

2024 Annual General Meeting

Indigenous Tourism Quebec | September 19, 2024
Ouje-Bougoumou | Aanischaaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute

9:00 AM – BREAKFAST

Breakfast by caterers Anna and Nadia Bossum

9:30 AM – REGISTRATION

Participants signed in at the registration desk upon arrival, completing both the attendance sheet and the Shipeku questionnaire related to the carbon-neutral event.

10:00 AM – OPENING REMARKS by Steeve Wadohandik Gros-Louis, President

Opening of the day and presentation of the morning agenda

10:15 AM – PRESENTATION by Pierre Kanapé, Development Advisor and Shipeku Coordinator

Sustainable Transition Plan – Indigenous Tourism Quebec

10:45 AM – COFFEE BREAK

11:00 AM – PRESENTATION by Marie-Pierre Lainé, Development and Partnership Coordinator

Geiteget – Presentation of literature review and preliminary results

12:00 PM – LUNCH

ATTENDEES

Alain Authier	Jackie Gilbert-Beaudoin	Martin Gill
Alexandre Brousseau	Jacques Watso	Martin O'Bomsawim
Allison Mark-Stewart	Jane Clara Voyageur	Martine Moisan
Amanda Hoogland	Janique Thivierge	Mélissa St-Pierre
Anne Lemieux	Jeannine Villeneuve	Michelle Picard
Benoit Renaud	Jeremy Coon-Come	Mireille Gravel
Camille Cstonguay	Joanik Linteau	Myriam Lacroix
Caroline Houle	Josée Leblanc	Pascale Masson
Claudia McNicoll	Kalika Sinnett	Persica Lavoie-Dubé
Colombe Bourque	Keith Henry	Robert Lancup
Dale Cooper	Kimberly Cross	Sean McDonagh
Debbie Flamand	Kristin Sam	Sebastien Desnoyers
Eddie Shecapio	Lily Lampron	Shawna Lee MacDonald
Edward Bearskin	Marc Beaulé	Stéphanie Bourgault
Élodie Lavis	Marc Plourde	Stéphanie Nika Trottier
Francois Bédard	Marie- Claude Provost	Tania Savard
Françoise St-Onge	Marie-Eve Dufour	Timothy Wapachee
Franscesca Savard Lévesque	Marie-Hélène Cliche	Véronique Vincent
Gilbert Baribeau	Marie-Joelle Tremblay	Victoria Crowe
Guillaume Fortin	Marie-Josée Racicot	Victoria Petawabano
Irene Otter	Marie-Pier Desjardins Cyr	Willie Weistche
Isabelle Genest	Mario Lord	Yves Picard
ITQ team:		
Andrew Germain	Laurence Lainé	Pierre Kanapé
Dave Laveau	Marie-Pierre Lainé	
Emilie McKenzie	Patricia Auclair	

1:30 PM – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Opening prayer by Irene Otter, an Eeyou Elder from the Waswanipi community

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Dave Laveau, Executive Director, welcomed all participants attending both in-person and virtually, and expressed gratitude to the Oujé-Bougoumou community for their hospitality throughout the week.

ITQ acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on land steeped in thousands of years of history. The Eeyou Nation is the steward of the lands and waters of the territory where participants were gathered.

The Indigenous languages, cultures, and identities that continue to enrich this unceded territory were also acknowledged. The ongoing presence of several Indigenous Nations was recognized, along with the importance of their contributions—past, present, and future.

A video address by Geneviève Cantin, President and CEO of the Alliance de l'industrie touristique du Québec, was presented.

Dave Laveau proceeded to introduce the President.

WELCOME SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT

Steeve Gros-Louis welcomed all participants attending both in-person and virtually. Special greetings were extended to partners and special guests present for the AGM.

