





*Geraldine Trapper*

**Miss Eeyou Eenou Iskwaau 2021**

*Angel Jolly*

**Miss Nemaska  
1st Runner up**

*Robin Matthew*

**Miss Chisasibi  
2nd Runner up**



**We want to sincerely apologize to Ms. Robin Matthew and especially Ms. Jossee Bernier for this critical error.** We contacted Miss Ouje-Bougoumou – Jossee Bernier and Miss Chisasibi Robin Matthew as soon as we discovered the new information. Jossee’s response was mainly, “it’s best we be honest!” She has shown such modesty and maturity. Though, we know she is beautiful, courageous, and strong just by entering this pageant, we also know this must be a disappointment and we acknowledge that. We did not take lightly the effects of this news and once again, we want to sincerely apologize for our error.

We would also like to mention that this error was not due to the Judges, but that it was an oversight on our part. We take full responsibility. Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee Association will ensure the integrity of the Miss Eeyou Eenou Iskwaau Pageant (MEEI) and the impact our young women make in our society. We are already taking measures to ensure that this does not happen again.

The Miss Eeyou Eenou Iskwaau Pageant (MEEI) is a prestigious event that brought inspiration to our Cree Nation during these trying times. It is an event that our young women look forward to. For some, it’s more than just a pageant, it is an opportunity to represent their communities and do something different and bold. They are courageous for not giving up despite many challenges that face our young Cree women during the whole process.

One of the goals of the pageant is to empower young women in Eeyou Istchee, to help them grow as a person, come out of their shell, and shine bright for all to see how beautiful and sacred they are inside and out. We want to continue to guide them and include them in events where we see that can help in their personal development.

We want to congratulate all seven winners. You are already making a difference in our Cree Nation. You are an inspiration to many, and we commend you all for going all the way. Congratulations!! You did it!



Signed on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2021

**CREE WOMEN OF EYYOU ISTCHEE ASSOCIATION**

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