

MI'KMAQ NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE FEDERATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND INDIANS

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Summer 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that each and every one of you has experienced good health and has enjoyed the summer weather to date and that you continue to maintain good health and enjoy the remaining days of summer.

The subject of greatest interest to most members of the FNI is the agreement in principle with Indian Affairs and when will the FNI receive approval for the next stage of that process. Since I last reported on this issue Indian Affairs had some minor concerns with the AIP and it was necessary for the FNI negotiating team to address these issues which we did following a meeting with Ms. Caroline Davis, assistant deputy minister of Indian Affairs and a couple of other officials from her department in Corner Brook on May 22, 2007. As we are all aware matters requiring Minister's and bureaucrat's attention do not make much progress during summer months due to the house closing and individuals taking annual leave. I assume you have all heard that we have a new minister of Indian Affairs, Mr. Chuck Strahl who was recently appointed by Hon. Stephen Harper. Will a new minister cause further delays? Well as Ms. Caroline Davis recently stated when this question was posed to her, "Ministers change but people such as I and others remain in the department". This gives me some optimism that the Deputy Minister will brief the new Minister and put forward the department recommendation. It is evident that Indian Affairs only has a small window of opportunity left to satisfy the Federal Court Judge with regards to progress achieved on the FNI file since the last report in order to prevent this case from returning to the courts. I am in constant contact with Mr. Ray Hatfield, Director General of Indian Affairs and he assures me that there is still positive momentum and hopefully in the near future both parties can advanced to the next stage of community consultations and ratification. I know that this report does not provide what most would like to read but unfortunately we need to wait on the decision of the federal government or the Federal Court Judge before taking further action. The next report to the Federal Court Judge is in January 2008.

FNI / RCMP SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM



Standing (Left to Right) Sarah Bellows; Tawnya Evoy; Andrew Oxford; Dianisia White; Leanne Alexander; Adrienne Paul; Danielle Gaye. Kneeling (Left to Right) Michelle Corbett; Cst. Jason Butler; Police Dog "Mazer" Aaron Coombs.

The FNI youth have been given a chance again this summer to take part in a joint venture with the FNI and the RCMP. This program gives youth a chance to work in a RCMP detachment and out in their own communities doing work as Supernumerary Constables. The FNI hires the students and pays their salary while the RCMP trains the successful candidates and gives them work experience for the eight week program.

After a week of training in St. John's which includes first aid, occupational health and safety, training in problem solving, and many other areas, the students are ready to work from their assigned detachments doing community work assigned by the RCMP. Each student has duties which include giving presentations, organizing and delivering bicycle rodeos, working with the community. This revamped program is meant to allow students a chance to gain an inside look at the real

RCMP work. This can help people make decisions on their future careers and what type of work they feel they are most suited for. Students who are interested in this program can contact the Community Liaison at the information below. The FNI takes this opportunity to

thank the RCMP and the summer students for their dedication and hard work, we wish you well.

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FNI ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS



The 32nd Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI) was held on June 9th and 10th, 2007 at the Mount Peyton Hotel in Grand Falls-Windsor. The AGA was a great success with delegates from each of the nine band councils in attendance to meet, gather information, and to take part in the election of a new executive council. At this AGA the positions of President, Western Vice-President and Youth Director were open for an election process. On Saturday June 9th both nominees for President, Mr. Calvin White and Mr. Brendan Sheppard were given a chance to speak as to why they sought the position of President. Both men are from the community of Flat Bay and have been dedicated to the Mi'kmaq people for many years and both candidates did serve as President of the FNI. Once the election results were counted Mr. Brendan Sheppard was re-elected to the position of President of the FNI. Mr. Sheppard was clear on his message that he would work with the same level of interest and enthusiasm as he has done in the past with the best interest of the Mi'kmaq people of Newfoundland in mind and to represent the FNI and its members to the best of his ability.

