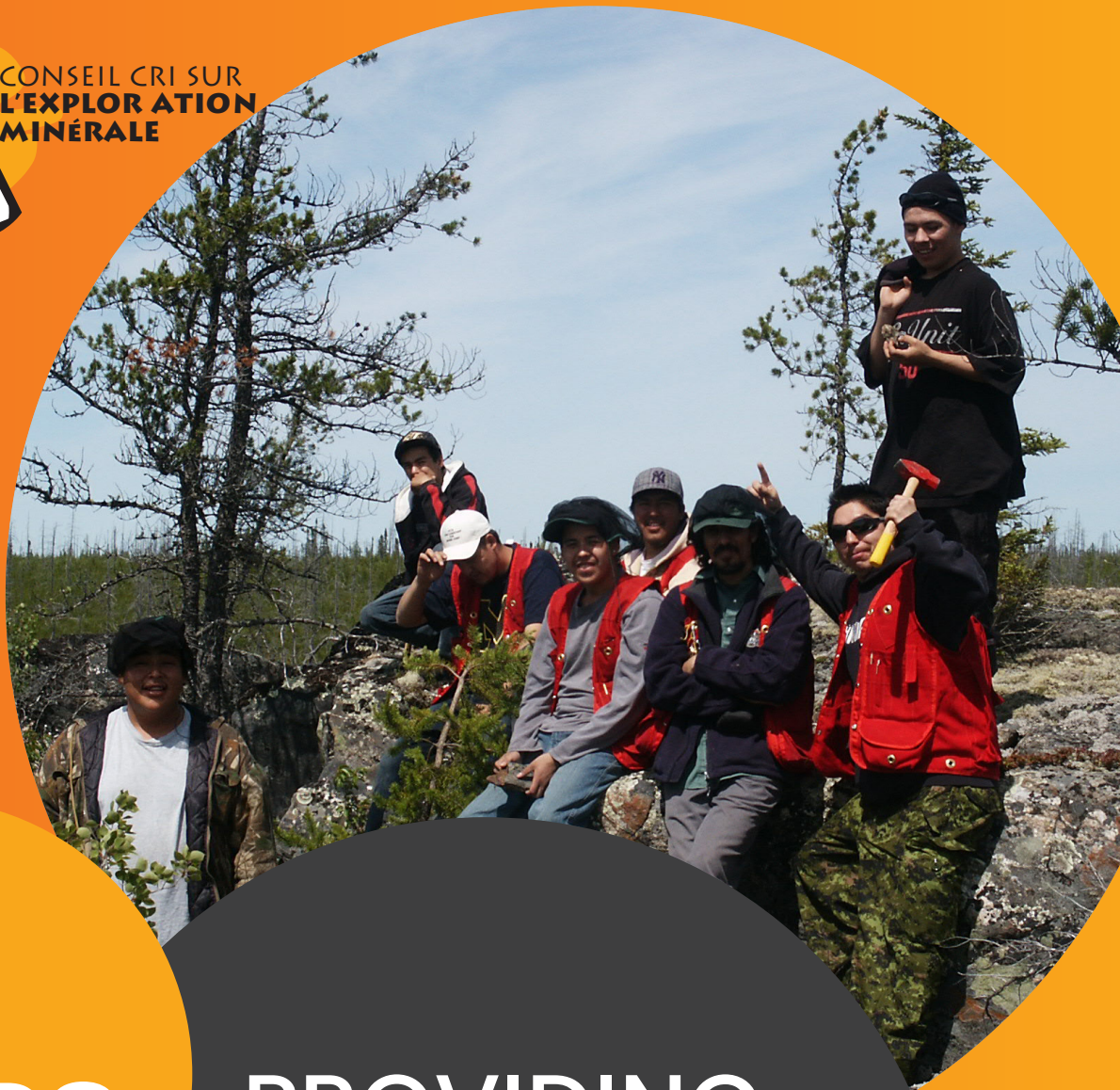


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**2022-2023  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Kwey,**

On this 20th anniversary of the Cree Mineral Exploration Board, I am honoured to have the privilege to present our Activity Report of the Cree Mineral Exploration Board (CMEB) to the Grand Council of the Crees Eeyou Istchee (GCC [EI]), the Cree Nation Government (CNG) and the Quebec Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR).

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the CMEB, its founders and employees most especially, on this occasion. Over the past two decades, the CMEB has become a shining example of what is possible when vision, determination, and a tireless pursuit of excellence converge. The CMEB's contribution to the Mineral industry in Eeyou Istchee, Quebec and Canada have not only transformed the relationship between the Mineral Industry, Eeyou communities and Eeyouch, it also fostered a greater involvement of Eeyouch in the mineral industry. We consider the CMEB to be a pioneer and serves as a remarkable

example for other First Nations in the field of promoting sustainable economic development that is respectful of Eeyouch aspiration to preserve the Eeyou way of life, Eeyou Istchee's environment as well as our existing and future economies for future generations.

