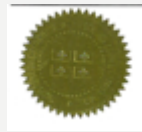


WIINIPAAKW TOURS SOLIDARITY CO-OP



PROJECT SUPPORTED BY:



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Gouvernement de la Nation Crie



STATUTS DE CONSTITUTION D'UNE COOPÉRATIVE

1. Nom

WIINIPAAKW TOURS, COOP DE SOLIDARITÉ

2. Objet

Développer, exploiter et diriger une entreprise selon les valeurs et les principes coopératifs dans le domaine du tourisme maritime sur le territoire de Eeyou Istchee;
Fournir du travail à ses membres travailleurs;
Offrir des biens et des services d'utilité professionnelle à ses membres utilisateurs selon leurs besoins;
Regrouper toutes personnes et des sociétés qui ont un intérêt économique, social ou culturel dans l'atteinte du présent objet.

3. Indiquer, le cas échéant, si la coopérative choisit d'être régie par le chapitre I du titre II de la loi

Sans objet

4. Autres dispositions

La coopérative n'attribuera aucune ristourne et ne versera aucun intérêt sur les parts privilégiées émises aux membres.

RÉSERVÉ AU MINISTÈRE

Constitution

COOPÉRATIVE
CONSTITUÉE

Le 26 avril 2018
(date)


François Maxime Langlois, directeur
Direction de la coordination, de l'évaluation
et de la planification

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CO-OP MEMBERS APRIL 2018

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ANNEXE A _____

5.1 Personnes physiques Nom Jamies Moses Domicile 324 Shibist box 91 Eastmain Qc J0M 1W0 Signature <i>Jamies Moses</i>
5.1 Personnes physiques Nom Charlene Wawatie Domicile 4 checker Wemindji Qc J0M 1C0 PO 351 Signature <i>Charlene Wawatie</i>
5.1 Personnes physiques Nom Willis Weistchw Dumont Domicile 414 PO Waskaganish Qc J0M 1R0 Signature <i>Willis Weistchw Dumont</i>
5.1 Personnes physiques Nom Stanley Saashaweskum Domicile 38 spring road PO BOX 158 Wemindji Qc J0M 1L0 Signature <i>Stanley Saashaweskum</i>
5.1 Personnes physiques Nom Ernie Hughboy Domicile 4 Goose rd POBOX 83 Wemindji Qc J0M 1L0 Signature <i>Ernie Hughboy</i>
5.1 Personnes physiques Nom Anderson Jolly Domicile 15 Harricanan St, PO BOX 298 Washaganish Qc J0M 1R0 Signature <i>Anderson Jolly</i>
5.1 Personnes physiques Nom James E Georekich Domicile 5 Hilltop dr Wemindji Qc J0M 1L0 Signature <i>James E Georekich</i>

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5.1 Personnes physiques Nom Brenda Weistche Domicile PO BOX 489, Waskaganish Qc J0M 1R0 Signature <i>Brenda Weistche</i>
5.1 Personnes physiques Nom Henry Stewart Domicile PO BOX 183, Wemindji, Qc J0M 1L0 Signature <i>Henry Stewart</i>
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NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN JUNE

- TAWICH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Danny Tomatuk
- CREE OUTFITTING AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION – COTA, Robin McGinley
- EEYOU ISTCHEE TOURISM – EIT, Robin McGinley
- VOYAGES EEYOU ISTCHEE BAIE-JAMES TRAVEL, Roch Ancil

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MARINE TOURISM PRE-COMMERCIALISATION PROJECT

- Initiated by the Cree Outfitting and Tourism Association
- In partnership with the communities of Waskaganish, Eastmain and Wemindji
- Funding from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and Cree Nation Government
- Project : to create a new business, *Wiinipaakw Tours Solidarity CO-OP*, and to realize its business plan



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WHAT IS A CO-OP ?

