

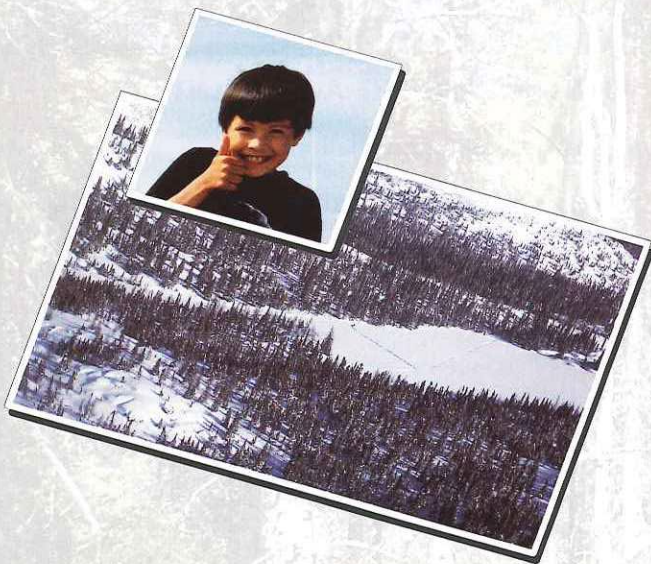
Paving the way for the future...

Unprecedented economic and social growth awaits the Crees and Quebecers in Northern Québec thanks to:

- a major contribution of new financial resources;
- employment possibilities for the labour force;
- common concerns regarding the use of the territory;
- cooperation in the development of energy, forestry and mining resources.

Today, we can finally turn the page and focus our attention, energy and imagination on our common effort in a true spirit of cooperation with Québec, with a view to planning a future that takes into account all Quebecers, including the Crees.

*Ted Moses,
Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees*



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and the Crees

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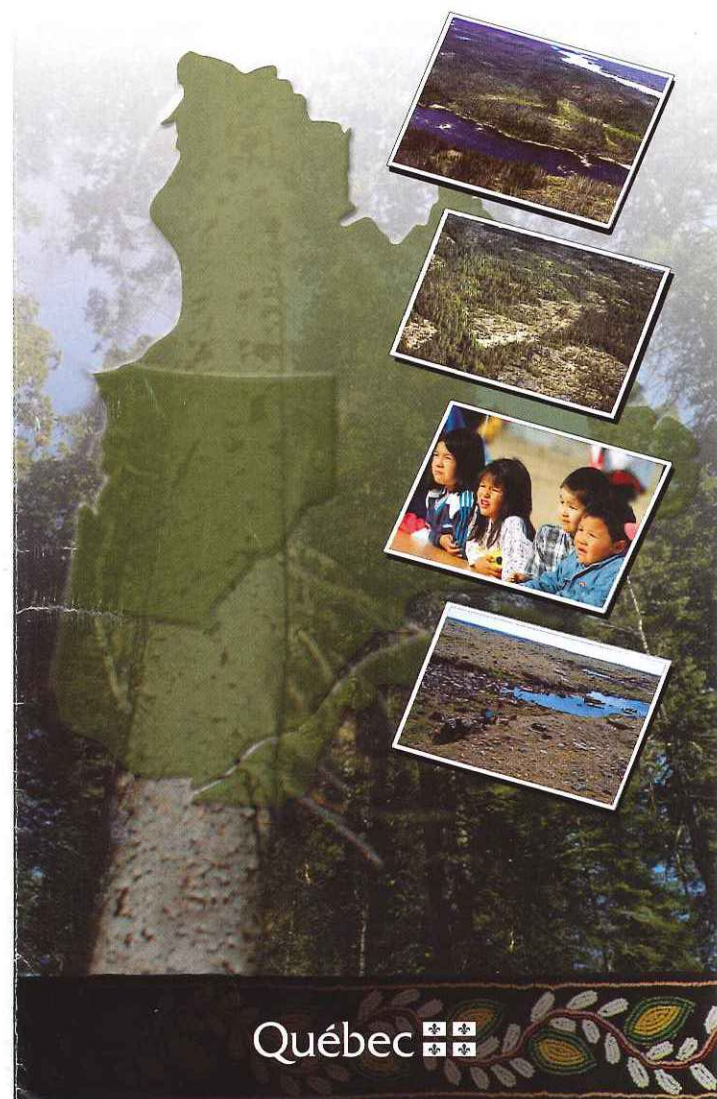
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Québec-Cree Agreement *The Paix des Braves*



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The Paix des Braves

Securing a better future for new generations

A PROFITABLE AGREEMENT

The Paix des Braves allows us to confidently envisage the economic development of the James Bay Territory for a common future of prosperity and cooperation.

HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

- Two large-scale hydroelectric developments: Eastmain-1 and Eastmain-1-A/Rupert.
- \$4 billion in total investments.
- Creation of 10,500 direct jobs (person-years) during a nine-year period.
- Addition of approximately 1,200 megawatts to the Hydro-Québec network: 15% increase in electricity production on the James Bay territory.

MINING DEVELOPMENT

Whereas the mineral exploration field is experiencing a period of intense activity in the region, the creation of the Mineral Exploration Board will enable the Crees to be involved and participate fully in the development of this sector.



FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT

- Strategic framework agreement ensuring access to a vast territory representing close to 10 percent of Québec's forestry capacity.
- Adaptation of Québec's forestry regime to the traditional way of life of the Crees with a view to ensure sustainable development and the participation of the Crees.
- Elements seeking to ensure greater participation by the Crees in the development of the territory, in particular in the employment field.

GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Payment by Québec of the following amounts:

- in 2002-2003: \$23 million;
- in 2003-2004: \$46 million;
- in 2004-2005: \$70 million;
- from 2005 to 2052: \$70 million yearly, or this amount indexed according to the potential to be developed on the territory in the hydroelectric, forestry and mining fields.

An historic agreement

On February 7, 2002, Québec and the Crees signed a comprehensive fifty-year political and economic agreement. This historic agreement, known as *the Paix des Braves (Peace of the Brave)*, marks a new era in relations between Québec and the Crees.



With this agreement, we are invited to take up together a major collective challenge that, in several respects, honours us as nations.

*Bernard Landry,
Prime Minister of Québec*

PRINCIPLES OF THE AGREEMENT

- A nation-to-nation relationship.
- A new partnership based on cooperation, trust and mutual respect seeking to ensure the full development of the territory.
- Greater autonomy and more responsibility, on the part of the Crees, for their economic and community development.
- Respect for the principles of sustainable development and for the traditional way of life of the Crees.