- Persica Lavoie-Dubé, Economic Development Manager, Services to individuals, lands and economic development, Quebec Regional Office | Indigenous Services Canada
- Martine Moisan, Senior Advisor, Services to individuals, lands and economic development, Quebec Regional Office | Indigenous Services Canada
- Elodie Lavis, Economic Development Officer | Services to individuals, lands and economic development, Quebec Regional Office | Indigenous Services Canada
- Marie-Hélène Cliche, Partnership Coordinator, Ministry of Tourism (virtual)
- Marie-Eve Dufour, Partnership Advisor, Partnership Management Division, Ministry of Tourism
- Marie-Pier Desjardins-Cyr, Economic and Community Development Advisor, Economic Initiatives Division | Secrétariat aux relations avec les Premières Nations et les Inuit (virtual)
- Keith Henry, President and CEO, Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada

2. READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Verbal statement at the start of the Meeting: No printed documents would be distributed during the AGM, in keeping with the sustainable practices adopted by Indigenous Tourism Quebec in recent years. All materials would be projected on screen, made available in real time on the PairConnex platform, and uploaded to the website under the Membership section.

Read by Steeve Gros-Louis
Moved by Michelle Picard
Seconded by Sean McDonagh
Adopted unanimously

3. READING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2023 AGM MINUTES

Since the minutes were not sent out beforehand, it was necessary to read them at the Meeting.

Read by Marc Plourde
Moved by Sean McDonagh
Seconded by Michelle Picard
Adopted unanimously

4. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED ON MARCH 31, 2024

Presentation by Myriam Lacroix, Auditor at Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton. Patricia Auclair, Deputy Executive Director, addressed questions and comments as necessary.

The financial statements, previously presented and approved by Treasurer Michelle Picard and the board members at the June 27 board meeting, were shared with members present.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR FOR 2024-2025

The board of directors recommended continuing with RCGT based on the duly submitted 2024-2026 service proposal.

It was thereby resolved to appoint RCGT as auditor for 2024-2025.

Moved by Josée Leblanc
Seconded by Marc Beaulé
Adopted unanimously

6. 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The ITQ team presented the organization's annual report.

Dave Laveau began by stating that the annual report was available in both official languages on the website, as well as on the online platform for participants attending the AGM remotely. Printed copies were available upon request. The team took turns presenting the key initiatives undertaken in 2023–2024.

7. ELECTIONS

Steeve asked the assembly to appoint a president and a secretary for the elections and proposed Dave and Patricia for these roles.

Patricia Auclair was appointed as president, and Marc Plourde as secretary for the elections.

Moved by Michelle Picard
Seconded by Steeve Gros-Louis
Adopted unanimously

Patricia Auclair outlined ITQ's election procedures. Each candidate would be allotted time to introduce themselves and present their aspirations as a potential board member, whether in-person, virtually, or via a pre-recorded video. Following the candidate presentations, voting would be conducted by email to the address displayed on the screen.

Start of the elections
Moved by Josée Leblanc
Seconded by Sean McDonagh
Adopted unanimously

4 seats were up for election:
2 active members, 1 delegate member, 1 associate member

DELEGATE MEMBER: 1 seat up for election

Delegate members support ITQ's mission and objectives. They are either a band council or an Indigenous organization other than a tourism business and must have an interest in the activities of Indigenous Tourism Quebec.

Examples: government, band council, development agencies, economic development entities, Indigenous organizations, etc.

Opening of nominations for the delegate member seat.

Moved by Steeve Gros-Louis

Seconded by Sébastien Desnoyers

Adopted unanimously

Nominations	Moved by	Seconded by
Michelle Picard, SOCCA Nomination received in advance	Josée Leblanc	Jacques Watso

Closing of nominations for the delegate member seat.

Moved by Robin McGinley

Seconded by Martin O'bomsawin

Adopted unanimously

Michelle Picard addressed the assembly.

She was elected by acclamation.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: 1 seat up for election

Associate members support ITQ's mission and objectives. These are non-Indigenous businesses or organizations. They are interested in ITQ's objectives and initiatives and are involved in active members' activities.