- “A cooperative (CO-OP) is a legal person in which persons or partners having economic, social and cultural needs in common unite for the creation of an enterprise according to the rules of cooperative action to meet those needs.”
- It is constituted under a specific law, the Québec Cooperative Act.
- The power is exercised democratically by the members: one member = one vote.
- The cooperative is a **legal person** distinct from its members and the responsibility of each is limited to the value of the shares subscribed.

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MISSION :

“To develop sustainable coastal tourism in Eeyou Istchee, respecting authentic Cree culture and values, in harmony with nature.”

HISTORY :

- Two meetings were held in February and March 2018 in order to set up the CO-OP business
- The formal registration or *Statutes* with the Québec *Ministère de l'Économie, de la Science et de l'Innovation*, was confirmed on April 26, 2018
- Meeting in Waskaganish June 27-28 to plan and prepare summer activities

NEXT STEPS :

- Field work with Arctic Kingdom in July & August
- First general assembly to be held in August 2018.

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CO-OP MEMBERS :

- Jamie Moses, USER member and Interim President
- Willis Weistche, WORKER member and Interim Vice-President
- Charlene Wawatie, WORKER member and Interim Secretary
- James Georgekish, Ernie Hughboy, Anderson Jolly, WORKER members
- Peter Esau, Starr Hester, Stanley Shashaweshkum, Henry Stewart, USER members
- Danny Tomatuk, Tawich Corporation, SUPPORT member
- Robin McGinley, COTA / EIT, SUPPORT member
- Roch Anctil, Voyages Eeyou Istchee Baie-James Travel, SUPPORT member

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INTERIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Jamie Moses, President
- Willis Weistche, Vice-President
- Charlene Wawatie, Secretary

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CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS of the CO-OP

- **User member** = a person or a company that uses the services offered by the CO-OP or who can provide services to the co-op and its members. It can also be called **Producer member**.
 - Ex.: private business (captain, hotel, carrier, adventure or cultural tourism business or guide, Eeyou Istchee Baie-James Travel, etc.), association (COTA), etc
- **Worker member** = a person who can perform different types of work for the CO-OP
- **Supporting member** = any other person or partner who **does not** provide services to the co-op and its members. A supporting member has an economic, social or cultural interest in the pursuit of the mission of the CO-OP and is able to provide expertise, financing, policy.
 - Ex.: communities, development corporations, CTA, EMR, etc.

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CRITERIA TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CO-OP

- **User (or producer) members :**
 - The captains must be certified
 - Must agree with the mission of the co-op
 - Must be from a Cree community
- **Worker members :**
 - The captains must be certified
 - Must agree with the mission of the co-op
- **Supporting members :**
 - Must agree with the mission of the co-op
 - Open to Eastmain, Waskaganish, Wemindji Cree Nations and other Cree Communities if interested; open to regional organizations

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CRITERIA TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CO-OP

- Contribute to shares for a minimum of 10 \$
- Note that the rates will be determined in the co-op governance rules, recommended by the board of directors, and adopted by the assembly of all members to be held in August 2018

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NEXT STEPS

- **Field work** being done summer 2018 : boat business plan and full operations plan (expenses included in the Marine Tourism Pre-commercialisation Project funding);
 - By the coordinator of the project, Jamie Moses
 - With the captains who are members of the Co-op
 - With support from of COTA (Robin McGinley & Louise Seguin)
 - With field specialists *Arctic Kingdom* (Marie-Claire Van Wagner)
- **First general assembly** of the Wiinipaakw Tours Solidarity Co-op in Wemindji:
 - August 20-21, 2018
- **Business plan** completed in the fall of 2018
- **Funding requests** for business and operations - start-up : fall and winter 2018
- **Hiring** of a general manager & staff

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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND RECRUITMENT

- Wiinipaakw Tours, Solidarity Co-op, is recruiting members interested and concerned by the future projects of the co-op
- If you are interested in becoming a member of the CO-OP, contact Wiinipaakw Tours board secretary Charlene Wawatie : tourism@tawich.ca or COTA development officer Louise Séguin : lseguin@creetourism.ca

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ANY QUESTIONS ?

