



NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

1. On June 29 2009, the Negotiator for the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), Roderick Pachano, the Negotiator for Canada, Guylaine Ross, and the Negotiator for Nunavut, William Mackay, initialled a proposed *Agreement between the Crees of Eeyou Istchee and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada concerning the Eeyou Marine Region* (the "Agreement").

2. Notice is hereby given that a vote by Referendum of the Crees on whether to approve the proposed Agreement will be held.

3. The Referendum Question will be the following:

Do you approve the proposed Agreement between the Crees of Eeyou Istchee and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada concerning the Eeyou Marine Region?

Yes/No.

4. Any person whose name appears on the Register of Cree beneficiaries maintained by the Province of Quebec pursuant to Sub-section 3.5 of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA)*, and who is at least eighteen (18) years of age on March 26, 2010, is an Eligible Voter in this Referendum. An Eligible Voters List has been drawn. Any person may contact Mr. Frederick Moar, Local Referendum Officer, at the address, telephone/fax numbers or e-mail address listed at Point 14 of this Notice, to find out if their name is on the Eligible Voters List.

5. If you believe you meet the criteria to be an Eligible Voter, but your name does not appear on the Eligible Voters List, it may be that your name is not on the Register of Cree beneficiaries maintained by the Province of Quebec. However, if you wish to vote in this Referendum, you must apply to the Quebec Registrar of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement Beneficiaries* to obtain your status as a Cree beneficiary under the *JBNQA*. Prompt attention in submitting such application is imperative. While the Referendum Committee is making representations to the Quebec Registrar to give due attention to the timely processing of such applications, the Referendum Committee does not control the process of inscription on the Quebec Register. Any application for inscription on the Quebec



Register that is approved prior to the first principal and roving poll day of March 15, 2010, will result in the addition of that person's name to the Eligible Voters List for this Referendum. Inquiries for inscription of a person's status as a Cree beneficiary on the Quebec Register may be directed as follows:

Referendum 2010 Office for Registration of Cree Beneficiaries of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement

81 Metcalfe Street, Suite 900, Ottawa Ontario, K1P 6K7

Toll-free telephone number: 1-888-761-1655

6. The Referendum Period will begin on January 18, 2010 and end on Sunday, March 28, 2010, unless extended by the Referendum Committee in accordance with the Referendum Rules due to unforeseeable circumstances.
7. English and French versions of the proposed Agreement, a summary of it, and other materials relevant to the Referendum may be viewed on the GCC(EI) website at <http://www.gcc.ca/> or printed copies obtained or information materials by contacting Mr. Frederick Moar, Local Referendum Officer, at the address, telephone/fax numbers or e-mail address listed at Point 14 of this Notice.
8. Between January 18 and March 14, 2010, information sessions will be held in each of the Cree communities, at the GCC(EI) offices in Montreal and Ottawa, and at such other locations as the Referendum Committee may determine. The Local Referendum Officer will post the date, time and location of the information session to be held in the community where the polling centre for which he/she is responsible is located. The dates and times of the sessions are subject to change. For a complete list of locations, dates, times and addresses of all information sessions, you may consult the GCC(EI) website or call the toll-free number listed at Point 14 of this Notice.
9. Eligible Voters may vote by Mail In Ballot **at any time during the Referendum Period, provided their ballot is returned by the close of polls on the last principal and roving poll date (Friday March 26, 2010)**. To obtain a Mail In Ballot Package, including instructions on how to exercise a Mail In Ballot, please contact Mr. Frederick Moar, Local Referendum Officer, at the address, telephone/fax numbers or e-mail address listed at Point 14 of this Notice.
10. Alternatively, Eligible Voters may vote at a polling centre on any of the ten (10) principal and roving poll days, from Monday, March 15 to Friday, March 26, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or such extended hours as may be ordered for any or all locations by the Referendum Committee in accordance with the Referendum Rules. Any poll held during this period may be rescheduled by the Referendum Committee for some or all locations due to unforeseeable circumstances as set out in the Referendum Rules. Polling centres will be established in each of the Cree communities, at the GCC(EI) offices in Montreal and Ottawa, and at such other locations as the Referendum Committee may determine. For a complete list of all locations where polling centres will be established on these dates, and the specific address of each, consult the GCC(EI) website or call the toll-free number listed at Point 14 of this Notice.
11. As a third voting alternative, Eligible Voters whose place of residence is in a Cree community may request the attendance of a roving poll team at their residence or at such other place that is reachable by road, between 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or such other time as may be ordered by the Referendum Committee in accordance with the Referendum Rules. Roving polls are available on the same days as the polling stations are open, that is from Monday, March 15 to Friday, March 26, 2010, inclusively. In

each locality where a roving poll will be available, the Local Referendum Officer for that locality will be posting notice of a local telephone number which may be called, on any of the principal and roving poll days, to request attendance of the principal and roving poll. These local numbers will also be posted on the website of the GCC(EI).

12. Following the announcement of the results of the Referendum, Eligible Voters will have five (5) calendar days to request a recount of the votes. Such application must be supported by the signatures of at least fifteen (15) Eligible Voters, and contain the grounds for requesting the recount and any other relevant information. It must be received by the Chief Referendum Officer at the address indicated at Point 13 of this Notice before the expiration of the said five day period. Similarly, Eligible Voters may request a review of the Referendum by the Referendum Committee by forwarding a written request signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) Eligible Voters to the Chief Referendum Officer at the address indicated at the end of this Notice within fifteen (15) calendar days after the public announcement of the Referendum results, accompanied by a declaration, containing the grounds for requesting the review and other relevant information.
13. Questions and any matter addressed to the Chief Referendum Officer, Mr. Lawrence Jimiken, may be directed to him at the following postal address or telephone/fax numbers: 1 Lakeshore Road, Nemaska, Quebec, JOY 3B0; telephone: (819) 673-2126; fax: (819) 673-2542; e-mail: lawrjimi@hotmail.com.
14. Requests for mail in ballot packages, additional information, or copies of the Agreement may be directed to Mr. Frederick Moar, Local Referendum Officer, 81 Metcalfe Street, Suite 900, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6K7; toll-free telephone number: 1-888-761-1655; fax: 1-613-761-1388; or e-mail: fred@chrd.ca.

Lawrence Jimiken
Chief Electoral Officer
December 18, 2009