



Cree Regional Enterprises Company Inc.

Bi-Annual Newsletter
Winter 2017



Rusty Cheezo
President

A word from the President

Wachiya/Kwey everyone,

Welcome to our winter issue. It is with great pleasure to share that this year Air Creebec celebrated 35 years in business and is considered a flagship of the CREECO companies. 2017 also marks CREECO's 35th anniversary. We have come a long way and it was with hard work, committed Board members & employees, and shareholders like you that made this possible. Together we are all a part of this success. At Creeco and for all our subsidiaries, we strive to be part of positive contributions to the Cree Nation, economically and beyond.

We have included a section from the Cree Collective Deductible Insurance Program with safety tips and prevention measures to help keep you, your family and your friends safe.

With the holidays fast approaching, on behalf of the Board of Directors, staff of the Board of Compensation and CREECO, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable winter season with your family and friends.

We wish you good health and all the best in the coming New Year!

Rusty Cheezo
President

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Our mission statement:

To be highly innovative in the delivery of excellent customer service and contribute to the development and self-sufficiency of the Cree Nation while maintaining long-term profitability.



The Holding Company for:



CRECO ACTIVITIES

CRECO Planning Sessions

CRECO and its subsidiaries meet annually to identify priorities, set goals and define objectives for each fiscal year. This year, one of our team building skills was to build a shelter for an egg with only a few items and to drop it from 10 feet high without cracking the egg. Photos from this activity are below.



Board of Compensation Annual Assembly

BOC held their 2nd Annual Assembly July 12th and 13th in Wemindji. All of the financials reports were presented along with activity reports from BOC, CRECO and all subsidiaries. On the first evening of the Assembly, we held a banquet to celebrate Air Creebec's 35th anniversary where all former Presidents of Air Creebec were recognized and presented with plaques. Their photos are included here. Thank you to the community of Wemindji for their warm hospitality. A special thank you goes to Mr. John Mark and his family for their usual kind assistance.

Air Creebec's President with Board of Directors, celebrating the 35th Anniversary



SUBSIDIARIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

QUALITY INN & Suites Val-d'Or Quality Inn & Suites wins another APEX award



Quality Inn & Suites Val-d'Or is the provincial winner of one of the prestigious Awards for Property Excellence (APEX) **for the fifth year in a row**. This award recognizes the quality of the establishment and the constancy of its customer service.

After their stay in one of the chain's hotels, guests receive a survey asking questions such as:

"How likely would you be to RECOMMEND this hotel to a friend or business associate?"

This year, the hotel in Quebec that got the most positive answers to this question is the Quality Inn & Suites Val-d'Or! Day in and day out, the hotel Staff makes a difference by providing superior service and maintains the high standards expected from their guests. Congratulations to the entire team!

For more information, please contact:



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M. Alexandre Audet, General Manager, receives the award from Mr. Brendan Gibney and Mr. Brian Leon, directors of Choice Hotels Canada.



CANDO's 24th Annual National Conference, Fredericton, NB, October 22-25, 2017

CRECO attended the Cando (Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers) conference and had a booth amongst other organizations from every region of Canada. We had the opportunity to meet and talk about CRECO and subsidiaries and held discussions on business opportunities.



Rachel Etapp
& Randy Bosum

Visit from the Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance

On September 19th, the orientation mission group organized by the Secretariat came to our office for a presentation about CRECO and its subsidiaries. It was an opportunity to expand our business network and discuss potential socio-economic relationships. Thank you to the Secretariat for including us as part of their orientation mission trip.

Group from Secretariat and Creeco staff



Cree Construction & Development Company

The major projects that are completed or near completion are:

- The construction of the Robin's Nest Women's Shelter in Waskaganish, near completion;
- The construction of the Cree Nation Government Office in Waskaganish, completed;
- The civil project on increase of fire protection (water reservoir) in Waskaganish, near completion;
- The civil project of residential infrastructures in Nemaska, near completion;
- The replacement of 21 culverts on Route de la Baie-James.

CCDC Ltd would like to highlight the 20 years of seniority of Mr. Jean-Claude Boudreault and Mr. Claude Pageau.



Women Shelter



Residential infrastructure, Nemaska

Cree Nation Government



Water reservoir for fire protection, Waskaganish

Air Creebec

Air Creebec wins Philanthropy Award

During the annual conference of the Air Transport Association of Canada (ATAC) held in Montreal on November 6-8, a special award presentation was done on behalf of Hope Air.

Hope Air is a unique national charity that provides free flights to people who cannot afford the cost of an airline ticket to get to vital medical care. Serving people from across Canada of every age with any illness since 1986, Hope Air has arranged over 120,000 flights.