On Sunday June 10th, elections took place for the position of Western Vice-President and Youth Director, two people ran for each position. In the election for Western Vice-President both Chief Hayward Young of Indian Head First Nations and Chief Kevin Barnes of Elmastogoe First Nations were seeking the position of Western Vice-President. Once the votes were cast the new Western Vice-President was Chief Kevin Barnes. In his nomination speech Mr. Barnes promised to work diligently to represent the issues and concerns of the Mi'kmaq people of Western Newfoundland.

The position of Youth Director was being sought by Cindy Kyle from Flat Bay and Daniel Young from Grand Falls-Windsor. Both nominees were very dedicated to the youth issues and once the election results were counted Cindy Kyle was re-elected as Youth director for the FNI. Ms. Kyle thanked those in attendance and promised to work in the best interest of the youth and bring their issues to the attention of the FNI board members.

Mr. Randy Drover of Bishops Falls was re-elected by acclamation to the position of Central Vice-President. We take this opportunity to thank those who ran for each position and congratulate each and everyone for their dedication to the FNI and welcome the new executive of the FNI for the next three years.

APOLOGY FROM BRIAN KERFONT FOR EMAILS SENT TO FNI MEMBERS

In November 2004 and until the spring of 2005, the president, various members of the board of directors, and the executive assistant of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians were the subjects of various emails that they perceived as an attempt to discredit them among FNI members. It was noted that the emails were from email addresses containing the names of deceased prominent elders of our communities or suggesting the e-mails had come from individual directors or members. In fact, an individual used these names to create the email addresses. The FNI sought to have the appropriateness of using these names investigated by the RCMP.

The RCMP advised that the people identified in the email addresses who were alive could file a complaint to determine whether criminal charges could be laid. Mr. Edward Webb and Ms. Ellie Edmunds filed such a complaint. As a result of the investigation, Mr. Brian Kerfont, a member of the Indian Head First Nations, was charged with a criminal offence for using Mr. Edward Webb's name and Ms. Ellie Edmunds' name. He pleaded guilty and was granted an absolute discharge. Each of Mr. Webb and Ms. Edmunds requested Mr. Kerfont make a public apology for his actions. The following is the apology from Mr. Kerfont.

To: Ellie Edmunds and Edward Webb
 From: Brian Kerfont
 Re: Apology
 Date: 13 April, 2007

As you both know, our people the Mi'kmaq are a very emotional people but that does not excuse my actions. Two years ago I was involved in political protests and got too caught up in all that was going on. I failed to see at the time that my actions could possibly harm someone, I was wrong. I wrote emails that resulted in your losing the trust of others, and also the possible expansion of animosity amongst various members of different bands. It was an exercise in poor judgment on my part and completely out of character.

I regret and apologize for any and all harm that I have caused to your characters and for the lost of trust that you may have lost from others in the aboriginal community. You did not deserve to have to go through such stress and turmoil. I should have found other ways to have expressed myself rather than involve you.

I will not become involved ever again in any other political protests dealing with our people. As part of this apology, I agree to post it in the FNI quarterly newsletter.

PATHWAY TO A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE

Nutrition tip

Tips for a healthier shopping basket

- Choose soft margarine instead of butter
- When cooking, use vegetable oils (olive and canola oils)
- Avoid creamy sauces, instead choose vegetable based sauces
- Buy meats labelled "lean" or "extra lean"
- Select chicken and turkey over high-fat processed meats (sausages and salami)
- Opt for skim/low-fat milk
- Try fat-free or low-fat yogurt
- Choose calcium-enriched soy products such as soy milk and soy yogurt
- Substitute low-fat cheese for full-fat cheese
- When buying snacks (e.g. potato crisps, cakes, chocolate) and processed foods (e.g. pastries, pies, pizza and hamburgers) look for the reduced fat alternatives available.

Health Tip

Get moving!

Many serious health care problems can be avoided by increasing your exercise. Work some regular exercise into your routine - take the stairs, park further from the entrance, or join a gym. Every little bit counts - and you'll feel better for it, too!