Mining exploration and mining activities will very likely increase in the coming years. I believe that it is essential for Eeyouch and Eeouch to continue, grow and diversify their involvement in these sectors to ensure our world-view and aspirations are conveyed and considered.

Eeyou Istchee remains vastly unexplored despite more than 500 active exploration projects spread over its 300,000 km<sup>2</sup>. In this regard, the CMEB has been providing basic training courses to community members and leadership and interested Eeyou beneficiaries for them to have a better understanding of the development of mining projects from the grass-

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roots exploration, project development, start-up to operation and decommissioning.

As we move on as a more mature organization, we are also reflecting on how we can greater contribute to our mission. Supporting our partners and stakeholders in the development and delivery of their services, diversifying economic activities and involvement, promoting education and community involvement are moving to the forefront of our objectives. As well, we wish to have a governance more reflective of the communities we serve, namely increasing the implication of more women and youth in all aspects of our activities and governance.

My thanks go to the members of the Board of

Directors of the CMEB, and especially our employees, for their time, knowledge and efforts they devoted and devote to the success of the programs of the CMEB. I particularly make a point of underlining the director's engagement to achieve the CMEB's goals which target nothing less than excellence with respect to the participation of the Eeyouch and Eeouch in the sectors of mineral exploration and durable development in Eeyou Istchee.

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# AGREEMENT ON MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT IN EYYOU ISTCHEE

In July 2022, the Cree Nation Government (CNG), the Government of Québec (Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR)) and the Cree Mineral Exploration Board (CMEB) signed an agreement entitled: “Agreement on Development of the Mineral Resources of the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory, 2022–2025”. Section 6 of this Agreement highlights the CNG’s engagement to defray the CMEB’s administrative expenses. Accordingly, the CNG has fulfilled this engagement, as it has subsidized the CMEB’s 2022–2023 operating budget for an amount of \$500,000. The MENR annual contribution consist in an amount of \$350,000, the global MENR’s contribution for the 3-year term (2022–2025) is \$1 050 000.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD IN 2022–2023

### Board of directors

The Board of Directors is composed of four (4 Cree) members Mr. Andy Baribeau, President, Mr. Sam Bosum, Mr. Mark Wadden, and Mr. Anthony MacLeod, and one (1) member Mr. Marc Leblanc, the MENR representative.

### Meetings and resolutions 2022–2023

The Cree Mineral Exploration Board held three (3) meetings:

The first of which took place by videoconference on June 1, 2022. Members of the Board reviewed and approved the Agreement on Development of the Mineral Resource of the Eeyou-Istchee James Bay Territory 2022–2025.

The second meeting took place via videoconference on October 18, 2022. Members of the Board reviewed and approved the CMEB financial statements for the financial year ended March 31, 2022 and the following twenty (20) prospector projects and four (4) enterprise projects were approved:

Agreement Number/ Name of Proponent / Name of Project	Amount
2022-04 Thomas Blackned Tartiana R08-VC19 Project	\$9,940
2022-05 Robert Ratt Mist East Project Phase 2	\$9,900
2022-06 Dennis Moar Waapikun Project	\$8,700
2022-07 Norman Grant A54W01 Prospecting project	\$6,700
2022-08 Larry Desgagné- Gold Mountain Prospecting Project	\$9,550
2022-09 Thomas Wapachee R-17 Prospecting Project	\$7,300
2022-10 Norman Grant FG26 Project	\$7,700
2022-11 Thomas Blackned Lorraine R08 - RE03 Project	\$9,940
2022-12 Neil Wapachee Kaanemgskashit Phase IV- Project	\$6,700
2022-13 Norman Grant N24 Project	\$7,700
2022-14 Neil Wapachee Jeenawmii Project	\$7,700
2022-15 Joshua Blacksmith W24A Exploration Project	\$7,900
2022-16 Robert Kitchen Mishegamish Exploration Project	\$10,000
2022-17 Joshua Blacksmith W24A Exploration Project	\$9,300
2022-18 Thomas Blackned Jamesee- R08 - V03 Project	\$9,940
2022-19 Larry Desgagné- Volcano Gold Prospecting Project	\$10,000
2022-20 Mike Voyageur TB Lake M26 Prospecting Project	\$6,700
2022-21 Thomas Wapachee R-17 Phase 2 Prospecting Project	\$7,800
2022-22 Rock A Sheshamush NE Whapmagoostui Exploration Project	\$9,918
2022-23 Norman Grant - CH33 Exploration Project	\$7,500
TOTAL	\$170,888

Recipient	Project	Amount	Financial
NIMSKEN CORPORATION INC.	RUSH LAKE DIAMOND DRILLING PROGRAM	\$56,625	ENTERPRISE
NIMSKEN CORPORATION INC.	RUSH LAKE INDUCED POLARIZATION AND MAGNETOMETRIC SURVEY	\$75,000	ENTERPRISE
NIMSKEN CORPORATION INC.	PHILIPPON	\$43,740	ENTERPRISE
NATIVES EXPLORATION SERVICES REG'D	DIAMOND DRILL HOLE PROGRAM ON THE MINA GOLD PROPERTY – NTS 32G11 GUERCHEVILLE AND DROUET TOWNSHIPS	\$46,215	ENTERPRISE
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$221,580</b>

The third hybrid meeting took place in Toronto and via videoconference on March 6, 2023. Members of the Board reviewed the CMEB financial matters and approved the following three (3) prospector projects.

