

# MI'KMAQ NEWS

SUMMER 2008

## FNI LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The Federation of Newfoundland Indians is proud to launch its new website which has been revamped and new features have been added. For all your information and questions please visit our website at

[www.fni.nf.ca](http://www.fni.nf.ca)

On June 23, 2008 the The Honorable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians and President of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians, Mr. Brendan Sheppard signed the Agreement in Principle for status recognition for eligible Mi'kmaq under the Indian Act. The signing of this agreement was celebrated on August 13, 2008 at the Humber Valley Resort in Western NL.



FNI President Brendan Sheppard with The Honorable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians

“This final agreement shows what is possible when two parties engage in positive, productive discussions,” said Minister Strahl. The final agreement sets in motion an enrolment process that will provide eligible members of the Mi'kmaq of Newfoundland with status under the Indian Act.

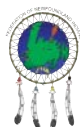
“The Agreement signifies the dedicated efforts of many Mi'kmaq, who struggled to maintain their identity, heritage and culture in Newfoundland throughout the years,” said Mr. Sheppard. “it is most evident that the official ratification of the Agreement in Principle truly reflects the sincerity and commitment of Prime Minister Harper’s government to work in good faith with consideration for the Aboriginal people of Canada.”

The FNI will lead the enrollment process. This process will include hiring Community Assistants for each local band to help members and non-members to complete an application for registration into the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band, hiring three Regional Clerks to assist the Enrollment Committee and hiring two Mi'kmaq representatives for the Enrollment Committee. These aforementioned personnel will be in place by mid September and it is anticipated that the first intake of applications for review will commence by December 2008. Visit the [www.qalipu.com](http://www.qalipu.com) for up to date information on the process or to download an application for enrollment (application will be available by mid September).



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## Off Reserve Aboriginal Housing Program

On May 2, 2006 the federal Budget included \$300 million over three years for an Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing Trust, in Canada to improve housing for Aboriginal people living off-reserve. NL allocation from this fund is \$2.7 million per year for three years equaling \$8.2 million. The FNI members will be beneficiaries to this fund. We have been into negotiations for the past year with the province and other aboriginal organizations to develop an Aboriginal Housing program. The aboriginal groups and the department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs have agreed upon a housing program and we are currently awaiting Cabinet approval to begin delivering this program. As soon as Cabinet gives approval for the recommended program the FNI will send another newsletter to inform each of you of the details of the program and how to apply for this housing program.



The Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI) held its 33rd Annual General Assembly (AGA) at the Glynmill Inn in Corner Brook on June 14 & 15, 2008. A total of 39 voting delegates were in attendance, invited guest representing the Department of Indian & Northern Affairs, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, RCMP, Terra Nova Park, Gross Morne National Park, Newfoundland Native Women's Association, Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network, the Indian Head Drummers and many observers from the local membership. The theme for the AGA was Celebrating the Ratification of the Agreement-in-Principle. The FNI was formed in 1972 which equates to 36 years organized however only 33 AGA's have been held due to unavailable funding for 3 years. For 32 AGAs the delegates discuss strategy, radical actions, court cases, exploratory discussion, Preliminary negotiations, negotiations, etc to obtain what was celebrated at the 33 AGA. The Mi'kmaq of Newfoundland unanimously voted to move forward with the opportunity to present their genealogy to a joint committee (Mi'kmaq and Canada) to establish a founders list for a Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nations Band. The AGA agenda consisted of: adoption of 32 AGA minutes, a financial audit report from Bonnell Cole & Janes, appointment of next years auditor, court case update by Coxs & Palmer, update on the Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing Program, presentation by Indian Northern Affairs on the Implementation phase of the Agreement



Pictured above Annie Randell after receiving a gift from Brendan Sheppard for her 20 years of Service to the FNI.



Pictured above is a collage of events from the FNI's 33rd AGA.

in Principle, presentation by RCMP for recruitment, presentation by the President of FNI which outlined the timeline of the organizations, address from Chief of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, election of Central Vice President and Youth Director, program reports of the FNI, a presentation by Terra Nova National Park and resolutions to guide the executive and board of directors for the fiscal year of 2008-2009.

