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List of Acronyms

CIRNAC	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada	JBNQA	James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement
CNG	Cree Nation Government	MELCCFP	
COMEV	Review Committee		la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada		Parcs
EA	Environmental assessment	MRNF	Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada	NRCan	Natural Resources Canada
HFTCC	Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee	PAFIT	Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Development ("Plan d'aménagement forestier intégré
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of	,	tactique" in French)
	Canada	SIFÉE	Secrétariat international francophone pour l'évaluation
ΙΑΙΑ	International Association for Impact Assessment		environnementale
JBACE	James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment		





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March 31, 2023

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault Minister Environment and Climate Change Canada

Mister Benoit Charette Minister Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs

Madam Mandy Gull-Masty Grand Chief Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) / Cree Nation Government

Ministers Guilbeault and Charette, Grand Chief Gull-Masty,

I am pleased to send you the report of the activities of the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment for the year ended March 31, 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Allennin by

Alexandre-Guy Côté Chair



CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

On behalf of all the members of the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment (JBACE), it is my privilege to present to you the Committee's Annual Report for the year 2022-2023.

Once again, this year, the JBACE continued its long-term work on issues that are fundamental to the implementation of the environmental and social protection regime established by Section 22 of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement (JBNQA), notably the impacts of development projects, mining activities, forestry, woodland caribou conservation, climate change and cumulative effects.

In order to improve the effectiveness of its decision-making and strategic planning processes, the JBACE has also launched two major projects aimed at consolidating the committee's ability to fulfil its mandate in the future. To this end, a complete portrait of the legislative and regulatory regime applicable to the environment in the territory covered by Section 22 of the JBNQA, a project carried out in collaboration with the Université de Sherbrooke, and the development of the 2023-2028 five-year Strategic Plan should bear fruit in the foreseeable future.

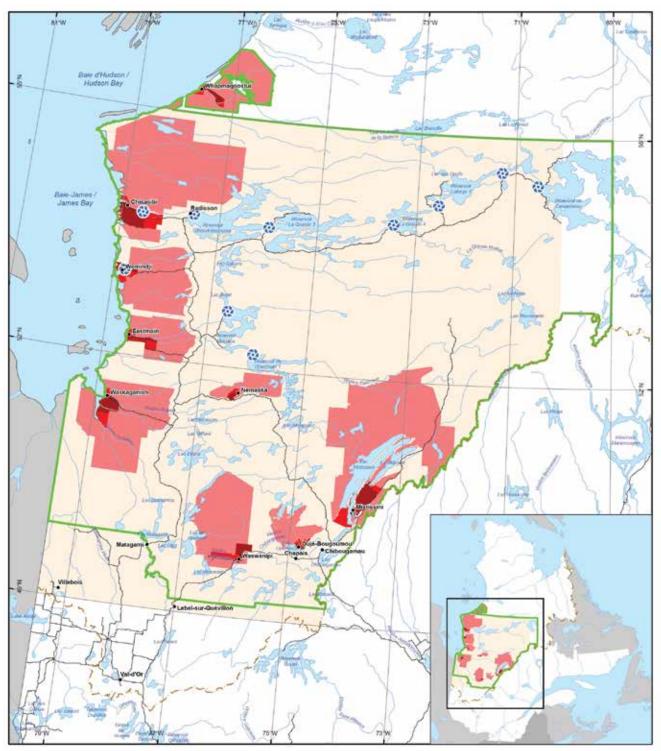
In addition, after a pandemic hiatus of nearly three years, the JBACE went back to the Territory by holding its September 2022 quarterly meeting in the Cree community of Waskaganish. This was a great opportunity for the committee to reconnect with the concrete environmental issues that are at the heart of its work. The visit to the Smokey Hill site was particularly significant from this point of view. In addition to obtaining first-hand information on the mitigation measures implemented as part of the Eastmain-1-A/Sarcelle/Rupert hydroelectric project, the members even had a chance to observe traditional cisco fishing in the Rupert River and the preparation of the fish harvested by the Crees.

The JBACE would like to thank Chief Clarke Shecapio and Vice-Chief Samson Wischee for taking the time to meet with the committee while in Waskaganish. It also wishes to thank all the members of the community for their hospitality, warm welcome, succulent geese and unforgettable fresh cisco.