Proponent / Project	Amount
2022-24 Robert Ratt—Mist East Project Phase 3	<b>\$10,000</b>
2022-29 Neil Wapachee—Kamikukumeu Project	<b>\$9,100</b>
2023-01 Thomas Blackned—Jamesee K306 Project	<b>\$9,980</b>
	<b>TOTAL \$29,080</b>



## PROGRAMS OF THE CMEB

The following pages provide a summary of CMEB's activities carried out under the following programs: awareness raising and promotional activities, workforce awareness and employment assistance, technical and financial assistance to prospectors, project development and assistance to entrepreneurs and expertise in Earth sciences and technical assistance.

### Awareness Raising and Promotional Activities

The representatives of the CMEB took part in several promotional events such as conferences and

A Cree member and the chief geologist attended the Québec Mineral Exploration Association Conference in Montreal in October 2022. This is the best opportunity to listen to the junior companies' presentations of their projects in Eeyou Istchee and exchange on different subjects.

The CMEB was part of Québec's delegation at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's (PDAC) conference on March 5 to 8, 2023 in Toronto. This event was an ideal opportunity to keep business



workshops. During these mining events, the CMEB presented posters and various information related to mineral exploration in Eeyou Istchee, more particularly during the Mining Week (27e Semaine minière du Québec) in April and May 2022 in some Eeyou Istchee schools.

A CMEB student in AEC Geology conducted for CMEB earth science activities on rocks and minerals with the Waapinichikush Elementary School and James Bay Eeyou Secondary School in Chisasibi, and also at the Wiinibekuu High School and Annie Whiskeychan Memorial Elementary School in Waskaganish.

contacts and have the information concerning the exploration activities in Eeyou Istchee.

During these events related to mineral resources, many junior exploration companies active in Eeyou Istchee showed great interest in the CMEB exploration and technical training programs. These conferences were an excellent occasion to promote the mineral potential on traditional lands of Eeyou Istchee and also an opportunity to establish links of work and collaboration with the industry.

The CMEB also intends to continue its advertising

campaign in order to promote its programs in Eeyou communities by means of: Cree magazines (such as The Nation, Cree Hunters magazine, Resources Mines and Industry magazine and Destination Air Creebec), various Cree radio advertisements, as well as events which focus on science and careers in the Cree School Board establishments.

In order to promote the interest of the mineral industry in Eeyou Istchee, and inform Cree tally-persons, the public at large and mining companies, the CMEB is constantly updating its website and Tally-Person Traplins Map. (cmeb.org)

The CMEB also actively participated in the meetings of the following organizations: the Subcommittee on mineral exploration, the Committee on the assessment of mineral potential in Northern Québec and the communities' mining convention (Ouje-Bougoumou and Eastmain) for planification and discussions. The CMEB also contributed financially and participated in the workshop on the acquisition and dissemination of social and environmental knowledge organized by the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment.

### Workforce Awareness and Employment Assistance

The CMEB employed and facilitated the hiring of more than 50 Crees to work in the mining sector and related sectors. These jobs concern prospector positions, helpers for several exploration sectors especially camp building and janitor positions. All these positions are either offered by the CMEB, service companies, exploration companies and mines operating in Eeyou Istchee. The CMEB acts as an intermediary between mineral exploration companies and the Cree labour force by recommending experienced Cree workers in the mineral field.

The CMEB works every year, in close collaboration with the Apatisiwin Skills Development of the Cree Nation Government, on setting up a certified training program for adults in the field of mineral resources. A consultation table, composed of various members in the fields of education, government and mining industry was created to develop this program. The CMEB also implemented programs for prospectors' course and updating of current mineral knowledge of Cree trappers.

The CMEB believes in its ability to train the Eeyouch youth in the mineral field. In this regard, PowerPoint presentations and field excursions are regularly arranged in Eeyouch

communities in order to promote Earth Sciences. Many information sessions aimed at popularizing sciences and explaining the operations of the mineral industry are also presented to Eeyouch community members.

The following training programs were delivered or funded by the CMEB:

- Mineral Resources Geology-Environment. With the collaboration of the Apatisiwin Skills Development (ASD) and CEGEP of Chibougamau-St-Félicien, a Collegial Studies Attestation Mineral Resources Geology has been elaborated. The first cohort of young Crees graduated in fall 2019, the second graduated in 2021, there was no cohort in 2022 but the CMEB is actively involved in the recruitment of a new cohort that will start in September 2023.