Mr. Terry Mills was voted Central Vice President and Ms. Kristina Duffy voted as Youth Director for FNI.

During the Annual Dinner Ms. Annie Randell received a tribute from the Executive and Board of Directors for 20 years of dedication and service to the organization. Ms. Randell expresses her sincere thanks to all the people that she has met and worked with over the past years. It is these people that have given her the motivation to optimistically address every challenge that came her way during this past 20 years. She looks forward to working with each of you in the future.

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**[www.rcmp.ca](http://www.rcmp.ca)**

## *Exposés sur les carrières*

**Stephenville - le 3 sept.**

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**Corner Brook - le 17 sept.**

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# YOUTH ACTION

## FNI RCMP SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM ENJOYS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER

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Left to Right: Scott Noseworthy, Sgt.; Leah Marche; Jennifer Alexander; Daniel DeGrace (kneeling); Kristy Sparkes; Sara Young; Alicia Park; Gerard Muise; Anthony LaSaga; Paul Nicholson, Cst.

The FNI and the RCMP have teamed up for another successful employment training program. This summer eight youth have participated in the program in Stephenville, Corner Brook and Deer Lake detachments. The program has seen much change over the last few years but has become a very interesting and educational experience for the participants. The participants spend one week in St. John's receiving training on several topics before assigned to police detachments in their location. The employment program provides the participants with the opportunity to get an inside look at the RCMP to help them decide if this type of career is what they would like to pursue. In the past we have had many participants of this program go on to start the process of becoming a police officer which is a very in-depth process.

This summer our participants have taken the reins and have started several initiatives that they feel are necessary for the public's safety. They have taken part in a seat belt survey, bike rodeo's, put together brochures on cabin safety, taken part in security at different events, and developed and delivered presentations to different community groups. The FNI would like to say congratulations to the participants of this program and we wish you great success in your future plans.

Anyone who is interested in the details of this employment program for future years can contact the Community Liaison who's contact information is at the back of the newsletter. The advertisement for this program usually is done in January or February as the security screening for these positions is very intensive and requires a great deal of time.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CORNER

11.05 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at a minimum of once every three (3) months or as often as the business of the Corporation may require and shall be called by the President. A meeting of directors may be held at the close of every Annual General Meeting of the Corporation without notice. Notice of all other meetings, specifying the time and place thereof, shall be given either orally or in writing to each director within a reasonable time before the meeting is to take place, but non-receipt of such notice by any director shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

11.06 No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless at least fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) in number of the directors are present at the commencement of such business.

## FLAT BAY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT NEWS

Since April 2008, the Flat Bay Indian Band has hired on 9 youth 7 of those being summer students, through various partnerships: Service Canada, Job Creation Partnership Program: Stefan Young of the Indian Head First Nations Band, has been working as a Development Officer for the band and has been very active, dedicating himself to overseeing and administering all the initiatives, designing a website for the band, researching funding sources and writing proposals for pending and new programs.

Service Canada Student Summer Worker Program: Samantha Ploughman, of the Flat Bay Indian Band, was hired as a General Office Assistant with primary focus on the member genealogy in preparation for registration under the Agreement in Principle. Samantha is also providing FREE basic computer training with members. Federation of Newfoundland Indians, Agreement In Principle, Support Fund: Cindy Kyle, of the Flat Bay Indian Band, is working as a Support Worker for Samantha Ploughman on the member's genealogy in preparation for registration under the Agreement in Principle.

Conservation Corps Newfoundland & Labrador, Green Team: Flat Bay Indian Band members, Tyrone MacNeil, Jonathan Bennett, Gena Bennett and Eric Bennett have been performing various duties like; assisting with the July 13th, Mi'kmaq Cultural Day, general clean up of the community beaches and Big Pond area and interviewing Elders to report and archive the ways the people used the land in harmony.

Human Resources, Labor & Employment, Student Worker and Service Program: Matthew Alexander, of the Indian Head First Nations Band, is working as an Accounting Assistant, and focusing on the reconciliation of the water and garbage accounts.

The Federation of Newfoundland Indians, Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement: Lynn Legge, of the Flat Bay Indian Band, is hired as a Special Needs Service Worker to provide special domestic services to the community Elders and People with disabilities.