Air Creebec is this year's recipient of Hope Air's outstanding philanthropy award. For several years, Air Creebec has generously supported the charitable mission by providing free flights to patients in Ontario and in Quebec and the award recognizes this significant contribution.

Air Creebec President Matthew Happyjack and Chief Operating Officer Tanya Pash were both in Vancouver to accept the award.

"Air Creebec is extremely proud of the Hope Air Award," said Mr. Happyjack. "We at Air Creebec care! Helping others in need is the greatest quality of a human being. Air Creebec will continue to be supportive in the years to come."



Matthew Happyjack & Tanya Pash

Gestion ADC



For over 5 years Gestion ADC (1996) Inc. has created partnerships between Sydney Swallow's family from Mistissini called Kiskinchiish Camp Services Joint Venture and with the community of Wemindji called Wolf Camp Services Joint Venture.

Gestion ADC (1996) Inc. is proud to provide daily catering and janitorial services to almost 400 people at the Renard Mine operated by Stornoway Diamond Canada, the first diamond mine in Quebec, and another 500 people at Goldcorp Inc's Eleonore mine. Our main goal on these projects is to promote workforce and on the job training to people from the Eeyou Istchee territory.

Since June 2017, another Joint-Venture has been created between Gestion ADC (1996) Inc. and the community of Waswanipi called MiyuuKaa and Gestion ADC Camp Services. This partnership was established to promote work and training for the Waswanipi community due to its proximity to the work site, although all communities are welcome

to join our workforce on this project. On the Windfall Lake project, MiyuuKaa and Gestion ADC Camp Services provides food service to an average of 225 people per day. The Windfall project is operated by Osisko Mining and is located south-east of Lebel-Sur-Quévillon.

Gestion ADC (1996) Inc. wishes a long and happy retirement to Mr. Jean Valiquette, to Mr. Sengxay Go and to Mr. Pierre Bernier. We appreciate your many years of service and thank you for your contribution.

Cree Construction and Development Company Ltd and Gestion ADC (1996) Inc. wish you all a happy holiday season.



Osisko-Windfall staff



Kiskinchiish Staff



Kiskinchiish Staff

Cree Collective Deductible Insurance Program

The Cree Collective Deductible Insurance Program (CCDIP) currently protects \$2.4 Billion in Cree assets. CCDIP provides insurance coverage for the Cree Nation mainly Automobile, Airports, Builders Risk, Commercial, Contractors, Crime, Cyber Risk, D & O, First Responders, Fire Accident, Marine, Tank Pollution and Property Insurance. Property Insurance is the largest policy.



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Claims Prevention:

At this time of the year when the temperature falls, we must all be diligent in preparing for winter.

- Ensure exterior water taps are closed for the winter and disconnect any hoses;
- Keep windows closed to make sure water pipes do not freeze;
- In the case of power failure, avoid using propane lanterns, heaters or cook tops in a closed house. Place a fire extinguisher close by when using alternative means of heat. Generators should be placed far enough from the home to avoid fumes from entering the house;
- Maintain fireplaces and wood stoves. Chimneys should be cleaned annually since a chimney with creosote build-up can lead to an unwanted fire. Small animals can also block chimneys with leaves and/or grass which can cause a fire hazard;
- Winter tires are mandatory in Quebec from December 15th to March 15th. Snow and slippery conditions arrive earlier in the north so plan to change your tires earlier according to expected weather. Even winter tires cannot prevent all accidents. Make sure to give yourself plenty of extra time to get to your destination when traveling by road. Slow down. Keep emergency equipment in your vehicle in case you become immobilized. Be prepared and drive safe.

“Ensuring adequate insurance coverage for the Cree Nation.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Albert Rondeau, Chief Accountant since 2007, has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer of BOC and CREECO and is also the Treasurer for all the subsidiaries. Congratulations Albert!

Ms. Francis Shecapio, Receptionist/Office Agent since 2002, has resigned to support her daughter in her elite hockey pursuits and education outside Eeyou Istchee. We wish Francis and her family all the best and thank her for her contribution.

The monthly Facebook contest will resume, so check out our page for details.

OUR TEAM:

Rusty Cheezo, President

Albert Rondeau, Chief Operating Officer

Effie Mark, Office Manager

Rachel Etapp, Business Development Liaison

Jonathan Bechard, IT/Network Administrator

Lorraine Poucachiche, Senior Accounting Clerk

Mary Loon, Accounting Clerk

Blanche Awashish, Administrative Agent

Abel Rabbitskin, Insurance Liaison Officer

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