Examples: service providers, collaborators, sectoral tourism associations, regional tourism associations, etc.

Opening of nominations for the associate member seat.

Moved by Michelle Picard

Seconded by Jeannine Villeneuve

Adopted unanimously

Nomination	Moved by	Seconded by
Robert Lancup, Destination Québec Cité Nomination received in advance	Marc Beaulé	Steeve Gros-Louis
Caroline Houle, Houle Conseils Nomination received in advance	Mireille Gravel	Debby Flamand
Jackie Gilbert-Beaudoin, JGB formations et services-conseil Nomination received in advance	Kimberly Cross	Josée Leblanc

Closing of nominations for the associate member seat.

Moved by Robin McGinley

Seconded by Martin O'bomsawin

Adopted unanimously

The president ascertained the nominees' interest, starting with the last one.

Before voting time, the president of the elections suggested that the nominees speak a few words to introduce themselves and describe their aspirations as potential board members (maximum of 2 minutes each).

The secretary of the elections had in hand a list of voting members and delegates, specifying the number of votes per member.

Members in attendance proceeded to vote by secret ballot.

The election officials counted the votes and returned to the meeting.

Robert Lancup was elected by a majority vote.

ACTIVE MEMBER: 2 seats up for election

Active members actively participate in fulfilling ITQ’s mission and objectives. They must oversee a majority Indigenous-owned and operated tourism business or corporation.

*Examples: entrepreneurs, festivals, inns, museums, shops, etc.
Active members are divided into five sub-categories (regular, outfitters, event, artists/artisans, and auxiliary).*

Auxiliary members, an active member sub-category, actively contribute to fulfilling ITQ’s mission and objectives. They must oversee an Indigenous-owned and operated tourism business or corporation. The business must have been established within the last two years. **Auxiliary members do not have voting rights and cannot sit on the board of directors.**

Opening of nominations for the active member seats.
Moved by Debbie Flamand
Seconded by Jeannine Villeneuve
Adopted unanimously

Nomination	Moved by	Seconded by
Steeve Gros-Louis, La Sagamité Nomination received in advance	Sean McDonagh	Josée Leblanc
Kalika Sinnett, Micmac Interpretation Site of Gespeg Nomination received in advance	Michelle Picard	Robin McGinley
Yves Tremblay, Photo Hélico Nomination received in advance		
Martin O’bomsawin, Abenaki Aventure Spontaneous nomination	Jacques Watso	Martin Gill

Closing of nominations for the active member seats.
Moved by Michelle Picard
Seconded by Mireille Gravel
Adopted unanimously

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Members in attendance proceeded to vote by secret ballot.

The election officials counted the votes and returned to the meeting.

Steeve Gros-Louis and Kalika Sinnnett were elected by a majority vote.

The results would be shared on ITQ's corporate Facebook page and in its newsletter via a press release.

End of the elections

Moved by Michelle Picard

Seconded by Sean McDonagh

Adopted unanimously

At that point, all members of the board were board directors. The first meeting of the board was scheduled to be held virtually shortly thereafter to appoint the officers. ITQ management would follow up with the board members once back in the office.

-DURING THE VOTE COUNTING PROCESS-

MAMOWINITOTAN

The videos from the Mamowinitotan campaign PPT were played during the voting period and while the coupons were collected/emails were compiled.

Meanwhile, the ITQ team conducted the draw and presented the recap videos for 2023-2024.

Closing remarks by ITQ Executive Director, Dave Laveau.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Moved by Steeve Gros-Louis

Seconded by Josée Leblanc

Adopted unanimously

DOOR PRIZE

All participants, whether attending in-person or virtually, were entered into a draw. Prize: A gift certificate worth \$994 at Nibiischii, applicable toward a 2-night stay for 2 people in the floating cabin Mwakw, including boat and motor. Michelle Labelle was the winner.