*We are very appreciative to the above funding supports and the youth who are all doing and excellent service to the Mi'kmaq people of our band.*



In photo left to right: Genna Bennett, Jonathan Bennett, Eric Bennett, Matthew Alexander, Samantha Ploughman, Tyrone MacNeil. Missing from photo: Stefan Young, Cindy Kyle, Lynn Legge

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## EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE COMMUNITY ASSISTANTS QALIPU MI'KMAQ FIRST NATION BAND ENROLLMENT PROCESS

The Federation of Newfoundland Indians is hiring Community Assistants to offer assistance to people submitting applications to seek enrollment of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nations Band. An Assistant will be hired to assist the membership in each Federation affiliated band, the Federation's General Membership and individual Mi'kmaq who are not Federation members. The Federation's affiliated bands vary in size and for that reason the period of each Community Assistant's employment will also vary. The following chart sets out the maximum number of work weeks a Community Assistant will be made available for each band council (not necessarily consecutive employment weeks). The employment will commence with a training session starting on September 15th 2008 with hours of work then being assigned by the Federation up to March 27th 2009, unless extended for a further period. If there is a further extension, it may be given to some of the Community Assistants hired and not to others and the length of the extension for those individuals may vary.

Wages will be \$12 per hour with the number of hours per week being assigned by the Federation. The individuals hired for these positions must be very friendly and embracing so as to encourage members to seek assistance from them. The individual must have good written and oral communication skills and experience with computers. A background in genealogy of the community in which they would work would be an asset. Individuals hired will not be conducting genealogy research. They will receive training in completing the enrollment application and assisting potential applicants in filling out the application for enrollment.

<b>BAND</b>	<b>NUMBER OF WEEKS</b>
Elmastogoeg First Nations	23
Corner Brook Indian Band (One full time and one part-time position)	48
Port au Port Indian Band	12
Indian Head First Nations	25
St. George's Indian Band	30
Flat Bay Indian Band	9
Sple'tk First Nation	19
Gander Bay Indian Band	6
Glenwood Mi'kmaq First Nation	8
General Membership and others	8

Interested applicants must apply to: Federation of Newfoundland Indians  
P.O. Box 956  
Corner Brook, NL  
A2H 6J3  
Fax: 709-639-3997

Clearly indicate that you are applying for employment as a Community Assistant.

Deadline for resumes is September 5th, 2008

We thank everyone that decides to apply but only those who will receive consideration for a position will be contacted.

## Employment Positions Available Regional Enrollment Clerks Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band Enrollment Process

Pursuant to the "Agreement for the Recognition of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq Band", individuals wishing to be enrolled as members of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band must submit an application to an Enrollment Committee which will determine their eligibility for enrollment. The Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI) will be hiring three Enrollment Clerks to assist applicants in completing their application and the Enrollment Committee in the administration of the Enrollment Process. One Enrollment Clerk will be hired for the Central region of the island of Newfoundland, one Enrollment Clerk for the Bay St. George region and one Enrollment Clerk for the Bay of Islands region. The Enrollment Clerks' duties will consist of the following:

- ~Analyzing applications and supporting documents to ensure the application is complete;
- ~Provide advice to the applicant if supporting documentation is incomplete;
- ~Data processing of applications into the Indian Registrar System (training will be provided for this system);
- ~Supervise Community Assistants in his or her Region;
- ~Any other functions that may be established by the FNI or the Enrollment Committee.

The applicant must be of Mi'kmaq Ancestry; and preference will be given to applicants meeting the following criteria:

- ~Experience in using word processing, database and e-mail software;
- ~Knowledge of the history of the Mi'kmaq people of Newfoundland;
- ~Extensive experience in conducting genealogy;
- ~Ability to communicate both orally and in writing;
- ~Ability to organize, coordinate and prioritize workloads;
- ~Dependability and ability to work with minimal supervision.

Post Secondary Education will be an asset for these positions. The salary level is \$538 per week. The employment will commence with a training session starting on September 15, 2008. A minimum of 14 month term employment is anticipated.

