

Candidates for board positions

Caisse Desjardins Eenou Eeyou



Every January, Caisse Desjardins Eenou Eeyou puts out a call for nominations for the vacant seats on its board of directors, based on the board's group profile. The board is specifically looking for candidates with the skills and perspectives needed to round out the existing team and to reflect the diversity of the community the caisse serves.

This year, the board is looking for candidates who meet the following criteria:

Skills in at least one of the following areas

- Financial management
- Business management

Other representation needs

- Members representing the Cree community

Member representation

Gender to achieve gender parity on the board)

- Women: 1-2
- Men: 2-3

Age groups

- Ages 18-34: 2
- Ages 50-64: 1
- Age 65 and up: 1

At this year's annual general meeting (AGM), which will be held on April 8, 2026, there are 4 seat(s) to be filled.

The nomination period is now closed. The caisse received 2 eligible nominations.

Since the number of candidates is less than the number of vacancies to be filled, the candidates will be elected by acclamation at the AGM.

Please read each candidate's profile to get to know them better. A summary table of candidates is included at the end of the document. It shows how each candidate meets a target profile for the board of directors.

Note that these profiles only highlight the skills the board is looking for in 2026.

Candidate for a position on the board of directors¹



Calvin Blacksmith

Occupation: Business Owner of Cree Sports

Gender: Men

Age group: 50-64

Skills that match the board's criteria for 2026: Financial management, Business management

Reasons for running

Je souhaite m'impliquer pour améliorer les services au village. Je veux donner l'opportunité à Desjardins de hausser leurs services pour la communauté. Mon parcours professionnel sera un atout au conseil d'administration. Je considère être une bonne personne pour représenter la communauté et leurs besoins.

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Candidate for a position on the board of directors¹



Louie-Rene Kanatewat

Occupation: Owner and General Manager of Auberge Maanitaaukimikw

Gender: Men

Age group: 35-49

Skills that match the board's criteria for 2026: Financial management, Business management

Reasons for running

I would like to become a member of the board of directors of my caisse because I am highly interested in learning and contributing to the governance of the Caisse. I feel that my educational and practical background makes me an ideal candidate for this position for the following reasons.

Education: I have a (3yr) Business Administration College Diploma from Algonquin College and a (4yr) honors Baccalaureate degree in Commerce from the University of Ottawa. Furthermore, I have completed all courses for the CFP Certified Financial Planner program.

Experience Public Sector: I have previously been the Director General of Operations for the Cree Nation of Chisasibi. I was responsible for the overall operations of the entire organization/municipality and provided supervision, guidance, and support to 15 Directors. I was also responsible for an annual budget of \$30M and 200 employees.

Experience Board of Directors: I have extensive board experience which I acquired while sitting on the following Board of Directors: Chisasibi Business Development Group, Chisasibi Service Centre, Chee-Bee Construction, Kepa Transport, PetroNor, Cree Maheux, Board of Compensation, Creeco, AirCreebec, Cree Construction, Eeyou Eenou Realty Properties, Cree Dumas, Cree Development corporation.

Private Sector: I have successfully started and operate eight businesses that all have products with the Caisse. Auberge Maanitaaukimikw (Accommodations and hospitality), Kanapio Holdings Inc (Holding company,) Wachiya Construction (Residential & commercial construction), Kanapio Property Development Inc. (Real Estate), BakeCree Inc. (Food service & catering), Waaskaahiikin Furnishings (Furniture retail), Sammy's Convenience Store (Food retail), Bear Den Chisasibi (Accommodations) I am either the General Manager or President/CEO of all these successful businesses which operate in different business sectors and I oversee and supervise the day to day Managers. I believe my extensive business/administrative experience along with my expansive network of contacts and influence will be an asset to the board of directors of the Caisse and I look forward to opportunity.

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Summary table of candidates for the board of directors

Board of directors group profile Target criteria		BLACKSMITH, Calvin	KANATEWAT, Louie-Rene
Skills that match the board's criteria for 2026	Target number		
	Financial management	2	X
	Business management	2	X
Member representation criteria	Gender		
	Men	2-3	X
	Women	1-2	
	Other gender identity or prefers not to answer	N/A	
	Age group		
	18-34	2	
	35-49	0	X
	50-64	1	X
	65 and +	1	
	Ethnic and cultural diversity		
	Members representing the Cree community	4	X
	Governance continuity		
	These people are currently board members of the caisse or intern directors.	N/A	N/A