- CMEB – 2022 Prospection Course
- Mining 101 for Cree Community Leaders
- Mining 101 for Trappers and Tally-Persons
- Update on Mining and Exploration Knowledge for Eeyou First Nation's Natural Resources departments employees.

- CMEB Prospectors Workshop, Val d'Or, December 2022

The CMEB has implemented a training course commonly named "Mining 101", which provides to Eeyouch community leaders and other interested Eeyouch beneficiaries basic information about the mining industry, from the grass root exploration to the exploitation and decommissioning of a mining project. This course also provides information related to the creation of enterprises in view to provide services required by the mineral exploration and mining industries. In the framework of this course, the CMEB provides its technical assistance as well as the available geosciences knowledge of Eeyou Istchee. This 30-hour course is usually delivered in offices of respective Eeyou Nations. The main objective of this course is to give tools to Eeyouch communities in view to help them to make enlightened decisions when it comes the time to deal with mining companies

active on their lands. Every year, the CMEB delivers this course upon request of Eeyouch communities .

The Mining 101 which is addressed to two different audiences namely the Cree leadership with an orientation to better understand the mining business and the other for all Cree beneficiaries with a greater field orientation.

The following table presents the details of the «Mining 101» workshop delivered this year.

DATE	COMMUNITY	PARTICIPANTS	LEADERS	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	TALLYMAN/ COMMUNITY MEMBERS
March 22-25, 2022	Chisasibi	8		X	X
April 7, 2022	Nemaska	13	X	X	
June 21-22, 2022	Waskaganish	10		X	X
July 14-15, 2022	Eastmain	8	X	X	
July 26-28, 2022	Wemindji	6		X	
August 22-24, 2022	Eastmain	4		X	X
September 12-13, 2023	Eastmain	10		X	X

Some Exploration companies active in Eeyou Istchee with the collaboration of participating Eeyouch Nations and the CMEB, offered other courses in mineral exploration; the latter provides expertise, coordinates various services and insures the enforcement of basic rules on the field with regards to the preservation of the environment and Eeyouch traditional activities.

### Technical and Financial Assistance to Prospectors

Native prospectors carried out mineral exploration projects funded by the CMEB. The CMEB pursues its efforts to attract Eeyouch interest in mineral prospecting in Eeyou Istchee. Considerable work will be required to incite more Eeyouch prospectors to submit prospecting projects. The CMEB has two Beep Mats (electromagnetic devices with integrated GPS) for use by Eeyouch prospectors free of charge. The following agreements were executed by the CMEB within the framework of this program and the results are very encouraging:

- Thomas Blackned – Tartianna R08-VC-19 Project
- Robert Ratt – Mist east Project Phase 2
- Dennis Moar – Waapikun Project
- Norman Grant – A54W01Pprospecting Project
- Larry Desgagné – Gold Mountain Prospecting Project
- Thomas Wapachee – R-17 Prospecting Project
- Norman Grant – FG26 Project
- Thomas Blackned – Lorraine R08 – RE03 Project
- Neil Wapachee – Kaanemgkashit Phase IV Project



- Norman Grant – N24 Project
- Neil Wapachee – Jeenawmii Project
- Joshua Blacksmith – W24A Exploration Project
- Robert Kitchen – Mishegamish Exploration Project
- Joshua Blacksmith – W24A Exploration Project
- Thomas Blackned – Jamesee – R08 – V03 Project
- Larry Desgagné – Volcano Gold Prospecting Project
- Mike Voyageur – TB Lake M26 Prospecting Project
- Thomas Wapachee – R-17 Phase 2 Prospecting Project
- Rock A. Sheshamush – NE Whapmagoostui Exploration Project
- Norman Grant – CH33 Exploration Project
- Robert Ratt – Mist East Project Phase 3
- Neil Wapachee – Kamikukumeu Project
- Thomas Blackned – Jamesee K306 Project

The funded projects are visited by the CMEB's Chief geologist/Director General with the purpose of guiding and helping prospectors improve their knowledge and their way of prospecting. The Chief geologist/Director General travels all over Eeyou Istchee to access to these projects. This is highly appreciated by prospectors and even more by prospectors' Tally-person. The following are projects visited in the summer 2022: Thomas Blackned – Agreement 2022-18 Jamesee- R08 – V03 Project (Waskaganish Traplines), Norman Grant – Agreement 2022-13 N24 Project (Waswanipi Traplines), Robert Ratt – Agreement 2022-24 Mist East Project Phase 3 (Mistissini Traplines) and Thomas Wapachee – Agreement 2022-09 R-17 trapline prospecting, (Nemaska Traplines).

