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## **SCNATEA The North and its Logistics Conference: Programming Ripped from the Headlines!**

Rouyn-Noranda, May 2, 2019 – The program for the Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance's (Secretariat) 2019 The North and its Logistics conference is directly related to current issues in the region.

This year, the Secretariat wants to bring together the businesses and players concerned by these issues and to try to answer questions around optimizing logistics. How can regions such as Northern Quebec and Abitibi-Témiscamingue improve or optimize logistics and better meet their challenges? Discussions on these subjects are crucial for regions that want to work together to find solutions to the issues of transportation system capacity, safety and smooth operation.

The event is led by the Secretariat and organized in collaboration with the City of Rouyn-Noranda and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) / Cree Nation Government. The Mayor of Rouyn-Noranda, Mrs. Diane Dallaire, and the President of the Secretariat, Drs. Ted Moses, O.Q. are the Honorary Co-chairs of this 15<sup>th</sup> Conference.

"We're delighted to welcome this important conference to Rouyn-Noranda. Investments in the order of \$40 M in our regional airport demonstrate how willing we are to position ourselves as a central pole of economic development in the North," expresses the Mayor.

The event, which will be held on June 5 and 6, 2019, is aimed at allowing businesses to connect with the Cree Nation and to identify mutual business opportunities. Participants will also be able to attend informative and inspiring presentations and panel discussions.

### **Day 1**

The first day is mainly focussed on climate change and mining industry logistics. Discussions will center around subjects such as benefits and hindrances to development in the North, and more precisely on challenges climate change poses to transportation companies, organizations and communities in the Northern Quebec region.

A picture of mining exploration logistics will be sketched out and the applicable standards will be presented. This will include a focus on reasons to facilitate discussions with tallymen and to create partnerships with Cree communities. The logistics activities under way in the North require close collaboration with Indigenous people. Similarly, sustainable management is essential to exploration projects in Nunavik. Mining corporations participating in the Conference will therefore have a unique opportunity to become informed about requirements and issues in the region.



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## Day 2

The themes on the second day will include the supply chain and how to manage it, as well as the realities of local, regional, economic and sustainable development. Some interveners will introduce analyses of logistics and transportation, while others will speak of the steps required to bring a mining project to completion: logistics, planning, training and manpower availability, involvement of local communities, etc. Very exciting pilot or existing projects will also be presented, including trucks without drivers on the James Bay highway and other ideas to make travel smooth.

The North and its Logistics conference is also offering participants a cultural evening, visits to exhibitors' booths and networking opportunities. The activity is also related to the International Year of Indigenous Languages declared by UNESCO. The Secretariat, aware of the important role of languages in the everyday life and future of peoples, acknowledges this initiative.

Would you like to benefit from this excellent opportunity to catch up on development in Northern Quebec and to meet future business partners? Go to the event's [website](#) for details and to register.

### **About the Secretariat**

The Secretariat, created in 2002, places a high value on the principle of mutual respect, good business relationships and understanding the context of Northern Quebec. The importance of the role played by the Secretariat is respectful integration of entrepreneurs eager to widen their horizons.

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