Finally, the year that is ending will have seen several experienced collaborators leave the JBACE. In this regard, the contribution of Ms. Suzie Boudreau, who was part of the federal delegation from December 2019 to September 2022, is noteworthy. Ms. Kelly Leblanc, a long-time member of the Cree side, also stepped down in October 2022, marking the end of an exemplary commitment to the committee. Finally, Mr. Graeme Morin, an Analyst with the JBACE Secretariat for over 13 years, announced his departure in March 2023. In retrospect, his erudition, efficiency and professionalism over the years have been matched only by his unwavering courtesy. On behalf of all the members of the JBACE, I would like to thank Mr. Morin as well as his two colleagues in the committee's secretariat, Ms. Michèle Leduc-Lapierre, Executive Director, and Ms. Eva Wolf, Secretariat Officer, for their excellent work, their great patience and their unwavering dedication to the unique mission of the JBACE.

Alexandre-Guy Côté Chairperson

Map of the Territory Covered by the Environmental and Social Protection Regime (Section 22)



- Centrale hydroélectrique / Hydroelectric power station
- Convention de la Baie James et du Nord québécois / James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement and Northeastern Quebec Agreement
- Territoire d'application du régime de protection de Territory covered by the environmental and social protection regime ¹

Gouvernement régional d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James / Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government #

Terres de categorie / Categories of lands



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BACKGROUND



Section 22 of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement (JBNQA) establishes an environmental and social protection regime to minimize the negative impacts of development in the territory covered by Section 22 (hereafter "the Territory") on the environment, wildlife resources and Cree rights. The processes established under Section 22 are intended, among other things, to protect the rights and guarantees under the hunting, fishing and trapping regime of Section 24 of the JBNQA. Thus, the environmental and social laws and regulations and the environmental and social impact assessment and review process must allow for development that is consistent and compatible with these objectives.

The official and privileged forum established by Section 22 of the JBNQA, the James Bay Environmental Advisory Committee (JBACE), composed of members appointed by the Cree, federal and provincial parties, studies and oversees the implementation of the environmental and social protection regime in the James Bay Territory (<u>see map p. iv</u>). The |BACE analyzes issues that may affect the environment or communities in the Territory, advises governments on the development of policies, laws and regulations, and facilitates dialogue between stakeholders. This ensures the protection of the rights of the Crees and the environment on which they depend, in accordance with the guiding principles of Section 22 of the JBNQA.

The JBACE's activities, recommendations, and advice are guided by the guiding principles of Section 22 of the JBNQA and are developed based on the expected outcomes for each of the four focus areas from the 2018-2023 strategic plan:

- 1. Modernization and optimization of the Section 22 environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure;
- 2. Reinforce the JBACE's strategic partnerships in the region;
- 3. Increase awareness and dissemination of environmental and social issues linked to the Territory; and
- 4. Ensure coherence between land use planning and management initiatives and the Section 22 regime.

The 2018-2023 Strategic Plan is available on the JBACE website at <u>https://ccebj-jbace.ca/</u> <u>images/documents/about/JBACE-Strategic-</u> <u>Plan-2018-2023-FINAL.pdf</u>



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Provincial initiatives

Review of the Tactical Plans for Integrated Forest Development

The JBACE can study and comment on the Tactical Plans for Integrated Forest Development ('PAFITs') developed by the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) that cover the Territory prior to their ministerial approval. This recurring file is specific to the committee's mandate. The review covers several important topics for the Territory (e.g., wildlife resources, access to the Territory) in order to promote the improvement of forest planning and management processes. In preparation for the review of the 2023-2028 PAFITs, the JBACE held a workshop in April 2022 attended by its members and representatives of external organisations to discuss the parameters of the previous review and assess the need to modify them for the next exercise. The workshop also provided an opportunity to discuss the role of the JBACE with respect to the PAFITs.

Following the workshop, the review parameters were modified slightly then formally adopted in August 2022. In the fall of 2022, the JBACE commissioned an external firm to review the plans, which were finally received from the MRNF on November 15, 2022. On February 21, 2023, before the end of the 90-day comment period granted by the MRNF, the JBACE sent its final report containing five recommendations and six opportunities for improvement to the MRNF.