### Project Development and Assistance to Entrepreneurs

During the financial year 2022-2023, the CMEB entered into agreements with the following companies for the funding of exploration projects:

- Nimsken Corporation Inc. – Rush Lake Diamond Drilling Program
- Nimsken Corporation Inc. – Rush Lake Induced Polarization and Magnetometric Survey
- Nimsken Corporation Inc. – Philippon
- Natives Exploration Services Reg'd – Diamond Drill Hole Program on the Mina Gold Property – NTS 32G11

Guercheville and Drouet Townships

### New Projects

The CMEB received several requests for assistance and participation from Eeyou and non-Eeyou companies for the financial year 2022-2023. As always, having the economic development of Eeyou Istchee at heart, the CMEB is open to any serious proposal. The CMEB is regularly solicited for the participation or investment in new exploration projects in Eeyou Istchee.

Minerals exploration companies and academia are seeking Eeyouch partnerships to conduct mineral potential studies in the Eeyou Territory. They are very interested to do business and geoscience development partnerships with Eeyou communities, which fall under the mandate of the CMEB. Many subjects are suggested including social acceptability, geology and mapping Eeyou Istchee, and impact studies such as pegmatite Li-rich and the astroblemes in Eeyou Istchee.

As CMEB did with the Eeyou youth, custom made prospecting projects were developed for Tally-person and Eeyou trappers, since they spend most of their time in the bush and some of them are interested in prospecting while carrying out traditional activities. In this regard, over the past decade, the CMEB visited the Cree Trappers' Association communities' offices to inform and to introduce mineral prospector's technic to groups of about 12 Trappers and Tally-Persons. Likewise, every year the CMEB offers a customized course to individuals Eeyou beneficiaries from all communities, either at the CMEB's Wemindji head office or at its Mistissini satellite office, a course on mineral recognition, prospecting tips, map reading and GPS localization. This year, the theoretical course will be held online and the follow-up will be done on the field by the CMEB geologist with all the prospector who want to start a prospecting project.

### Expertise in Earth Sciences and Technical Assistance

The interactive geo-economic map showing Eeyou Istchee's mineral potential is a great success for the CMEB since a large number of consultations occurred on our web site. The map is regularly updated and contains the most recent data that the CMEB, the

MENR and mineral industry produced.

In view to facilitate communications for mineral exploration companies active on the territory, the CMEB has recently published on its website a brand new electronic and interactive map concerning traplines' areas exclusively as well as the required information to contact concerned Eeyou individuals and organizations. This map is highly valued by the mining industry and there is intense consultation especially at the end of the winter. This period is when companies must contact the tallyman (tally-person), the chief and the council of a Eeyou community to inform them of the exploration activities planned for the summer season. Coming soon, all the mining titles held in Eeyou Istchee will be accessible via the MENR link on our website [www.cmeb.org](http://www.cmeb.org).

These two maps prove to be a very useful tool for the prospectors and tally-person, as well as for internet users since it is available on our website at the following address: [www.cmeb.org/geoeco](http://www.cmeb.org/geoeco) and [www.cmeb.org/TAB TALLYPERSON TRAPLINES MAP](http://www.cmeb.org/TAB_TALLYPERSON_TRAPLINES_MAP).

Many projects of scientific collaboration to improve the knowledge of the mineral potential on Eeyou Istchee are in development with scientific institutions such as the Géologie Québec (MENR), University of Ottawa, the UQAM, the UQAC and the Canadian Geological Commission. These projects are generally of geological and geophysical nature and are axed on the elaboration of a complete database. The CMEB has been involved in the promotion of Ecologo standards. All exploration companies will have to integrate their activities in the Ecologo platform where they are invited to respect the environment and social activities.

The CMEB also provided its technical expertise to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and to the local councils of Eeyouch communities. Moreover, on a daily basis, from its offices in Wemindji and Mistissini, the CMEB answers questions from tally-persons, the members of the Cree Trappers Association, community members, and Eeyouch owners exploration companies (such as Native Exploration, Nimsken Corporation, J.A. MacLeod Exploration, Envirocree, SD Mines, Coon-Come Exploration, Sinii Exploration and Wemex) as well as other exploitation and exploration companies (such as: Stornoway, Opinaca Mines, Osisko, Soquem, Metalex, Azimut,

los, Sirios, Dios, Everton, Hecla, QPM, Midlland, Harfang etc...) concerning geological data and access to Eeyou Istchee. These companies also benefit from the CMEB's technical, coordination, and communication assistance, as well as support in hiring Eeyouch for their projects.

Initiative for the establishment a new Eeyou mining investment fund. It would consist in a sufficient capital base to invest in the equity of promising and profitable mineral resources companies active on Eeyou Istchee; it would develop the participation of Eeyou businesses and promote Eeyou employment in the mining sector; such a fund would allow the Eeyouch to become the actors and the partners in the mining sector of Eeyou Istchee. This fund would aim to recuperate initial capital and provide for substantial return on investment.

