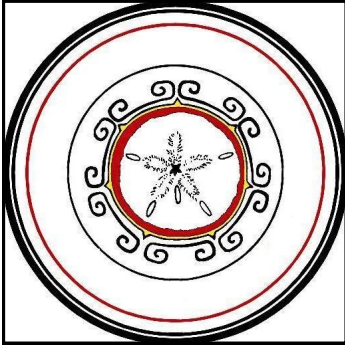


May 2014



Acadia First Nation

Community Newsletter

Community Meetings

Chief and Council are pleased to announce that there will be a series of community meetings held on the following dates and areas:

June 10th—6:00-8:00pm
Halifax (Location TBA)

June 12th—6:00-8:00pm
Gold River (Location TBA)

June 16th—6:00-8:00pm
Liverpool (Location TBA)

June 17th—6:00-8:00pm
Wildcat (Community Room)

June 24th—6:00-8:00pm
Yarmouth (AFN Entertainment Centre, Bingo Hall)

June 25th—6:00-8:00pm
Shelburne (Location TBA)

A notice will be mailed as soon as the locations have been determined.

Looking for Volunteers for Acadia First Nation Community Fun Day!

Acadia First Nation will be hosting a Community Fun Day.

It will be a day filled with fun, games, food and a time for social gathering.

We are currently seeking Volunteers to form a planning committee.

If you are interested, please contact Amanda Muise at (902) 742

-0257 to submit your name and contact information.

The deadline for Volunteers will be May 12th.

The first meeting will take place on May 22nd at 11am in Liverpool at the Best Western Hotel.

We encourage volunteers from all areas as this is a community gathering for all our communities.

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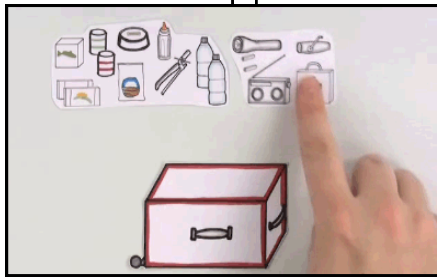
Special points of interest:

- Aboriginal Day Live and Celebration—Halifax
- Atlantic Powwow Trail
- Medicine Pouch Workshop—Halifax
- Community Diabetes and Education Sessions
- AFN Entertainment Centre Grand Opening

Emergency Preparedness Week May 4-10

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. By taking a few simple steps, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies, anytime or anywhere.

Melanie Purdy will be travelling to the Wildcat and Gold River communities to host an Emergency Preparedness Information Session.



Make sure you are Prepared!

May 7th—Wildcat Emergency Preparedness Information Session—6:00 to 7:30 pm (Door Prizes and Food)

May 8th—Gold River Emergency Preparedness Information Session—11:00am to 1:00pm (Door Prizes and Food)

Come and learn how to get you and your family ready for any emergency that could happen.

For more information go to www.getprepared.gc.ca

Health Services! VON, Dentist and Therapist

The VON will be available in the following areas during the month of May:

Yarmouth—May 15th and 29th

Wildcat— May 27th

Gold River—May 1st and 15th and 29th.

The Dentist will be available at the Yarmouth Health Centre on the following dates:

May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

Vivian House, Mental Health/Addictions Therapist will be available at the Yarmouth

Health Centre on May 6th and 20th. To book appointments please contact your local office at:

Yarmouth 742-4337

Wildcat 682-2421

Gold River 627-1245

Driving on Reserve Land

We would like to remind anyone who operates a motor vehicle on reserve land they are required to obey the speed limit and traffic signs.

It is for the safety of our community members and children

that these rules are in effect.

Please make sure you are stopping at each of the stop signs and do not exceed the posted speed limits.



Drive safely and make it a safe place for our community!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Band Office at 902-742-0257.