Eat a sensible diet

It's simple - eat more fresh foods and fiber, and less fatty foods, cut down on salt, caffeine, and to lose weight, keep your heart healthy, and prevent diabetes.

Sweet Banana Bread

This recipe is tasty and perfect for breakfast. A great carry along snack

1. 1/4 cup melted diet margarine or butter
2. 1 egg beaten
3. 1/2 tsp vanilla or almond extract
4. 2 tsp baking powder
5. 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cups flour
6. 1/2 tsp salt
7. 1/4 tsp baking soda
8. equivalent non-calorie sweetener 1 cup
9. (optional) 1/2 cup chopped nuts
10. 3 small bananas

Preheat oven to 375F. Sift dry ingredients together. Add all other ingredients except bananas and mix. Mash bananas in a separate bowl. Add mashed bananas to mixture. Add mixture to a lightly greased bread pan. Bake until done. (about 1 hour). Let bread cool for 1/2 hour. Slice and enjoy.

The following are approximate exchanges. 1 bread, 1/2 fat, 3/4 fruit. 1 serving = 1 slice about 3/4" thick. Calories per serving = (approach) 110.

NOTE NEW ADDRESS FOR DIABETES OFFICE

BARBARA LANNON

Diabetes Coordinator

Phone: 709-489-8420 or
Toll free **1-888-489-8420**

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Grand Falls-Windsor, NL
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ELMASTOGEOG FIRST NATIONS INDIAN BAND

We are awarding 2 (two) Pat Rumbolt Scholarships for \$250.00 each.

Qualifications: Going into second year of University.

~ A transcript of your marks.

~ A letter of acceptance from the University.

~ An essay describing what your Aboriginal Culture means to you.

Deadline is September 16, 2007. Please forward your application along to:

Elmastogeog First Nations Inc.
P.O. Box 93
Benoit's Cove, NL A0L 1A0

YOUTH ACTION NEWS

Youth Reach Out to Help

October 13, 2006 early in the morning an electrical fire claimed a vital part of Flat Bay and St. Teresa's: The Community Center.

The community center, built back in 1975, served as the heart of activities. Bingos, card games, concerts, you name it was held there. Access to the center was always given free of charge for fundraisers for the ill, families having memorial services or any youth organization within the community.

Efforts have begun on building a new center and the Flat Bay Indian Band Youth Committee has taken a step in being responsible in helping their own. The Youth Committee has begun having 50/50 draws in which 25% of the monies raised goes toward materials for the center. One draw has already taken place with another in progress. It may be a small action but every little bit counts.

Indian Head First Nations Summer Youth Employment

Indian Head First Nations has had an excellent summer season. This summer we were fortunate to acquire five (5) positions. Two (2) students for six weeks each; Two for (14 weeks); and one student for 8 weeks.

Two of our students were guides at the ktaqakuk Heritage Museum, one was doing cultural activities with young children and two were assisting the Enrollment Clerk with researching family lines and documents and placing them in a Family Tree Maker program. We would like to thank the students for their great work and look forward to working with them in the future.

On The Go in Gander Bay

Youth activities are far from being slack in Gander Bay; just the opposite they are flying! An up coming event for you youth in the area interested in furthering your education is a presentation of programs offered from the Keyin College by Ken Atkins.

For those of you that enjoy an aboriginal flavor and insight into our Mi'kmaq culture keep your eyes peeled for information on a Dream Catcher Workshop that's details are in the works.

To inquire into up coming events or if you need help in finding information contact your Youth Coordinator, Lisa Gillinham at lisaandshannon@nf.sympatico.ca.

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples National Youth Council 2nd Annual Youth Achievement Awards

To recognize a person for their achievements is a great way to build their self-esteem, and perhaps more importantly, it's a way of establishing role models so others can see that goals are tangible. Realizing how important this is for youth, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' National Youth Council established their own, unique Annual Youth Awards that will honour and realize these achievements.

The Award Categories are: Arts and Dance; Community; Culture and Heritage; Education; Leadership; and Sports.