This year, with the objective to develop a competent geology and mining expertise, CMEB, Apatisiwin Skills Development (ASD) and CÉGEP Saint-Félicien in Chibougamau are working on a new program for the AEC technic Geology with more Environment options.



# UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2023-2024

## AWARENESS AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The CMEB members, representatives of Eeyou companies and Eeyou prospectors will attend conferences and workshops such as the SAENCAT (Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance) conference in Val d'Or June 2023, Xplor (Quebec Mineral Exploration Association) October 2023, Quebec Mine in November 2023 and the PDAC (Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada) in March 2024.

During the Mining Week of Quebec (27e Semaine minière du Québec) in April 2023, the geologists of CMEB and the geologist technicians of CMEB's CEGEP program will visit the schools in Eeyou Istchee to make presentations related to earth sciences. CMEB will adjust its schedule in view to run a booth at the communities' career and science fairs once the dates for those events are communicated.

The era after the CMEB's 20th anniversary, is an opportunity for the board to revisit its programs in view to integrate new ideas from its President and Directors. The CMEB will also improve our most valuable information on the traplines and the tally-person maps and will establish standards to improve communication and favour social acceptability for the exploration companies in Eeyou Istchee.

## WORKFORCE AWARENESS AND EMPLOYMENT

The CMEB will facilitate the hiring of at least 50 Eeyouch to work in the mining sector and within various exploration companies. We are anticipating that the following exploration projects and mines will be

among the best source of employment for Eeyouch:

- Transtaiga Road -Yasinski Lake-Wemindji access road (QPM, Harfang Exploration, Midland Exploration, Patriot Batteries metals, Winsome, ALX Resources Corp.....); Chisasibi and Wemindji traplines;
- Opinaca Reservoir (Newmount Mine- Sirios Exploration, Azimut Exploration, Galaxy Exploration, Hecla Exploration, Fury Gold, Brunswick Exploration, Osisko James Bay); Wemindji, Eastmain and Nemaska traplines;

· Eeyou Istchee south-west (Wallbridge Mine - Midland Exploration, SOQUEM Inc.), Waskaganish Eastmain and Nemaska traplines;

· Eeyou Istchee Inland (Benz Mining- Kenorland Minerals-Troilus Gold- Bonterra Resources. - Cartier Resources- OSISKO Mining- Dore Copper Mining- Genesis Metal- Tomagold) Waswanipi- Ouje-Bougoumou- Mistissini traplines

## Training and knowledge development

Next year, CMEB will deliver the following training programs:

- As mentioned above an upgraded program Geology-Environment for students in Mineral Resources Technic program. A new cohort will start in the fall 2023 instead of February as it was decided earlier.
- CMEB — 2023 Prospection Course in July online and a complementary field training will be done in the following month with the concerned student in their communities.

- Mining 101 for Eeyou Community Leaders on demand.
- Mining 101 for Trappers and Tally-Persons on demand from the local CTA (Cree Trappers Association).
- Mining and Exploration Knowledge update for Eeyouch First Nation's Natural Resources departments employees and Eeyouch organizations in all the communities, on demand.
- CMEB's Workshop for Eeyouch prospectors
- CMEB's Workshop for Eeyouch Exploration and Services companies

## REFERENCES AND REPORTS

In addition to its annual report, the CMEB publish every year two exhaustive reports on its website ([www.cmeb.org](http://www.cmeb.org)), where Eeyouch can find all the information about the mineral activities on their traplines and the activities that the CMEB and their partners offer.

Board Activity Report: This report is on the CMEB programs development including training, updates on: mineral resources knowledge, the Eeyouch companies' activities. In this report, CMEB makes every year between 10 and 25 Eeyouch prospecting project reports.

Exploration Activity Report: The Report on the Mining and Minerals Exploration Activities in Eeyou Istchee provide detailed information trapline by trapline, this document is the most complete and useful tool for the chiefs and councils and tally-persons.



# COLLABORATION

CMEB established collaborations with various entities. Among these is the Cree Nation Government with its different sectors (environment, natural resources, and geo-information) with which the CMEB maintains continuous communication for exchange of information and development of common projects.

The CMEB works closely with the MENR and its mining sector. Among others, the MENR undertook to promote the mission of the CMEB by directly informing all companies holding mining titles in the territory and by adding a link on its website to CMEB's website. The MENR also implemented a follow-up on the hiring of Eeyou people in the mining sector. Moreover, the MENR intends to take an active part in a discussion

table between the industry and the CMEB. The MENR also established a mechanism of consultation with the CMEB concerning its cartography programs on the territory and the development of new strategies for mines.

The ongoing collaboration with the CNG's Apatisiwin Skills Development (ASD) (previously the Cree Human Resources Development) and the CSB allows the possibility to subsidize long-term training programs and to promote funding programs accessible to the Eeyouch in the field of mineral resources. In this respect, the CMEB holds discussions with the CSB to develop a technical training program adapted to the young Eeyouch. This program, developed in close cooperation with the ASD, the MENR, regional colleges and the mineral industry consists of collegial technical training in natural resources which will give access to the employment connected to the fields of mining, hydrology and the environment. This program should meet the aspirations of the Eeyouch and the needs of the industry.