Aboriginal Day Live and Celebration June 21st—Halifax

The community Celebration Village is the heart of the Aboriginal Day Celebration where people come to congregate and celebrate past traditions along with contemporary activity, all against a backdrop of world class music in the live broadcast concert, Aboriginal Day Live.

The Community Celebration Village will come alive in both theme and atmosphere as it bustles with activity and the sights and sounds of aboriginal culture and ceremony.

With an expected 15000 Celebration-goers, they will be able to browse through artisan stalls of authentic Aboriginal crafts, taste traditional food and wonder at Aboriginal artists in resi-



dence. This vibrant market will highlight authentic artwork of the region's finest Aboriginal craftspeople.

Please visit our website: www.acadiafirstnation.ca to download a copy of the registration form to participate as a artisan vendor for this event. The deadline to register for this event is May 23rd, 2014. (under Notices)

Visit www.aboriginaldaylive.ca/halifax for more information.

Acadia First Nation is going Green!

We are pleased to say that over the last few months we have been using technology to help with sending out our monthly newsletters and notices. Our new website is up and running and information is updated on a daily basis. Please make it a daily routine to check the web-

site so that you can stay informed about what is going on in our First Nation.

We would like to encourage more of you to send in your email address to receive monthly newsletter electronical-

"Save the environment a little every day and use your email account to receive notices!"

ly. This will help reduce the cost of production and the cost of mailing. You receive the email immediately and the information is at your fingertips.

BINGO TRIP

There has been a date change in the Bingo Trip. Because May 31 is a scheduled elders trip, the date for the Bingo Bus will be May 24th which will also coincide with the AFN Entertainment Centre Grand Opening. Come play bingo and have your name entered for door prizes!

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused, however to ensure the elders have an opportunity to

attend the Bingo Trip we have adjusted the date to accommodate them. Contact Chrissy at 627-1245 to book a seat!

Bus Schedule: These are the departure times.

Hammonds Plains Office –8:00am
 Gold River Exit 9 Car Pool Area 9:00am
 Liverpool Exit 19 Car Pool Area 10:00am
 Shelburne Exit 26 Tim Horton's 11:00am

May 2014—Community

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		YAR—Yarmouth GR—Gold River HRM—Halifax		1 VON-GR	2	3
4	5 Shelburne Rec Commit- tee meeting 4-6pm	6 Dentist 8:30-12 YAR Vivian House—YAR	7 Cathy Gehue in Yarmouth Office Emer. Prep. Work- shop—Wildcat 6-730pm	8 Emer. Prep. Workshop— GR 11am-1pm	9	10
11	12	13 Dentist 8:30-12 (Yarmouth)	14 Halifax Elders Social 9:30am	15 VON-GR VON- Yarmouth	16	17
18	19 CLOSED— VICTORIA DAY	20 Dentist 8:30- 12 (Yarmouth) Vivan House—YAR Deadline to sign up for Medicine Pouch Workshop— HRM	21	22 Diabetic/ Educational Workshop— GR 10am-1pm	23 Deadline to apply for a table at Abo- riginal Day Live—Halifax	24 Bingo Trip to Yarmouth Queens County Youth Trip AFN Entertain- ment Centre Grand Opening
25	26 Parent and Tot Group—GR 10am—12pm	27 Dentist 8:30-12 (Yarmouth)	28 Tea and Talk— YAR 3:30pm	29 VON—GR VON— Yarmouth	30	31 Elder's Trip— Charley Pride Concert

Shelburne Area News

When you come to the office, please use the front entrance, go downstairs to room L-3

Recreation Committee: William Acker, Wendy Barclay, Jeannette Nickerson, Carol Morash, Darlene Coulton, Tom Pictou and Jeff Purdy

Darlene Coulton, would like to thank the Recreation Committee members for their help in organizing our first Easter Party for the members children in the Shelburne/Barrington area. It was a huge success and was enjoyed by all.

