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WHEREAS the Cree Nation Youth Council was established and functioned successfully for many years as an informal institution without legally personality providing an important opportunity for Cree youth to influence the destiny of the Cree Nation through its self-governing institutions;

WHEREAS the Cree Nation Youth Council wishes to take steps to clarify its relationship and opportunities for collaboration with the Cree Nation Government;

THEREFORE the present By-law is intended to establish the principles for the establishment and functioning of the Cree Nation Youth Council as an integral part of Governance of Eeyou Istchee within the Cree Nation Government.

1. DEFINITIONS

Cree Nation Youth A beneficiary of the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement as described in Section 3, thereof between the ages of thirteen (13) and thirty-five (35) inclusively. Eeyou Istchee Territory described under Section 4 of the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement.

2. CREE NATION YOUTH COUNCIL

The Cree Nation Youth Council shall be a forum to:

a) facilitate the development, capacity, leadership, and a joy of life of the Youth, in order to have a better future for the People and the Cree Nation;

b) maintain a strong connection to the Cree Nation Government which recognizes that accountability is a part of maturing, as it participates in the wider task of nation-building Improve program development, delivery and assessment;

c) facilitates the collaboration and integration of youth programs and activities with other entities;

d) promotes strong connection to communities and greater responsiveness to community needs through the focus on program delivery that addresses strategic priorities; and

e) facilitate the accessing of youth program funding from a wider number of sources.

3. COMPOSITION

The Cree Nation Youth Council shall be composed of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the, the Chairpersons of the Local Youth Councils and the Local Youth Coordinators of the communities of Eeyou Istchee.

4. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Cree Nation Youth Council

4.1 The Chairperson shall be the Chairperson of all meetings of the Cree Nation Youth Council including any General Assemblies organized by the Cree Nation Youth Council.

4.2 The Chairperson of the Cree Nation Youth Council must be

a) A Members of the Cree Nation Youth as defined in Section 1 above the age of 18;

b) Resident of Eeyou Istchee;

c) Not have been convicted of a criminal offence; failure to meet any of these qualifications results in immediate vacation of office due to disqualification at which time the procedures referred to in sub-section 4.3 would be initiated.

4.3 The election procedures for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be those that apply to the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief of the Cree Nation Government mutatis mutandis subject to the following exceptions: • Only members of the Cree Nation Youth as defined Section 1 shall eligible to vote shall; • The term of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is four (4) years.

4.4 The remuneration and working conditions of the Chairperson shall subject to the applicable salary scale and working conditions of the Cree Nation Government.

5. Function

Procedures

5.1 The Cree Nation Youth Council shall be responsible for determining its own rules of procedures, including the procedures to be applied at General Assemblies.

5.2 Voting Questions arising at any meeting of the Cree Nation Youth Council shall be decided by a majority of the votes of those present. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.

5.3 Methods Meeting by telephone conference may be held at any time at the discretion of the members and such meeting shall be deemed to take place in the Cree community in which one or all of the participants are located.

Authority

5.4 The Cree Nation Youth Council shall have the authority to disburse funds as allocated under the applicable budget of the Cree Nation Government, any authority delegated to the Council by the Board/Council of the Cree Nation Government or granted under any Financial, Program or Administrative Agreement of the Cree Nation Government or other Government Authority.

Administrative Support

5.5 The Department of Social and Cultural Development shall maintain 2 contractual positions for the purpose of assisting the Cree Nation Youth Council and the Chairperson in the pursuit of their objectives. The contracts shall be for a maximum duration from one (1) year starting after the election of a Chairperson and four (4) years thereafter (being the duration of term of office of the Chairperson) to ensure that there is at least one (1) year overlap between the contracts and the terms of the Chairperson of the Cree Nation Youth Council. The Chairperson of the Cree Nation Youth Council shall participate with the Department of Human Resources of the Cree Nation Government in the recruitment for the positions related to CNYC Operations and Special Projects. The job description for the position addressing CNYC Operations shall be developed with the Human Resources Department. The job description for position addressing CNYC Special Projects shall be developed with the Human Resources Department

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THIS BY-LAW

Aside from the normal procedure for amending a By-Law, namely the adoption of a Resolution by Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government and a Ratification at a General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government any Amendment to the By-Law must be initiated or accompanied by a Resolution of the Cree Nation Youth Council.

7. DECLARATION

The preceding is the complete text of the By-Law Concerning the Cree Nation Youth Council duly adopted by the Council.

Adopted: July 26, 2016

Paul John Murdoch, Corporate Secretary