The CMEB collaborates with CEGEPs and Universities.

The CMEB collaborates with the UQAC, UQAT and the MERN on different impact studies such as mining-social and geosciences development subjects.

Since its creation, the CMEB established close links with The Cree Trappers' Association (CTA) with the objective of informing the trappers and to protect their interests. The CMEB took the initiative to inform the trappers concerning the mining activity in their traplines, and to give them the training they need to take an active part in mineral exploration in Eeyou Istchee. This initiative is strongly appreciated by the CTA, which actively collaborates in the delivery of these courses.

The CMEB has also worked in close collaboration with local Eeyouch Nations Chiefs and Councils, the CTA, the Cree Nation Government, mineral exploration companies concerning the respect of the Eeyouch traditional activities such the goose harvesting activities held between April 20 and May 20. This will avoid the impact of helicopter flights within Eeyou Istchee on the traditional activity.

The CMEB has established, during the past 20 years, collaboration with the Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Temiscamingue for the planning and delivering of its annual conference, more precisely concerning topics related to the mineral industry. CMEB's contacts in this field greatly contributed securing the participation of reputable and passionate speakers at this event. It is a great opportunity to provide information about the development of mineral activities in Eeyou Istchee and sensitize attendees to the deep attachment of Eeyou people to their land and traditional activities within their culture.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## THE CREE MINERAL EXPLORATION BOARD

### Financial Year Ending on March 31, 2022

SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR CMEB'S OPERATION		
	CNG	MENR
2022-2023	\$500,000	\$350,000
2021-2022	\$500,000	\$350,000
2020-2021	\$500,000	\$350,000
2019-2020	\$500,000	\$350,000

ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF QUÉBEC 2022-2023	
Proponent/Project	Amount
Agreement 2022-04 Thomas Blackned - Tartiana R08-VC19 Project	\$9,940
Agreement 2022-05 Robert Ratt - Mist East Project Phase 2	\$9,900
Agreement 2022-06 Dennis Moar - Waapikun Project	\$8,700
Agreement 2022-07 Norman Grant - A54W01 Prospecting Project	\$6,700
Agreement 2022-08 Larry Desgagné-Gold Mountain Prospecting Project	\$9,550
Agreement 2022-09 Thomas Wapachee - R-17 Prospecting Project	\$7,300
Agreement 2022-10 Norman Grant - FG26 Project	\$7,700

ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF QUÉBEC 2022-2023	
Proponent/Project	Amount
Agreement 2022-11 Thomas Blackned - Lorraine R08 - RE03 Project	\$9,940
Agreement 2022-12 Neil Wapachee - Kaanemgkashit Phase IV- Project	\$6,700
Agreement 2022-13 Norman Grant - N24 Project	\$7,700
Agreement 2022-14 Neil Wapachee - Jeenawmii Project	\$7,700
Agreement 2022-15 Joshua Blacksmith - W24A Exploration Project	\$7,900
Agreement 2022-16 Robert Kitchen - Mishegamish Exploration Project	\$10,000
Agreement 2022-17 Joshua Blacksmith - W24A Exploration Project	\$9,300
Agreement 2022-18 Thomas Blackned - Jamesee- R08 - V03 Project	\$9,940
Agreement 2022-19 Larry Desgagné - Volcano Gold Prospecting Project	\$10,000
Agreement 2022-20 Mike Voyageur - TB Lake M26 Prospecting Project	\$6,700
Agreement 2022-21 Thomas Wapachee - R-17 Phase 2 Prospecting Project	\$7,800
Agreement 2022-22 Rock A Sheshamush - NE Whapmagoostui Exploration Project	\$9,918
Agreement 2022-23 Norman Grant - CH33 Exploration Project	\$7,500
Agreement 2022-24 Robert Ratt - Mist East Project Phase 3	\$10,000
Agreement 2022-25 Nimsken Rush Lake DDH Project - Phase II	\$56,625
Agreement 2022-26 Nimsken Rush Lake IP Project	\$75,000
Agreement 2022-27 Nimsken Philippon Project	\$43,740
Agreement 2022-28 Native Exploration Mina Gold DDH	\$46,215
Agreement 2022-29 Neil Wapachee - Kamikukumeu Project	\$9,100
Agreement 2023-01 Thomas Blackned - Jamesee K306 Project	\$9,980

ALLOCATED FOR EXPLORATION PROJECTS SINCE 2014	
2022-2023	\$421,548
2021-2022	\$408,055
2020-2021	\$329,467
2019-2020	\$445,049
2018-2019	\$330,744
2017-2018	\$501,400
2016-2017	\$463,626
2015-2016	\$437,551
2014-2015	\$384,451