**Interested applicants must apply to:**  
**Federation of Newfoundland Indians**  
P.O. Box 956  
Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J  
Fax: 709-639-3997

**Clearly indicate that you are applying for employment as Regional Enrollment Clerk.**

**Deadline for resumes is September 5th, 2008**

We thank everyone that decides to apply but only those who will receive consideration for a position will be contacted.

## Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) Training

The FNI have been successful in receiving funds to conduct an ATK workshop that will train 9 participants how to gather ATK (document and record) in a consistent format that will be familiar to future readers and to provide a protocol to community elders of how to protect ATK from the external interest of possible abuse of Mi'kmaq ATK.

The FNI will pay a \$400 per diem plus travel to each participant for this training session. The training session will be 2 days in Stephenville on September 24 & 25th, 2008. The participant will also receive at least one week employment at \$400 for conducting ATK interviews in their community.

The ideal person(s) for this position is an individual that has excellent written and oral communications skills, computer skills in MS Word, an active member of the local band that have gained a knowledge of the people and their way of life.

Interested applicants must apply to: Federation of Newfoundland Indians  
P.O. Box 956  
Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J3  
Fax: 709-639-3997

*Clearly indicate that you are applying for ATK Training*

*Deadline for resumes is September 05, 2008*





## EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS QALIPU MI'KMAQ FIRST NATIONS BAND ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Pursuant to the "Agreement for the Recognition of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq Band", individuals wishing to be enrolled as members of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band must submit an application to an Enrollment Committee which will determine their eligibility for enrollment. The Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI) will be hiring 2 individuals to serve as the Mi'kmaq representatives on the Enrollment Committee. Working with the other members of the Enrollment Committee, the Mi'kmaq representatives will be responsible for analyzing applications and supporting documents in order to determine whether applicants seeking enrollment on the Band's Founding Members List, and ultimately, registration under the federal Indian Act, meet the eligibility requirements set out in the "Agreement for the Recognition of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq Band." The successful members must be of Mi'kmaq Ancestry.

### Preference shall be given to applicants meeting the following criteria:

- ~Experience in using word processing, database and e-mail soft ware;
- ~Experience applying legislation, regulations, policies, directives or similar criteria when assessing the validity or acceptability of documentation or applications;
- ~Knowledge of the legislative history of the Mi'kmaq people of Newfoundland and its relationship to the Indian Act;
- ~Extensive experience in conducting genealogy;
- ~Ability to undertake research and investigate records to identify pertinent facts and background information;
- ~Ability to communicate both orally and in writing;
- ~Ability to organize, coordinate and prioritize workloads;
- ~Dependability, thoroughness, discretion and judgment.

Applicants must have a minimum of a post secondary education and being willing to travel. The remuneration will be \$200 a day to attend EC Meetings with an additional stipend for preparatory time (if required, it will be based on volume of applications) plus travel, accommodations and meals if the successful candidate resides more than 100 km from the location of an Enrollment Committee meeting.

**Interested applicants must apply to:**  
**Federation of Newfoundland Indians**  
**P.O. Box 956**  
**Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J3**  
**Fax: 709-639-3997**

Clearly indicate that you are applying for employment as an Enrollment Committee Member.

Deadline for resumes is September 5th, 2008

We thank everyone that decides to apply but only those who will receive consideration for a position will be contacted.

### ENWA ELDER'S FEAST 'BAKELESS' BAKE SALE

The Exploits Native Women's Association will be having "Bakeless Bake Sale Sept 19th to help offset the upcoming Elder's Feast. There will be no bake goods donated, you just have to send or bring in a donation to the band office by Sept. 19th.

Any donation will be gratefully accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie by calling 489-3695 after 6 pm or email her at [bernie@nf.aibn.com](mailto:bernie@nf.aibn.com)

### BAY ST. GEORGE CULTURAL REVIVAL COMMITTEE

A Sub-committee of Flat Bay Indian Band Members has come together to focus on keeping the Bay St. George Powwow, active. These members are Dean Simon, Ron Sheppard, Carolyn Sheppard, Chrissy Godin and Loraine Bennett. They will be meeting with Judy White, Chair of the Bay St. George Cultural Revival Committee, to discuss a strategic plan.

Many other very exciting and valuable programs and initiatives are in the works and we will report them once they are confirmed.



