



MI'KMAQ NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE FEDERATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND INDIANS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I sincerely hope that my brief update on the Agreement In Principle (AIP) for FNI in this edition of the Mi'kmaq News will provide all members with a reasonable insight of what has currently taken place with the process.

The FNI and Indian Affairs officials originally stated that both groups intended to carry out consultations on the AIP during 2006 and that ratification by the members would take place the early part of 2007. A process to seek cabinet approval after ratification by the members, providing that the results were positive, would follow. However, a change has taken place, the bureaucracy decided to seek Cabinet approval first and then move on to the aforementioned steps of the process. This sudden change in direction has certainly caused a delay in the proposed timeframes to complete consultations and ratification process as earlier stated. I can say that even though things are not happening as fast as we all would like to see, the process related to the AIP is still very much on the priority agenda of the FNI and Indian Affairs. On January 18th a meeting was held with INAC officials and the individual who have been contracted by Indian Affairs to assist in preparing a memorandum to cabinet regarding the FNI's Agreement In Principle (AIP). The team mentioned that it is the intention of Indian Affairs officials responsible for the FNI file to have a submission ready to present to cabinet before March 31/07; however as we are all well aware, this date should not be understood as a final date. In concluding, I will keep you informed regarding the status of the submission to cabinet and I remain positive that this process will continue. I once again ask for your patience and understanding regarding the time it takes when dealing with such an important matter.

COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES

The Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI) sole owner of a company named Mi'kmaq Commercial Fisheries (MCF) has ownership of a 44'11" commercial fishing enterprise. This enterprise consist of fishing snow crab, ground fish (gillnet, trap, longliner), capelin & mackerel (fixed gear). MCF is in the processes of purchasing an additional crab and purse seine for herring, mackerel and capelin for this enterprise. The objective of the FNI entering into the commercial fishing industry to was to seek employment for our members. Currently we have, possibly, three openings for members on this vessel. If you are interested in one of those positions please put forward a resume to the FNI Corner Brook office. Deck hands on this enterprise are paid 7% of the catch.



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YOUTH ACTION NEWS

Aboriginal Association at Grenfell College

Have you recently graduated from High School and moved on to pursue your studies out of the Bay St. George Area? Does this effect your being able to participate in cultural activities and learn more about your Mi'kmaq traditions? Well, this is an issue that is being worked on!

Ms. Sarah Wells and Mr. Jordan Bennett, two youth from Indian Head First Nations, along with other youth, are in the process of forming an Aboriginal Association at the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook. The association will be open to all aboriginal youth and interested individuals. They are hoping to bring everyone together to hold a Mid- Winter Celebration. Keep your eyes open for up coming details on this event!

Employment Opportunity Parks Canada HERITAGE PRESENTER/GUIDE

Parks Canada is looking for Heritage Presenter/Guides for the following sites: L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site; Port au Choix National Historic Site; and Gros Morne National Park. This is a 12 week program for Post-Secondary students from June 11-August 31st. Bilingual would be an asset but others will be considered.

Skills & Knowledge:

The work requires knowledge of the natural and cultural history of the Park or Site and the ability to effectively communicate information. The work may require handling money, making change and the preparation of sales reports. The work requires reading and understanding historical literature.

Specific Training:

The work requires knowledge of Parks Canada, the specific Park or Site and it's interpretive themes, the Parks and facilities in the surrounding area and knowledge of one or more animation roles and associated skills. This knowledge is normally acquired through on-the-job training and personal study.

Working Conditions:

The work is carried out both indoors and outdoors with exposure to variable weather conditions where tours or animation must continue despite weather conditions. The successful applicants will need to wear the Parks Canada Uniform or costumes while working.

Salary Scale: \$ 11.00 - 12.79 per hour @ 37.5 hours per week for 12 weeks plus applicable Isolated Post and Vacation Pay allowances.

Apply: Send resume and cover letter by 4 pm May 18th to:
Federation of Newfoundland Indians
Heritage Presenter/ Guide
P.O. Box 460
St. George's, NL A0N 1Z0

MSN Group Link

Below is a link to a msn message group where the youth of the FNI can interact and get updates on scholarships, job opportunities and other opportunities. Please take the time to check it out.

http://groups.msn.com/FNIYouth/_whatsnew.msnw

NEWS FROM CORNER BROOK

Corner Brook Indian Band Elections

March 04, 2007 at 7PM.- 8:30PM
Sir Wilfred Grenfield College

NEWS FROM INDIAN HEAD

Indian Head First Nations will be holding its Annual General Assembly on Sunday April 29th, 2007. For details on time and location, please check with the band office at 643-5215.