The next recreation meeting will be held on May 5, 2014 from 4-6pm. We will be looking to plan an elders luncheon for the Shelburne and Barrington Areas. Also, because of the distance for the elders from the Barrington area to Shelburne we will plan these outings separately. If you have any suggestions for the Barrington area please give Darlene Coulton a call at 740-2077 or email her at darl8@hotmail.com.

As part of our Band going GREEN. Anyone wishing to send Darlene Coulton their email address are encouraged to do so and will you will be added to our electronic mailout process. It makes it easier to send our notices of any up-coming events etc.

Please see the Council Calendar for dates and times Darlene will be in the Shelburne Office.

STUDENT AWARDS—BAND MEMBERS ONLY

It is coming close to the end of another school year. We will be planning our yearly student awards ceremonies soon. Please make sure that you have the name and ages of children in by June 1st. Please contact your local band office to register your child/ren.

Please note that these awards are for Registered Band Members and Community Members that live on reserve that are enrolled in school grades Primary to 12.

If you have any questions, please contact your local office.

May 2014-Council

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
<p>YAR= Yarmouth Shel = Shelburne GR = Gold River</p>			<p>1 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Jeff- YAR 12-5pm Darlene-Shel 10am-1pm also on May 2nd 2-6pm</p>
<p>5 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Jeff- YAR 12-5pm Darlene–YAR</p>	<p>6 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Jeff- YAR 12-5pm Darlene–SHEL 1-4pm</p>	<p>7 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Deb Wentzell-Medway 9am Jeff- YAR 12-5pm</p>	<p>8 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Jeff- YAR 12-5pm Darlene–Shel 1-4pm Andrew–GR 9am-12pm</p>
<p>12 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Charmaine–Wildcat 10-12 Jeff- YAR 12-5pm Darlene–YAR Andrew–GR 9am-12pm</p>	<p>13 Chief and Council Meeting</p>	<p>14 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Deb Wentzell-Medway 9am Jeff- YAR 12-5pm Darlene–Shel 10am-2pm</p>	<p>15 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Jeff- YAR 12-5pm Darlene–Shel 1-4pm</p>
<p>19 CLOSED - VICTORIA DAY</p>	<p>20 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Jeff- YAR 12-5pm Darlene–Shel 1-4pm</p>	<p>21 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Deb Wentzell-Medway 9am Jeff- YAR 12-5pm</p>	<p>22 Tom-YAR 10am–3pm Jeff- YAR 12-5pm Darlene–Shel 10am-1pm Andrew–GR 9am-12pm</p>
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Youth Centre News!

Acrobatics will begin at the Youth Centre on Monday, May 5th and will continue every Monday evening for a total of 10 weeks as follows:

Baby Acro—Ages 3 to 5 from 6:00pm to 6:30pm

Acro 1—ages 6 and up from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Ballet 1—ages 6 and up from 7:30pm to 8:30pm

We are considering keeping Ballet 1 for children that have been taking the class and wish to continue, if there is no interest in Ballet 1 then the class will be dropped and the Acro 1 class will be split according to age.

Acrobatics is very similar to gymnastics, children and youth will practice skills and techniques such as: cartwheels, rolls, round-offs, back bend, etc....

To leave your name for classes or for more information please call the Youth Centre at (902) 742-6928.

Please keep note that the Youth Centre will be closed on Monday May 19th—Victoria Day!