Hello everyone. Well summer is almost over and the Diabetes Program has been busy with preparations for many of the upcoming activities such as the cooking classes, Grocery shopping tours and Youth/Elder Survival night. Most of the planning has already been completed and dates for each area are presently being finalized. This year the Youth/Elder Survival night activity has been scheduled for the months of August and September in order for members and families to have an opportunity to participate. Keep a look out for places and times of each activity. They will be posted on the web site as well as announced on radio.

Summer is the time of year to enjoy being outdoors, whether going on vacation, going to the beach or just relaxing in the sunshine. People with chronic conditions have to be even more careful in the heat than usual, especially with diabetes. It is important for everyone to increase their intake of liquids, not just people with diabetes. However, dehydration can also occur when blood glucose levels are high, regardless of temperature, so when the thermometer soars, it becomes doubly important to get enough fluids. The summer heat can also be a concern when trying to carry supplies such as insulin, meters and strips with you. Insulated bags with small refreezable ice packs are good for keeping things cool. Keep equipment out of direct sunlight as much as possible.

- Barbara Lannon, Diabetes Coordinator



## DIABETES FACTS

We all know that exercise is better for your health than sitting in front of the TV. The problem is that the TV is intricately linked with our lifestyles. This may sound farfetched or another one of those "turn off the TV and get more exercise" lectures, but consider the following:

Diabetes risk increases 14% for every 2 hours a day spent watching TV, according to a 2003 study of women. Researchers estimated that 43% of new cases of diabetes in this group of women could have been potentially prevented with a lifestyle that included fewer than 10 hours of TV viewing a week and at least 30 minutes of brisk walking a day.

Watching television during meals is double trouble. Not only can this result in a full night of mindless watching, but the program takes attention away from the meal, increasing the chance you'll overeat or opt for foods that are less than healthy. That's bad for both your waistline and your attempts to control your diabetes.

Remember, EAT HEALTHY! STAY ACTIVE!

## HOUSING INSPECTORS Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing Program Anticipated (Temporary - 2 positions)

Applications are invited for the positions of Housing Inspectors. One Inspector is anticipated to be hired on the West Coast, NL and one hired in the Central Region, NL. These positions are temporary to March 31, 2009 and may involve extensive travel to Aboriginal communities.

The Inspectors will be required to inspect the aboriginal applicants homes for repair requirements and prepares related scopes of work, cost estimates and related contract documents, and reviews this information with aboriginal clients and contractors; monitors housing repair work in progress for compliance with applicable codes and program guidelines; discusses repair related matters with applicants and contractors; prepares reports and recommends on release of contract payments.

The successful applicants for these positions must have experience in residential repair work and considerable knowledge and understanding of the needs and circumstances unique to Aboriginal individuals and communities. Applicants must have written, oral and interpersonal communication skills necessary to evaluate, confirm and process grant applications, and complete related contract documents.

The salary scale is \$38,500 per annum based on a forty (40) hour work week.

Résumés should be forwarded to the following address on or before September 12th, 2008  
P.O. Box 956 Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J3

# BAND NEWS

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## Flat Bay Mi'kmaq Cultural Day

On July 13, 2008 the Flat Bay Indian Band held a cultural day on the powwow grounds. This event was held in lieu of the Bay St. George Powwow. The day began with an early Sunrise Ceremony, conducted by Terry Muise and Scott Butt. The day followed with various activities such as bundle sharing, a tour of the walking trail, drumming by the Bay St. George Sharing Circle, and an inspirational seminar titled, "Reluctant Spirit" conducted by Chief Liz LaSaga. Throughout the day all three meals were served. The council would like to thank everyone who had donated and volunteered his or her time towards putting this day off. We could not have done this without you!

## PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORIES



Here is another beautiful old photograph that was shared with us by Dwayne Gillam, Elmastogoeg First Nations, Benoit's Cove. Thank you Dwayne! This photo is of Dwayne's great-grandmother, Diane (Annie) Brake. She married Benjamin Farnell, who was a merchant from Nova Scotia and settled in Riverhead, Corner Brook. Annie was the daughter of Luke Brake Sr. and Elizabeth Lejeune. Dwayne's dad Cyril B. Gillam was born in Humbermouth (Riverhead) in the Bay of Islands, the son of William G. Gillam and Annie Eva Farnell of Riverhead.

