



# **MEEIRA**

## **Men's Eeyou-Eenou Istchee Regional Men's Association**

### **Joint Public Statement: Strengthening Eeyou Istchee Together FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

On November 23, 2025, the Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee Association (CWEIA) and the Men Eeyou Istchee Regional Association (MEIRA) proudly announce a historic transition agreement aimed at enhancing self-determination and community well-being within Eeyou Istchee.

This transition signifies a significant milestone in the progress toward a more robust and integrated service delivery model for men's programming.

#### **Acknowledging Foundational Leadership**

CWEIA is acknowledged and esteemed for its pioneering leadership in founding and fostering the men's association, guiding it towards complete operational independence.

***"We commend the Men of Eeyou Istchee and their ongoing commitment to healing, dignity, responsibility, and the rightful voice within the Nation," stated a representative from CWEIA. "This transition exemplifies the development and resilience of our partnership, founded on mutual respect and our shared Eeyou values."***

#### **Commitment to Continuity**

Effective as of November 23, 2025, MEIRA shall assume full administrative control and responsibility for the programs previously managed, including all associated assets and funding agreements.

- **Seamless Service:** Both organizations are committed to ensuring an uninterrupted continuation of services to all participants, with no gaps or interruptions in support for our families and communities.
- **Strengthening Partnership:** This transfer reinforces the vital, interdependent partnership between MEIRA and CWEIA, emphasizing collaborative, gender-inclusive approaches guided by the wisdom of our Elders and the values of respect, reciprocity, and responsibility.

Together, we are constructing a more robust and equitable future for all Eeyou/Eenou families, children, men, women, Two-Spirit individuals, and gender-diverse persons.

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