Discussions at the April workshop also raised questions about the role of the JBACE with respect to the PAFITs. Discussions continued during the review and members will be looking at this issue in the coming months.

Mining Act – authorizations for exploration activities

The IBACE was contacted in the context of the development of regulations for the implementation of new authorizations for mineral exploration following the adoption of Bill 102 - An Act mainly to reinforce the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation, to ensure the responsible management of pesticides and to implement certain measures of the 2030 Plan for a Green Economy concerning zero emission vehicles. Members held discussions with departmental officials on multiple occasions to obtain more information and clarification on these new authorisations, including thresholds, activities requiring authorizations and camps. Following these exchanges, the JBACE submitted preliminary comments welcoming the introduction of the new authorizations and to support the Department's drafting of the regulatory amendment. These comments covered: the need to promote dialogue between the parties; consistency with the environmental and social impact assessment and review process set out in Section 22 of the JBNQA; the identification and imposition of conditions regarding impact mitigation; the exploration activities that would require the new authorizations; and exploration camps and the use of heavy machinery. In March 2023, members were informed that the MRNF would be holding a series of consultations on the harmonious development of mining activity, which is expected to include discussions on the new authorizations. The JBACE will participate in these activities during the spring of 2023.



Woodland caribou

In March 2022, the Commission indépendante sur les caribous forestiers et montagnards was established to meet with, among others, Indigenous communities and relevant stakeholders to present and hear their views on two theorical adapted management scenarios for caribou habitat. The JBACE was invited to submit comments as part of the Commission's work. In May 2022, the committee sent a letter outlining a number of important considerations that it felt the Commission should take into account: respect for the special status of the Crees under the JBNQA; easy access to relevant information for the assessment and review committees; the linkages to be considered between development planning and caribou recovery planning; and the need for a coordinated regional assessment or approach. The committee added that the Québec government should ultimately prioritize the implementation of recovery measures developed in conjunction with local stakeholders, adapted to the regional reality and that will respect the provisions of the JBNQA. Furthermore, according to the committee, a regional assessment of the woodland caribou's habitat should also

be undertaken in order to provide informed perspectives on the cumulative effects and impacts of climate change that currently affect the species and are expected to continue affecting it in the future.

Draft omnibus regulations

In the winter of 2023, the JBACE was invited to participate in the pre-consultation and consultation on the MELCCFP's draft omnibus regulations aimed at making adjustments following the legislative amendments introduced by Chapter 8 of the Statutes of 2022, as well as amending several regulations made primarily under the Environment Quality Act. In its letter of March 31, 2023 to the MELCCFP, the JBACE noted the quality of the documentation provided to stakeholders but indicated that it would not comment on the draft omnibus regulations. Since the proposed amendments were technical in nature, they represented clarifications and corrections ensuring concordance between laws and regulations or concerning regulations that were not intended to apply in the James Bay Territory or that did not fall within the mandate of the JBACE.





Federal initiatives

Fisheries Act

The IBACE has been engaged in discussions regarding the review and implementation of the Fisheries Act for many years. During 2022-2023, the JBACE participated in the second wave of engagement lead by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). As a first step, in July 2022, the JBACE provided comments on the draft position statements The Management of Death of Fish (other than fishing), under the Fisheries Act and the Species at Risk Act and The Management of Existing Facilities and Structures, under the Fisheries Act and the Species at Risk Act. In its letter, the IBACE recommended that DFO include additional information on the "triggers" for consultation under federal legislation affecting the territories under the IBNQA, the role of DFO and the consultation procedures. The Committee also recalled that it had previously produced a guidance document for self-assessment of projects on lands subject to Section 22 of the JBNQA under the Fisheries Act and a guide on public participation.

In December 2022, the JBACE also commented on Fisheries and Oceans Canada's draft Position Statement on the Consideration of Cumulative Effects on Fish and Fish Habitat in Support of Decision-Making under the Fisheries Act. Two recommendations were then made to DFO: to revise the statement by providing a brief explanation of what constitutes "consideration of cumulative effects" and how this responsibility will relate to the Minister's obligation to ensure that proposed projects do not result in the undue mortality of fish or the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat; and to include a brief explanatory paragraph in the statement to clarify its use in the context of the Authorizations Concerning Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Regulations. In addition, the IBACE shared some suggestions regarding information that should be specified in the position statement.

