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Welcome to our first bi-annual community newsletter!

We are excited to launch our first NiskaNews Newsletter, which has been created to provide you with a better understanding of what we do here at Niskamoon, and keep you up to date with any developments. In this first edition, we are taking the opportunity to clarify what we do. We hope it answers any questions you may have about us and find it useful. We want this newsletter to be valuable to everyone, so please let us know what you would like to see in our future newsletters. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome! Don't forget to share it with family, friends and colleagues!

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The Niskamoon Team

ABOUT NISKAMOON

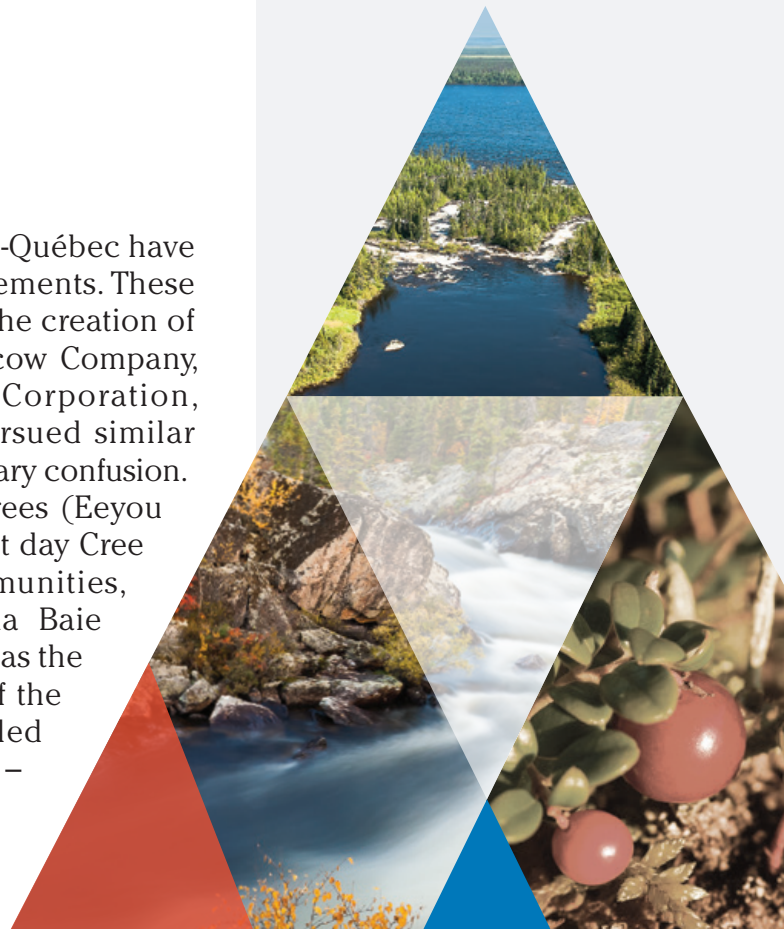
OUR BEGINNINGS

Over the years, the James Bay Cree and Hydro-Québec have developed and implemented multiple agreements. These Cree/Hydro-Québec Agreements resulted in the creation of numerous corporations such as the Opimiscow Company, Eeyou Namess Corporation, Apatisiwin Corporation, and Nadoshtin Company. These entities pursued similar mandates, resulting in a great deal of unnecessary confusion. In August 2004, the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), the Cree Regional Authority (present day Cree Nation Government), the nine Cree communities, Hydro-Québec and Société d'énergie de la Baie James (SEBJ) executed an agreement known as the Agreement Concerning the Administration of the Cree-Hydro-Québec Agreements, which called for the creation of a not-for-profit corporation – Niskamoon Corporation.



OUR LOGO

Our feathered pen represents the signing of the agreements. The blue medallion signifies the amulet that was traditionally placed on babies to protect them, symbolizing how Niskamoon protects the agreements signed with Hydro-Québec.



OUR MANDATE

Niskamoon Corporation provides a framework for cooperation between the Cree people and Hydro-Québec, enabling the implementation of the Cree/Hydro-Québec Agreements. The Corporation continuously facilitates and simplifies access to funds and programs for Cree people, communities, and entities. Niskamoon strives to develop projects in close collaboration with Cree land users and other beneficiaries to alleviate the impacts of hydroelectric development in Eeyou Istchee.

OUR WORK

Remedial Works

We are responsible for developing, approving, managing, and implementing remedial works projects in close collaboration with Cree land users.

"You have to readapt to the land. Niskamoon is there to make it easier for us to adapt, and that has been the case for me. It has helped me a lot." Mistissini Tallyman

Cultural Activities & Traditional Fisheries

We foster cultural projects and activities that promote Cree culture and the teaching of traditional customs. We are currently promoting our new cultural fund, The Social Innovation Fund. We also encourage fishery projects with a strong commitment to the training of youths and passing on of traditional fishing knowledge.

Training & Employment

With various Cree entities and academic institutions, we are a partner in different training programs. We are currently working with Hydro-Québec on the integration of our TEHQ graduates into their workforce. We value our role in the professional and technical training of Crees.

OUR CORE VALUES

Our funding decisions are guided by these principles:

1. Ensure the autonomy and self-sufficiency of Cree land users over time.
2. Promote and enhance the passing of traditional Cree knowledge to future generations.
3. Enhance and promote the continued use of lands impacted by hydroelectric development.
4. Maximize the benefits for as many Crees as possible.



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To apply for our funds and programs, please contact us and we will be happy to guide you through the process.

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