Each Category winner receives \$500.00 cash and an award!

To find out more information on the awards or to download a notation form one can visit: www.abo-peoples.org. Have any questions? Contact Irene at youth.intervenor@abo-peoples.org

DEADLINE: September 21st

Attention Corner Brook Youth

Are you interested in learning about our Mi'kmaq culture, making crafts, drumming, language, ect.? Would you like to go on fun outings playing laser tag? Are you looking for information on contests, awards or scholarships? If so, your Youth Director, Ms. Veronica Allen would like to hear from you. You can contact Veronica at veronicaallen@hotmail.com.

Note From The Youth Director

Hello all! I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer.

I have been blessed again last June at the Federation of Newfoundland Indians' AGA held in Grand Falls to be elected again for another term to serve our youth as the FNI's Youth Director. Best wishes I extend to Daniel Young who ran against me; I look forward to the future ideas we pass back and forth.

I wish to thank everyone who has given me this chance to help make a better future for our youth. I hope to hear from everyone, regardless who you are, if you have concerns, wish to share information or need help looking for something; your feed back helps me focus on where we need to go. I am just the vessel, you, the people, are the captain, navigating the way to the horizon of tomorrow. Welain' Cindy Kyle

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARKS CANADA

The Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI) and Parks Canada have worked together for quite a few years and have had quite a few successes during this time. Not only has the FNI sponsored students for summer wage subsidies but it has worked on many special projects as you can see from the articles below. Along with these special programs and the summer student wage subsidy programs the FNI has worked with Parks Canada to hire aboriginal people who have brought a great deal of history and knowledge to Parks Canada. Two such people are Alison White and Kevin Barnes.

Ms. White was first hired with Parks Canada under a wage subsidy program with the FNI. This program helped Ms. White begin a career with Parks Canada which has gone on long after the wage subsidy program had ended. The program helped Ms. White get a foot in the door of a great organization and the opportunity to use her aboriginal heritage to educate others on the culture we are all so proud of. Ms. White writes, "Today, I am a permanent seasonal employee of Parks Canada working at the Discovery Centre in Woody Point. It is the educational centre of Gros Morne National Park. Each day I meet and talk with hundreds of people from around the world. This is a very fulfilling job that promotes continued learning and personal development. I am thankful for the partnership that started it all."

Mr. Kevin Barnes, who is Chief of Elmastogoeq First Nations, was also hired as an interpreter by Parks Canada under a wage subsidy program with the FNI. As an interpreter, Mr. Barnes has had the opportunity to research, develop and present programming dealing with Aboriginal cultures past and present.

This year, Mr. Barnes' programs have been receiving great reviews. "Grandmother's Medicine Bag" looks at some of the plants growing in the park and how they would have been used traditionally in medicines. Another program, "His Feet Had Eyes", explores how Mi'kmaq people have been a part of this province's development. The program places particular emphasis on Mattie Mitchell, an aboriginal guide who was recently commemorated as a person of National Historic Significance. Mr. Barnes also played an integral role in the Gros Morne Summer Music Festival this year. In this program, he helped to tell some of the fascinating stories of our Mi'kmaq ancestors. The FNI is very pleased with its role in helping aboriginal people find careers with Parks Canada.



Traditional dancers performing for the opening ceremonies.

On Saturday, July 21st, the Federation of Newfoundland Indians celebrated Parks Day with Terra Nova National Park. The Federation hosted a wonderful Celebration of Mi'kmaq Culture and Heritage which began with an opening ceremony at the park's main visitor centre at Salton's. Throughout the day there were special activities and demonstrations including dream catcher, jewellery and snowshoe making workshops. There was even a wigwam construction just outside of the visitor centre! The day ended with a sampling of a traditional feast and a campfire. The events were a tremendous success and a wonderful hands-on learning experience for both visitors and park staff. Special thanks to Grant Hart, who was hired by the Federation to oversee the events, Randy Drover, Bernie Hanlon, and all the workshop leaders and event participants who made the day such a success.