Finally, in February 2023, the IBACE commented on the draft National Framework for Identifying, Establishing, and Managing Ecologically Significant Areas. First, the JBACE reiterated the importance



of the framework taking into account the environmental and social protection regime set out in Section 22 of the JBNQA, the hunting, fishing and trapping regime set out in Section 24 of the JBNQA, and Cree rights with respect to wildlife harvesting and continued access to resources. Secondly, the JBACE insisted that it was essential to ensure that the consultation and participation of regional and local stakeholders be central to the process envisaged in the national framework. In conclusion, the IBACE raised with DFO the fact that the current framework does not specify how it intends to work with other jurisdictions to implement the ecologically significant areas regime; the JBACE encouraged the department to clarify its intentions directly in the framework, in the spirit of collaboration.

Woodland caribou

At the June 2022 JBACE meeting, a representative from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) briefed members on the department's responsibilities under the Species at Risk Act to protect woodland caribou and their habitat. Shortly after this meeting, the JBACE received a request from ECCC regarding legislative measures for the Territory of application of Section 22 of the IBNQA that could contribute to the protection of boreal caribou and/or their critical habitat. In its response, the Committee first recalled that the IBNQA was concluded in a spirit of cooperation between the federal, provincial and Cree parties, and that the latter must respect the provisions and mechanisms provided for therein. The JBACE also emphasized that any action to protect the habitat of a species with a significant potential impact on the Territory, particularly on access and uses, must be developed and implemented in compliance with the mechanisms put in place by the JBNQA, its complementary agreements, other agreements concluded between the parties applicable to the Territory, and existing committees, organizations and decisionmaking structures. Finally, a list of the interventions of the JBACE and the expert reports produced over the years about woodland caribou was also sent to the ECCC. It should be noted that, throughout the year, the JBACE also participated in certain activities organized by the ECCC on the caribou file, notably by attending the ECCC-First Nations roundtable meetings on boreal caribou.

Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy

On August 29, 2022, the JBACE provided comments to Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) as part of the development of the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy. These comments were the result of the JBACE's reflection on the discussion paper and specific questions submitted to the public by NRCan's Centre of Excellence for Critical Minerals. In particular, these comments focused on issues related to accelerating development and streamlining regulatory processes to facilitate the development, the use of existing infrastructure from a sustainable development perspective, and reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples. In sum, the JBACE stressed that the Strategy and any resulting streamlining of regulatory processes should be coordinated with provincial, regional and local initiatives already underway in the Territory. Any regulatory changes would also have to respect the applicable provisions of the JBNQA. In addition, the JBACE reiterated that it was essential that mineral resource development be environmentally sound and that such development not affect access to the Territory for the communities.

Other JBACE initiatives

Climate change

Following the publication of the Ouranos report titled State of Climate Change and Adaptation Knowledge for the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory commissioned by the JBACE and published in 2018, a first informational fact sheet on the highlights of the report was completed in December 2022. It presents information on the impacts of climate change in the Territory. It is available on the JBACE website.

In March 2023, the JBACE held a workshop on climate change in which representatives of the governments of Canada, Quebec and the Cree Nation participated. The main objective was to share information on the initiatives of each level of government in order to identify potential courses of action for the JBACE. The workshop also allowed the participants to exchange with each other and explore potential synergies and collaborations.

Woodland caribou

In addition to the actions described in the previous sections, the JBACE presented, in March 2023, a workshop on the conservation of woodland caribou in the territory covered by Section 22 of the JBNQA. Held in the presence of representatives of the governments of Canada and the Cree Nation involved in the file while representatives of the Government of Québec were unfortunately unable to attend, the purpose of this activity was to promote discussions on recent developments and future initiatives. The workshop allowed the JBACE to identify possible avenues of collaboration and to gather information that will allow it to prepare for the publication of the Québec strategy for the conservation of woodland caribou. The strategy is expected to be shared for comment in the summer of 2023.