Band members are also reminded that band cards can be ordered through the office from Monday to Friday and will be ready for pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting February 20th.

Sarah Nash, Bay St. George Aboriginal Youth Services coordinator is available to youth Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 4:30 for help with resume writing and scholarship information. No appointment necessary.

Are you looking for work?

Many people don't know that if you are a member of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians you may be eligible for a Wage Subsidy program, Self-Employment assistance program or other programs with our organization which can help you find and keep employment. For more information contact the Community Liaison at the information above.

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

THE FEDERATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND INDIANS

BRIDGEWATCH PROGRAM

Previously called the Pre-Sea Deckhand Course
(Special Offering)

The Federation of Newfoundland Indians is offering members a chance to become trained to work in the Marine industry. If you have any interest in the Bridgewatch program the FNI will be funding several members who would like to work in this industry. Below is an outline of the program and entrance requirements if you are interested in this program please contact Bernie Hanlon, ACRO at the information below and include your name; which Indian Band you are a member of; and a recent resume.

Location: Central NL (Grand Falls-Windsor)
Duration: Seven months (including two month at-sea work-term)
Delivery: 13 weeks (Classroom in Grand Falls)
6 weeks in St. John's
8 weeks at-sea work-term

Entrance Requirements:
Grade 8
MED medical (Marine Institute)
Seafarers medical (Transport Canada)
At least 16 years old

For more information contact:

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Deadline date for resumes: April 20, 2007 @ 4pm

RCMP / FNI STUDENT SUMMER PROGRAM

The Federation of Newfoundland Indians and the RCMP are working together to build a worthwhile work experience for those aboriginal youth who are interested in the RCMP program. This job opportunity will give you an insightful look at the RCMP and may help you decide if this is a career opportunity you wish to pursue. This job opportunity is 8 weeks in duration July-August 2007, successful applicants will be placed at the RCMP detachment closest to there location . This program is a great stepping stone for individuals wishing to obtain a career with the RCMP.

Eligibility criteria:

Completion of high school ~ Non-Status Aboriginal person (indicate on cover letter what band or organization you are a member of) ~ Must be between the ages of 19-29 ~ **MUST NOT BE HOLDING A CRIMINAL RECORD** (selected participants will go through a security clearance) ~ Applicants are typically returning to full-time studies in the Fall, however, all applicants will be considered.

Salary Scale: \$ 10.00 per hour @ 40 hours per week for 8 weeks.

Apply: Send resume and cover letter to:
Federation of Newfoundland Indians
RCMP Program
P.O. Box 460, St. George's, NL
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Deadline date for resumes: March 12, 2007 @ 4pm

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The FNI Employment and Training program is adding another meeting to review training applications for prospective students. To be eligible for this meeting applications must be completed and sent into the Grand Falls office on or before May 15, 2007. Please contact the ACRO at the information above for any questions.

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Mi'kmaq Words

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

a'lutasit: guide (by boat); fishing guide- Pronounced: (aa-lu-da-sit)

musigisg: sky- Pronounced: (mu-si-gisk)

me-wi-sit: pick berries- Pronounced: (me-wi-sit)

CONSTITUTIONAL CORNER

Did you know:

5.01- The Honorary Chief shall hold the position of figurehead of the Mi'kmaq of the Corporation. The Honorary Chief shall be a person possessing a through knowledge of the Mi'kmaq culture and lifestyle.

Parks Canada

L'Anse aux Meadows Archaeology

"Anticipatory Staffing"

Pending Funding Approval

Archaeological Research Assistant

1 position, 6 weeks

Qualifications

- upper-year student (or recent graduate) in undergraduate anthropology/archaeology program
- previous archaeological field work experience

Archaeological Field Crew Member

3 or 4 positions, 5 weeks

Qualifications

- high school graduate
- interest in archaeology

Notes

-potential candidates should be aware that these positions involve intense physical labour and extended periods of outdoor work in various weather conditions.

These positions are offered by Parks Canada interested parties can contact Parks Canada, Western Field Office for more information.

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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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