# EDUCATION & TRAINING



*New Prospecting Students*



*Prospecting training Class, Eastmain*



*Prospecting training, Eastmain*



*Prospector Geophysics training*



*Prospecting training Ouje-Bougoumou*



*Wemindji Mining 101*



*Prospector Training Photo Break*



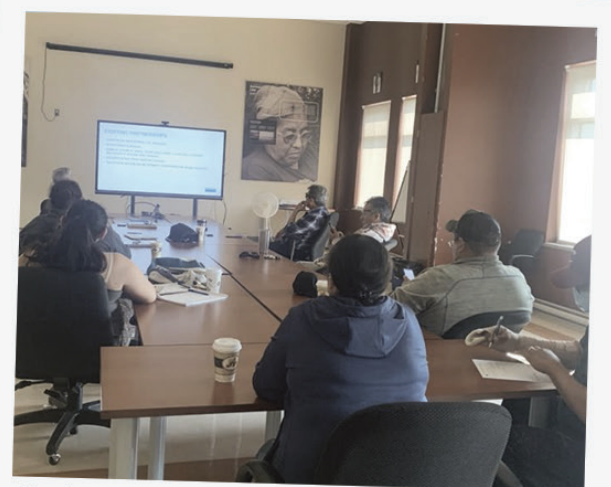
*Prospecting Training Whapmagoostui*



*Prospecting training Ouje-Bougoumou Field Work*



*Prospecting Training Malartic Mine visiting Washaw Sibi*



*Mining 101 Students, Eastmain*

PROSPECTORS & ENTREPRENEURS



Chisasibi Prospector  
Dennis Moar



Waskaganish Prospector  
Henry Salt



Kenny Wapachee  
Project prospecting



Mistissini Prospector  
Britney



Prospector Thomas  
Blackned BeepMat



Waskaganish-Chisasibi  
Prospector Thomas Blackned



Whapmagoostui Prospector  
Rock Sheshamush



Waswanipi Prospector  
Joshua Blacksmith



Visiting Whapmagoostui Prospector  
Jonas and Rock Sheshamush



Simeon Logchap &  
Harry Meskino



Whapmagoostui Prospector  
Jonas Sheshamush



Chisasibi Prospectors  
Deverine & Dennis Moar

# AWARENESS & PROMOTION



Waskaganish-Chisasibi  
Prospector Thomas Blackned



Waskaganish Prospector  
Henry Salt



Kenny Wapachee  
Project prospecting



Mistissini Prospector  
Britney

## CMEB NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Has developed about 30 Eeyouch prospectors.
- Created or helped to create 8 of the exploration and services companies.
- Conducts an Annual Workshop for Cree Prospectors and Cree Companies Presidents.
- Takes pride in the Technic diploma in Geology, created 4 years ago with partners Apatisiwin Skill Development and the CEGEP of St-Felicien at Chibougamau.
- Serves as a vital channel of communication for all exploration companies coming to Eeyou Istchee.
- Acts as a key advisor for CNG and the Cree Nation communities in the domain of Mineral Resources.

  
 THE CREE MINERAL EXPLORATION BOARD / CONSEIL CRI SUR L'EXPLORATION MINERALE  
 Cree Mineral Exploration Board Sciences Award  
 This Award of 400\$ from CMEB goes to  
**Hilary Mark**  
 Physical Science (70)  
 Math 514 (68)  
 It's a pleasure for CMEB to encourage the Recipient 2007-2008  
 Congratulations  
 President: Jack R. Blacksmith / Chief Geologist Youcef Larbi



Chisasibi Prospectors  
Deverine & Dennis Moar



Prospector Thomas  
Blackned BeepMat

  
 THE CREE MINERAL EXPLORATION BOARD / CONSEIL CRI SUR L'EXPLORATION MINERALE  
**Go dig and have fun!**  
 Jimmy Otter

**General prize category:**  
 1st prize **\$1,500**    2nd prize **\$1,000**    3rd prize **\$500**

**Prospectors category:**  
 One prize of **\$2,000**

**The Cree Mineral Exploration Board's Rock Competition to reward new mineral discoveries in Eeyou Istchee**

**Requirements:**  
 • New discovery  
 • Sample must be the size of a fist  
 • Sample must be located on a map  
 • Complete the application form

**Deadline and shipping:**  
 • CMEB assumes the analysis expenses of the participating samples  
 • The contest ends on October 31, 2013  
 • Shipping is at participant's expense

**Don't forget:**  
 • Hints on the ground: look for rusty surfaces  
 • Hints after breaking: sample metallic minerals

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE LOCATION PLACE NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_  
 GPS COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ N

SAMPLE COLLECTED FROM  
 Shore Line     Island     Stream Bank     River Bank  
 Lake Side     Mountain     Other

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



Whapmagoostui Prospector  
Rock Sheshamush