Cumulative effects

For several years, the JBACE has been interested in the consideration of cumulative effects during the development of laws, regulations, policies and programs that affect the Territory. During 2022-2023, members identified four areas of potential action on this issue: data, regional planning, guidelines and regional policy, with the objective of making recommendations in each of the four areas. A strategy was developed and approved for the first action area, data, and preliminary discussions were also held in preparation for its implementation. The development of the strategy for regional planning started in the winter of 2023.

Development of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan

The development of the five-year strategic plan for 2023-2028 has been an important issue for the JBACE this year. Work began in the summer of 2022 with the development of a work schedule and then the evaluation of the results of the 2018-2023 plan. Following a preparatory meeting between the members in August 2022, a workshop was held on the sidelines of the September 2022 meeting in Waskaganish to begin developing the new strategic plan. On this occasion, the work schedule was validated and a subcommittee was set up to implement it. The members also discussed the vision, mission and values of the committee that should be reflected in the five-year strategic plan. They also formally adopt the vision and values statement of the JBACE. At the November 2022 meeting, the long version of the committee's mission statement was finally adopted in plenary, the short version having been adopted in 2021.

Armed with their new mandate, the members of the subcommittee met regularly during the fall of 2022 and the winter of 2023 to develop, as a first step, a summary table presenting the plan's areas of activity and objectives, including indicators and targets for each objective. They also developed a document containing the elements that will serve as an introduction to the plan. The subcommittee presented updates on the progress at the November 2022 and March 2023 meetings for comments from members. The new strategic plan 2023-2028 is expected to be formally adopted in spring 2023.

Legislative and regulatory portrait

In the fall of 2022, the JBACE mandated a researcher from the Université de Sherbrooke to prepare a legislative and regulatory portrait of the environmental and social protection regime of Section 22 of the JBNQA as created by federal, provincial and local laws and regulations. The main objective is to provide an overview of the current situation to the JBACE.



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The portrait will allow for a better understanding of the dynamics between the laws and regulations that apply in the Territory, thus helping the JBACE to better define issues when evaluating the relevance of a file. In cases where the committee is asked to comment or make recommendations, it will be easier to understand the potential interactions of its positions with legislation and regulations already in place. The legislative and regulatory portrait may also be useful to governments and project proponents.

The researcher and her student made a presentation on their preliminary findings at the November 2022 meeting. The report was submitted in February 2023. It will be reviewed by the Committee over the winter and the spring and will be published when adopted by the members. A dissemination strategy for the results is also being developed in order to communicate the report's information to key stakeholders.

External representation

In May 2022, the JBACE Analyst participated in the annual conference of the International

Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) for which the theme was "Confidence in Impact Assessment: Policies, partnerships and public involvement". This conference explored practices in various jurisdictions in the area of impact assessment, consideration of cumulative effects, public participation, and traditional knowledge.

The 225th meeting of the Committee was held in Waskaganish in September 2022. At this meeting, members had the opportunity to visit the Cree culturally significant Smokey Hill site and meet with people from the community. Afterwards, the members met with Chief Clarke Shecapio and Vice-Chief Samson Wischee. This was an opportunity to better promote the role of the JBACE and to listen to the Chief's and the community's concerns on a variety of issues, including the clean-up of contaminated sites, access to housing and environmental protection.

At the end of March 2023, the JBACE Executive Director participated in the Secrétariat international francophone pour l'évaluation environnementale (SIFÉE) conference. In addition to meeting for the first time several stakeholders in the



field of environmental assessment (EA), it was an opportunity for her to strengthen existing ties with representatives of various departments, including the MELCCFP, the IAAC and NRCan. At the event, the Director also gave a presentation on the environmental and social protection regime of Section 22 of the JBNQA and on the JBACE. The presentation generated a lot of interest as well as several conversations with the participants of the symposium. The JBACE would like to offer this type of presentation again in the future, as not all EA practitioners have a thorough knowledge of the procedure and protection regime established by the JBNQA.

Work of the Secretariat

In addition to the specific activities described in this report, the JBACE has continued to conduct ongoing monitoring to identify issues that may be of interest to the committee and its members. Based on

a daily review of the Gazette officielle du Québec, the Canada Gazette, newsletters, press releases, traditional media and social media, this exercise allows the JBACE secretariat to quickly assess the relevance of an issue and its links to the JBACE's mandate. During the year, an internal tool was also developed to facilitate decisionmaking on the JBACE'S involvement in government initiatives that are presented for consideration.



