



**SEPTEMBER 2013**  
**COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Highlights of the Meeting**

- Doctors Alex and Lindsay Thorton presentation provided a proposal on *Neural Underpinnings of a Fit Brain*
- Presentation showed connection between cardio vascular fitness and learning
- The goal of this session was to provide a scientific explanation for the important role of physical activity in today's school, not only for the physical health of students but also for their thinking skills and emotional well-being
- Report on Elections of the newly elected School Commissioner, Daisy Shecapio from Ouje Bougoumou, the elections of School Commissioners, Teddy Wapachee for Nemaska and Mabel Bearskin for Chisasibi
- Council held elections of Vice chairman, Daniel Mark Stewart and Third Executive member, Mabel Bearskin, Audit Committee members, Emily G. Mianscum, Samson Wischee, and Teddy Wapachee; as well as the members for the Governance Development Committee, Roger Sandy, Daisy Shecapio, Samson Wischee and Annie Mapachee
- Met with Chisasibi Cree Nation as part of the Ownership Linkage process
- Council revised its Agenda Planning Cycle to include its training plan for Commissioners
- Presentation by Deputy Director General, Joe MacNeil on Student Success rate and Student Drop-Out rate and Retention Rate including Absenteeism rates
- Review of the Ownership Linkage insights for the following Cree entities: COTA, Cree Nation of Waskaganish, Department of Justice and Correctional Services (CRA); and they met with the Cree Health Board
- Required approvals;
  - ◆ Service Agreement with McREL
  - ◆ Revised Budget for Adult Education Services
  - ◆ Service Agreement with Commission Scolaire de la Baie-James – Northern Heavy Equipment Operations
  - ◆ Amendment to Personnel Plan
  - ◆ Retention Premium for Managers Supervising Professionals
  - ◆ Awarding of Contract for the Site Development Works for Annie Whiskeychan School Building Extension in Waskaganish
  - ◆ Awarding of Contract for New Housing Units in Mistissini
  - ◆ Awarding of Contract for New Housing Units in Nemaska

- ◆ Registration Act to Separate Elementary & Secondary Voyageur Memor School
- ◆ Purchase of Heating Fuel – Whapmagoostui
- ◆ School Committee Elections – Ouje-Bougoumou
- ◆ Proposal from AYAYA for Purchase and Printing of Robert Munsch Books
- ◆ Revised Budget for New Paths for Education for 2013-2014
- Child and Family Services of CRA is organizing a training for Cree representatives from the Cree Nation to learn about the Harlem Children’s Zone participating as Cree School Board representatives (Kathleen Wootton and Karen Gilpin)
- Adoption of the By-Law on the Code of Ethics for Elected members
- Reviewed two of the Director General’s monitoring reports
- Members who were present:
  - Chairperson, Kathleen Wootton
  - Vice Chairman, Daniel Mark Stewart
  - Commissioner Teddy Wapachee
  - Commissioner Daisy Shecapio
  - Commissioner Emily G. Mianscum
  - Commissioner Roger Sandy
  - Commissioner Erica Linklater
  - Commissioner Mabel Bearskin
  - Commissioner Samson Wischee
  - Annie Mapachee, Observer Status
- A big thank you to the School Commissioner from Waskaganish for the smoked fish all the way from Smokey Hill, Waskaganish, Quebec