(Story and photo submitted by Andrea Cote.)

Stephane Moraze, pictured here talking to visitors, a 17-year-old Mi'kmaq student from Three Rock Cove was hired as part of a partnership between the Federation of Newfoundland Indians and Parks Canada. Stephane, who attends a French school Ecole Saint Anne in Port au Port, has family ties to Port au Choix. She is a bilingual interpreter who greets visitors to the Port au Choix National Historic Site. As she explains, "the summer so far has been filled with new challenges and experiences," "I'm learning new things each day and enjoy educating people about the rich Aboriginal heritage we have here."

Along with Stephane there are two other Mi'kmaq students who are working with Parks Canada in partnership with the Federation of Newfoundland Indians Wage Subsidy program. (Story and picture submitted by Maggie John)



ABORIGINAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

Aboriginal Day is always a special time and Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School in St. George's had their own celebrations for Aboriginal Day with all students and teachers alike taking part. This was the first aboriginal day celebrations in the School in St. George's and there were traditional foods such as Moose Stew, a ceremony by former Chief Violet Dawson, a presentation on diabetes, a display on Mary Webb, history, dolls, drums and many more. Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School students all took part in the day long event and from the pictures below you can tell they had a great day. The renewal of the Mi'kmaq culture is spreading to the next generation and we can all be proud of that.



FLAT BAY INDIAN BAND ELECTION RESULTS



On July 9th the Flat Bay Indian Band had Elections for their executive. The results are as follows: Chief- Liz LaSaga; Vice Chief- Joanne Miles-; Director- Everette Perrier; Director- Bernadine Blanchard; Director- Fay White; Director- Janet Miles; Youth Director- Cindy Kyle.

At the time of elections no one was nominated for the position of secretary and treasurer. At the first council meeting held, the board internally appointed people for these positions until the Flat Bay Indian Band's next AGM. The results of that are: Joanne Miles- Treasurer; Cindy Kyle- secretary.

Transfer of Power

On Sunday, July 15th at the Bay St. George Powwow located in Flat Bay, a ceremony was held transferring power from the old council to the new. Former Chief, Calvin White, handed over the Eagle Staff to Chief Liz LaSaga. Handing over the Eagle staff is a cultural tradition, and symbolizes the respect, honor and responsibility to serve the people.



NEWS FROM INDIAN HEAD

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In an effort to facilitate the registration of our members, pending the signing of an agreement with the Government of Canada, we have taken the initiative of hiring a Membership Clerk to assist us in getting our paperwork in order. Most members have sufficient documentation to be non-status member of our local band, but many members will need additional documentation, including long form birth and marriage certificates to meet the anticipated proposed criteria for registration under the pending agreement.

We have been told that once an agreement is signed, there will be a demand for documentation and lengthy delays are anticipated. Our membership clerk will be contacting as many members as possible, to inform them of what documents are required. The onus will be on you as a member to provide this documentation. We would also like to inform you, that the signing of an agreement with government is not a guarantee and the choice to be pro-active and provide the documentation, will be your decision and yours alone. You can either be prepared or take the chance of obtaining these documents in a prescribed time after the signing of an agreement.

If any members, who have not been contacted or have changed addresses or contact numbers since the membership list was updated, you may contact our membership clerk Dale Young at 643-5209.

Sincerely;

Hayward Young Jr. Chief Indian Head First Nations

NEWS FROM SPLE'TK FIRST NATIONS

The Sple'tk First Nations band office has moved to a new location; below is the address for the new band office:

5 Church Road, Grand Falls-Windsor, NL A2A 1Y9

Phone: 489-8425 Fax: 489-8417

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

THE FEDERATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND INDIANS

On August 22, 2007 the Federation of Newfoundland Indians held an Aboriginal Human Resources Development meeting to review training applications. I commend the committee on completing an extreme difficult task of strategizing how to select applicants for this years funding. The number of applications is continuously increasing and the budget is staying the same. The following is the process that was used to select applicants for 2007-2008 training funds.

