



## Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/ Cree Regional Authority

## Council/Board

## **RESOLUTION 2012-27**

SUBJECT: Whapmagoostui First Nation Pilot Project to Develop 10 MW of Hybrid Energy

WHEREAS the members of the Whapmagoostui First Nation currently consumes approximately 11,500,000 kWh of non-renewable energy per year;

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Whapmagoostui First Nation and the Cree people to develop clean and sustainable energy sources for the long- term energy needs of the community and the Cree people to protect the environment and avert the environmental impact of future hydro development projects;

WHEREAS renewable energy projects are an important economic development opportunity for the Cree people as it will create jobs, training programs and economic development spin-offs to help ensure the communities' long-term economic growth;

WHEREAS Hydro-Quebec has announced that it is currently planning to renew the thermal plant power station in Whapmagoostui in 2013;

WHEREAS this announced renewal of the thermal plan power provides the Whapmagoostui First Nation with an opportunity to negotiate a Power Purchase Agreement for renewable energy with Hydro-Quebec for the next 20 years;

WHEREAS the Cree and the Government of Quebec have identified opportunities for the Cree to develop energy projects;

WHEREAS Whapmagoostui First Nation is interested in developing sustainable and clean renewable energy sources within its category IA lands;

WHEREAS, the successful development of sustainable and clean energy resources can constitute an important source of new revenues and create an important investment opportunity for the long term;

## IT IS RESOLVED THAT

**THAT** Board/Council of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority hereby expresses support to the Cree Nation of Whapmagoostui in its endeavor to develop sustainable and clean renewable energy source.

Proposed by:

Chief Davie Bobbish

Seconded by:

**Chief Stanley George** 

Carried:

August 3rd, 2012

John Paul Murdoch, Corporate Secretary