CONCLUSION



The past year has seen a gradual return to normalcy after two years of the pandemic. As face-to-face meetings and travel resumed, meetings - particularly those held in the Territory - became more dynamic and opportunities to maintain and expand the JBACE's network of contacts increased.

Important internal projects were undertaken during the year, including the completion of the legislative and regulatory portrait, which should be completed in 2023-2024, and the development of the next five-year strategic plan. In its relations with external stakeholders, the review of the PAFITs, the mobilization activities related to the *Fisheries Act* and the woodland caribou file received the attention of the members, in addition to the other government initiatives mentioned in this report.

The year 2023-2024 promises to be just as stimulating. It will allow the JBACE to continue implementing its mandate while remaining an essential reference for issues affecting the environmental and social protection regime in the Territory covered by Section 22 of the JBNQA during the development of laws, regulations and policies by the governments of Canada, Québec and the Cree Nation.



APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Actions by area of activities

Area of activity	Action
Modernization and optimization of the Section 22 environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.	 Mining Act – authorizations for exploration activities Draft regulatory omnibus - Government of Québec Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy Cumulative impacts
Reinforce the JBACE's strategic partnerships in the region.	 Participation in the IAIA conference Meeting with the Chief and community members from Waskaganish Participation in the SIFÉE conference
Increase awareness and dissemination of environmental and social issues linked to the Territory.	 Publication of the fact sheet on climate change Legislative and regulatory portrait Presentation of Section 22 of the JBNQA at the SIFÉE
Ensure coherence between land use planning and management initiatives and the Section 22 regime.	 Review of the PAFITs Woodland caribou Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy



Appendix 2: Presentations given to the JBACE

Presentation given by	Date	Торіс
Cédric Paître, ECCC	June 16, 2022	Information on ECCC's SARA responsibilities to protect the species and its habitat
Catherine Choquette, Université de Sherbrooke Charles Gauthier, Université de Sherbrooke	November 30, 2022	Preliminary report - Legislative and regulatory overview of the environmental and social protection regime of Section 22 of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA)
Edith Bourque, MELCCFP Nadine Roy, MELCCFP Michèle Tremblay, MELCCFP	November 30, 2022	Groundwater knowledge projects in Eeyou Istchee in Eastmain and Chisasibi
Marc Dunn, JBACE Tina Petawabano, CNG Alexandra Valentin, MPO	November 30, 2022	Lake Sturgeon management plan
Cédric Paître, ECCC	March 21, 2023	Progress in the recovery of boreal caribou in the James Bay region
Nadia Saganash, CNG	March 21, 2023	Boreal caribou in Eeyou Istchee
Yves Thériault, CIRNAC	March 21, 2023	Canada's climate action on climate change and CIRNAC's programs on climate change
Catherine Gauthier, MELCCFP Marie-Hélène Tremblay, MELCCFP	March 21, 2023	Presentation of the Direction des affaires autochthones of the MELCCFP
Julie Veillette, MELCCFP Matthew Wadham- Gagnon, MELCCFP	March 21, 2023	Update on the 2030 Plan for a Green Economy initiatives regarding the James Bay Territory
Pernilla Talec, CNG	March 21, 2023	Climate change initiatives of the CNG

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Appendix 3: Composition and meetings of the JBACE

Composition of the JBACE

Members appointed by the Cree Nation Government

Marc Dunn, Conseil SYM Consulting Inc.	Melissa Saganash, CNG
Kelly LeBlanc, CNG (until September 2022)	Flora Weistche, CNG (until August 2022)

Members appointed by the Gouvernement du Québec

Vanessa Chalifour, MELCCFP	Brigitte Goulet, MELCCFP
Manon Cyr, Ville de Chibougamau	Mélanie Savoie, MRNF, Vice-Chair

Members appointed by the Government of Canada

Suzie Boudreau, DFO (until September 2022)	Elisabeth Gill, IAAC
Alexandre-Guy Côté, ECCC, Chair	Madeleine Green, CIRNAC

Ex-Officio Member

Yves Raymond, HFTCC

Secretariat

Michèle Leduc-Lapierre, Executive Director Graeme Morin, Environmental Analyst (until March 2023) Eva Wolf, Secretariat Officer

