



Annual Tourism Event AGM and Tourism Conference

Whapmagoostui, Monday, November 6th, 2023

- 2:05 Charter Flight arrives in Whapmagoostui
- 2:25 Scheduled flight arrives from Chisasibi
- 2:15 Start transfers to private lodging
- 3:00 Meet at Sportsplex for snacks followed by a Community tour
- 6:00 Participants will have time to explore and have supper on their own



Annual General Meeting

Whapmagoostui, Tuesday, November 7th, 2023

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome & Opening Prayer
- 9:15 Opening Remarks *Chief Robbie Kawapit
President of COTA; Anderson Jolly
President of EIT; Edward Bearskin*
- 10:00 Review of the Minutes AGM 2022
- 10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:30 EIT Audited Statements & COTA Audited Statements – RCGT
- 11:15 Appointment of the auditors for 2024
- 11:30 Presentation from Alliance - Sebastien
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 COTA Annual Report - Robin McGinley
- 2:00 EIT Annual Report – Robin McGinley
- 2:30 Update about EIBJ Travel Inc.
- 2:45 Date and Location of the next meeting
- 3:00 Coffee Break
- 3:15 Open discussions about Tourism in Eeyou Istchee
- 4:00 Community clean-up or other activity to offset carbon emissions
- 6:00 Participants will have time to explore and have supper on their own



Tourism Conference

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

“Sustainability; the Heart of Cree Tourism”

- 8:30 Registration - visit booths
- 9:00 Welcome & Introduction of Conference Objectives
- 9:15 Presentation from Whapmagoostui – Sydney Orr
- 10:00 Presentation on Protected Areas in Eeyou Istchee – CNG
- 10:30 Coffee Break - visit booths
- 10:45 Presentation Northern Incubator – Accelerator program (IANORD)
by Anne Lemieux
- 11:15 Presentation Pilot project - development of “boil-in-a-bag” meals for remote
locations – Mireille Gravel, Nibiischii Corporation
- 12:00 Lunch featuring the boil-in-a-bag meals sold by Nibiischii Corporation to their
clients at the Wildlife Reserve
- 1:00 Presentation about Indigenous Tourism Best Practices Worldwide – François
Bédard and Oliver Hillel from the World Centre of Excellence for Destinations
- 1:30 Comprehensive Approach Towards Destination Excellence in Cree Communities
of Eeyou Istchee – Kick off and workshops
- 2:45 Coffee Break - visit booths
- 3:00 Comprehensive Approach Towards Destination Excellence in Cree Communities
of Eeyou Istchee – Kick off and workshops (continued)
- 5:00 Networking break – visit booths
- 5:30 Traditional meal prepared by Cultural Department of Whapmagoostui First Nation



Thursday, November 9th, 2023

8:30 Welcome

8:45 Launch and workshop on how to use the “Guide to Cree-Led Ecotourism Development in Protected Areas” – Marie-Pierre MacDonald, BC2

10:30 End of the conference & departure to the airport

12:00 Charter flight departure – lunchbox provided on the flight.

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