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***Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee Association elects new President***



**Gatineau, Qc., September 28, 2021** - As an organization, we strive to inspire Cree women to empower and to self-develop themselves. We cannot empower every woman on their behalf, but we can inspire by setting up services and projects for women. On September 19, 2021 in Wemindji, Quebec during the CWEIA annual general assembly, the board members and delegates elected Charlotte Ottereyes Ratt as the new President.

Ottereyes Ratt joins us again after being one of the trailblazers for CWEIA in the early years. She was involved in the negotiations when CWEIA was still named as 'Native Women's Association' in Eeyou Istchee as a Youth Representative. She helped secure various funding which helped CWEIA start up, alongside with former President Doris Bobbish.

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She has also been involved in the business sector in her community of Wemindji for the past 5 years working as an Economic Development Officer under the Cree Nation of Wemindji. “I believe in working together as a team and involving others to take part on CWEIA’s body. We will make a difference and empowering women and young women” said Ottereyes Ratt.

The Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee Association would also like to thank Stella Masty for her service and dedication as President for the past 2 years. We would like to wish her well in her future endeavours!

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