Composition of the subcommittees

The list of the JBACE subcommittees and their composition is available at: www.ccebj-jbace.ca/en/about-us/composition

JBACE Meetings

The Committee held four meetings in 2022-2023:

224 th meeting	Hybrid (Québec City and videoconference), June 16, 2022
225 th meeting	Waskaganish, September 15, 2022
226 th meeting	Hybrid (Montréal and videoconference), November 30, 2022
227 th meeting	Hybrid (Québec City and videoconference), March 22, 2023

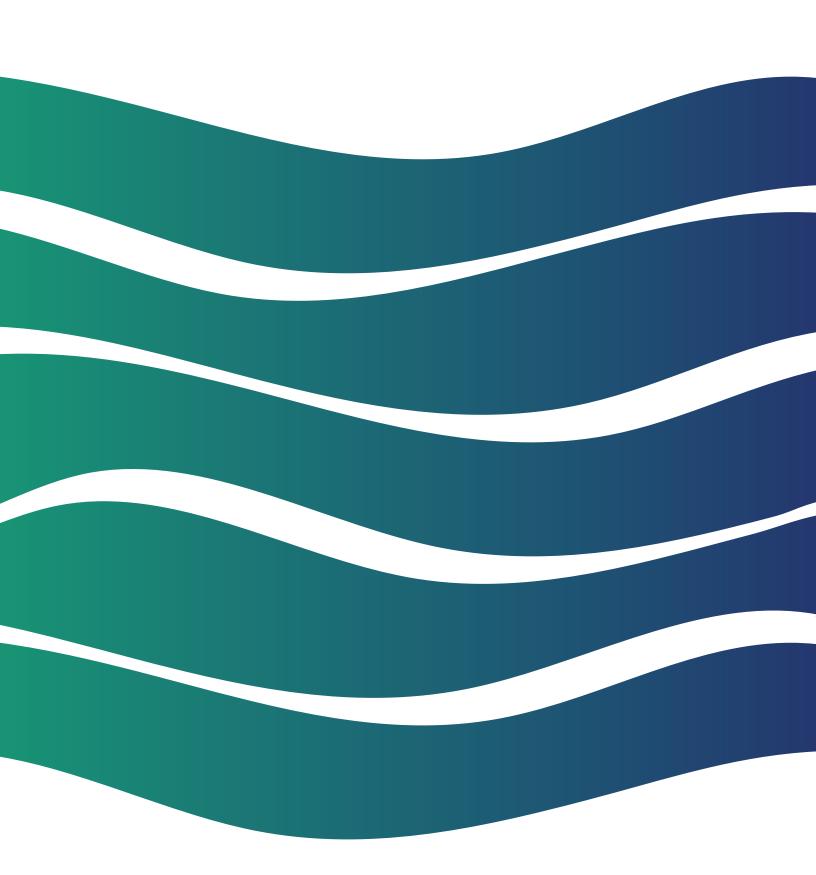
Appendix 4: Statement of financial activities for the Fiscal Year that Ended on March 31, 2023

(Unaudited – see notice to reader*)

INCOME

Subsidy from MELCC, CEAA and CNG JBACE secretariat	\$331,000
COMEV secretariat	\$30,000
Interest	\$3
Total income	\$361,003
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$249,476
Travel expenses	\$16,900
Insurance	\$570
Rent (office space)	\$30,637
Telecommunications	\$2,703
Dues, fees, memberships, conferences	\$1,093
Translation	\$3,800
Reprography	\$5,927
Messenger services, postage	\$125
Office supplies, furniture and computer equipment	\$10,959
Training	\$0
Website	\$444
Professional fees and legal costs	\$1,365
Consultation fees	\$20,512
Implementation of the Strategic Plan	\$6,523
Forest development plan exam	\$36,935
Interest and bank charges	\$401
Depreciation, amortization	\$833
Allocation – Forest development plan exam	(\$20,000)
Allocation – Special projects	(\$2,332)
Subtotal - JBACE	\$370,637
COMEV secretariat	\$30,000
Total operating expenditures	\$400,637

* The Financial Statements and Notice to Readers, prepared by RUEL GARNEAU INC., Chartered Professional Accountants, are available on request.



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