There are four budgets to fund students. EI community college, EI University, non-EI community college and non-EI University. All applicants that applied for community college and EI University were reviewed and decision were made on Labour Market demand if the individual had not already been funded in the past five years and met any further policy requirements. The demand for non-EI University surpassed the available budget. There were enough funds to fund all non-EI University students' books and tuition that only had one year remaining in school and met all other requirements of the AHRDA. All other non-EI University students that had more then one year was not reviewed because no funds were available. We encourage all of these applicants and new applicants to continue applying and/or keep your application updated because funds often do become available on short notice.

Annie M. Randell; Executive Assistant, FNI

Programs under the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement (AHRDA).

* SKILLS TRAINING

- ~ **Adult Basic Education (ABE)** - (must be at least 20 years of age)
- ~ **Post Secondary Training** - (The program must be presently requested though the broader labour market. Maximum program is three years)
- ~ **University Programs** - (last four semesters plus one work term is the maximum funded for university programs. *Masters or PHD programs will not be funded, no exceptions*)

* EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

- ~ **Grad Incentive Program** - Includes employment counseling/Job finding (done by Community Liaison) Bonus (Lump sum payment for persons for activities related to seeking employment for those who have been funded through FNI's Skills Training) - Wage Subsidy Program - Income support for Job shadowing
- ~ **Self Employment Assistance Program** - For aboriginal persons who are opening their own businesses outside the home.
- ~ **Wage Subsidy Program** - To assist aboriginal people obtain and maintain full time new employment.
- ~ **Job Creation Program** - That focus primarily on providing work experience to aboriginal clients who need it in order to find and keep employment.

The next review of applications will take place end of January 2008, deadline for applications is January 15, 2008 **no exceptions**. If you would like to submit an application please make sure it is complete and send it to the Grand Falls office, address below.

Congratulations to Monique and Gerard Carroll on the birth of their baby girl on July 25th. At the same time we would like to welcome Ms. Terri Blanchard as the replacement administrative Assistant for AHRDA. The Administrative Assistant office will now be housed at the FNI Corner Brook office. Ms. Blanchard can be reached at 634-0899 or adminahrda@fni.nf.ca.

CENTRAL

Aboriginal Client Relation Officer

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WESTERN

Community Liaison

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ADDRESS CHANGE

The FNI would like to inform its members of an address change for the AHRDA training office. The Central ACRO office of the FNI has moved to the following address, the phone number is above:

Federation of Newfoundland Indians
Employment and Training
5 Church Road
Grand Falls-Windsor, NL A2A 1Y9

FNI HELPING BANDS WITH CAPACITY BUILDING

The FNI is very pleased to be able to contribute \$6600.00 to each band council for operational expenses during this fiscal year. The FNI will continue to work with the bands to build capacity at the community level wherever possible. Good luck with the upcoming year and may it be prosperous.

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Mi'kmaq Words

check out <http://www.mikmaqonline.org/>

Atuasgwa'g - swim on back - pronounced:
 (a-du-as-kwaahk)

Gmu'jmin - raspberry- pronounced: (ge-muu-je-min)

Mewisit - pick berries- pronounced: (me-wi-sits)

CONSTITUTIONAL CORNER

Did you know:

14.02 The Corporation shall make a written report to the members as to the financial position of the Corporation and the report shall contain a balance sheet and operating account. The auditors, if any, shall make a written report to the members upon the balance sheet and operating account and, in every such report, the auditor shall state whether, in the auditor's opinion, the balance sheet is a full and fair balance sheet containing the particulars required by the Corporation and properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Corporation's affairs, and such report shall be read at the Annual General Meeting. A copy of the balance sheet, showing the general particulars of its liabilities and assets and a statement of its income and expenditures in the preceding year, audited by the auditor, shall be filed with the Registrar within fourteen days after the annual meeting in each year, as required by law.

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We are always looking for event listings, stories, suggestions, poems, ideas, and artwork. You can send them to:

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