Anyone who has any old photographs they would like to share are asked to contact Violet Dawson at (709) 646-2005 or email [deep-purple@live.ca](mailto:deep-purple@live.ca)

## ST. GEORGE'S INDIAN BAND CELEBRATES SEVENTH ANNUAL ABORIGINAL DAY!

Despite the cold, damp and rain, approximately sixty-five people attended the St. George's Indian Band's Seventh Annual Sunrise Ceremony held on "Seal Rock's" Hill, on Saturday, June 21, 2008. The ceremony was led by Violet Dawson, while being assisted by Andrea Bennett and Alison White. The ceremony began with an opening prayer in Mi'kmaq by Andrea Bennett.

Thanks to the hard working members of the St. George's Indian Band, this special day was filled with Mi'kmaq Cultural Activities from Sunrise to Sunset. The Medicine Wheel Teaching was shared at the Sunrise Ceremony and from that moment on everyone lived up to that teaching by participating in the remainder of the day's activities.

The St. George's Indian Band Council would like to acknowledge and thank the provincial department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation for their generous donation in the amount of \$1000 towards this event.

## PORT AU PORT INDIAN BAND CELEBRATES ABORIGINAL DAY

The Port au Port Indian Band, Indian Head First Nations and the Melgignat Mi'kmaq Women's Group joined forces for the celebration of Aboriginal Day this year. One of the highlights of the day was a Mass celebrated in honor of St. Anne, the patron saint of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Our Lady of Mercy Church in Port au Port was the site of the Mass. The Church was decorated with alder branches and red, yellow, black, and white ribbons. Participants in the celebration were Father Terry Boland, the St. Anne's Guild of Stephenville, Mi'kmaq choir members and the Aboriginal Drum Group. The Mass was well attended by aboriginal and non aboriginal people from the area. This first annual event, in the words of Father Terry, can only get bigger and better next year.

## ENWA DRUMMERS/SINGERS NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

On June 26th, The Exploits Native Women's Association (ENWA) and Sple'tk First Nation held another successful National Aboriginal Day Celebrations at the Mary March Museum in Grand Falls-Windsor. Over 60 people showed up to learn how to make earrings; dream catchers; bracelets and necklaces. The Exploits Native Women's Drummers/Singers performed some lovely Mi'kmaw songs and chants. This was followed by a traditional feast which was enjoyed by all. Penny Wells, Curator for the Mary March Museum was really pleased with the turn out.

## St. George's Indian Band New Website

Thanks to a generous donation from St. George's Indian Band member, Rita Hall of Turtle Technologies, the St. George's Indian Band Council is happy to announce that we now have our own web site. Check it out at <http://www.sgib.ca>



# EMPLOYMENT + TRAINING

## Administrative Assistant



The FNI Employment and Training program reviews applications for aboriginal people who wish to further their post-secondary education. In order to ensure the best possible outcome for our members the FNIET program has four deadline dates for applications, these are January 15th, March 15th, May 15th, and July 15th of each year.

In order to process these applications they need to be received by the FNIET office no later than 4:00pm on the deadline dates. If applications are not received complete by this time they will not be reviewed at the FNIET meeting for that date.

This position is open to all Members of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians. To qualify for this position you must have a minimum of a two year business administration diploma focused on Finance. A copy of your diploma must be attached to your resume.

Preference will be given to applicants that have experience in Simply Accounting, Budgeting and Microsoft products. Place of operation will depend on the person that is hired.

This position is classified as Permanent Part-time with the probably of going full time without notice to the public. Rate of pay is based on an annual salary of \$27,000.

Deadline for applications is September 12th, 2008 at 4:00pm. Federation of Newfoundland Indians P.O. Box 956, Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J3.

We thank all those who apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

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### TENDER

The Federation of Newfoundland Indians will be accepting tenders on a Wooden Dorey until September 12, 2008. Tenders will be opened at 2:00pm on September 12, 2008. Please send bid to P.O. Box 956, Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J3.

Clearly marked TENDER on outside envelope.

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#### *Indian Head First Nations*

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