2014 Atlantic Canada Powwow Trail

- **June 7th & 8th—Pictou Landing First Nation, Contact Fran Nicholas 902-752-1918**
- **June 14th & 15th—St. Mary's First Nation, Contact Percy Sacobie 506-455-7913**
- **June 14th & 15th—Abegweit First Nation, Scotchfort PEI, Contact Deana Beaton**
- **June 28th & 29th—Eskasoni First Nation, Contact Leroy Denny 902-379-2800**
- **July 4th & 6th—Conne River First Nation, Contact Darlene Joe 709-889-4158**
- **July 12th & 13th—Halifax Competition Powwow, Contact Shelly Young**
- **July 19th & 20th—Eel Ground First Nation, Contact Victoria Ginnish 506-627-4741**
- **July 26th & 27th—Eel River Bar First Nation, NB**
- **August 2nd & 3rd—Listuguj First Nation, Contact Marilyn Jacques 418-788-5707**
- **August 9th & 10th—Millbrook First Nation, Contact Reanne Syliboy**
- **August 9th & 10th—Lennox Island First Nation, PEI**
- **August 13th & 14th—MCPEI, Charlottetown, PEI**
- **August 16th & 17th—Panmure Island, Contact Jamie Gallant 902-892-5314**
- **August 16th 17th—Aroostock Band, Presque Isle ME, Contact John Dennis 207-764-1972**
- **August 23rd & 24th—Esgenoopetitj, Burnt Church, NB**
- **August 30th & 31st—Elsipogtog First Nation, Contact Oasoeg Milliea 506-523-8345**
- **September 6th & 7th—Membertou First Nation, Contact Janine Paul**

**** These dates are tentative and are subject to change.***

YOUTH RETREAT

This summer Matt Pride, PAS, Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative, along with St. Mary's University, the Mic Mac Friendship Centre, and others, will be coordinating two retreats for a group of youth ages 16-18. We are hoping for 2 youth, preferably one male and one female, from each of the 13 Mi'kmaq communities in NS and 2 others living Off-Reserve. The retreat will take place over 2 weekends (June 27-29 and Sept 19-21, 2014). Transportation will be provided by Markie Bus Tours and Tim Horton's Camp. The retreat will take place at Gitten's Lodge, just outside Truro (Maganese Mines). Funding has been provided by the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum. Recreation Nova Scotia is also a valuable partner in this project, as they have agreed to handle much of the administration work.

For more information, please contact Matt Pride at (902) 426-9162.

ELDER'S TRIP

Our Elders will be enjoying an afternoon on Saturday, May 31st at Queens Place Emera Centre for the Charley Pride concert.

Afterwards the Elders will be going for a nice relaxing supper at Lanes Privateer Inn.

We all hope you enjoy your Day!

Recognition Talk and Tea

Where: AFN Yarmouth Health Centre

When: Wednesday, May 28th

Time: 3:30pm

Contact: Rose Purdy 742-0141

Join us for a discussion and share your success!
Addictions recovery is hard and you deserve to be recognized!


Medicine Pouch Workshop

When: Saturday, June 7th **Time:** 1:00 pm

Where: Hammonds Plains Community Centre, 2041 Hammonds Plains Road

For: HRM area Band Members **Instructor:** Terri Pennell

If you are interested in attending this workshop please register by May 20th by calling 422-5918.



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Mi'kmaw Culture




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A cultural experience presented by Acadia First Nation in Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site



Enjoy a two-hour adventure exploring cultural landscapes, natural wonders and archaeological discoveries creating a powerful story of the Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia. Your journey includes story-telling, song, crafts and a campfire with sampling of traditional bread and blueberry tea.

Program offered Fridays at 2:00pm, July 4th to September 19th, 2014. Registration opens May 16, call 902-682-2653 or visit the Kejimikujik Visitor Centre, space is limited.

\$11.50 * Adults (13+)
\$5.00 * Youth (12 & under)
FREE Children (2 & under)
* Plus Parks Canada entry fee.

Join us on a journey through 10,000 years of the Mi'kmaq people.

Kejimikujik National Park & National Historic Site
Highway #8, 3005 Main Parkway
Maitland Bridge, NS B0T 1B0
parksCanada.gc.ca/keji

Cathy Gehue, Social Development Officer will be in the Yarmouth Office on May 7th, 2014. If you would like to see her please stop in.

Parent and Tot Group

Gold River Parent and Tot Group will be getting together on May 26th at the Health Centre from 10am to 12pm.

Halifax Elders Social

When: Wednesday, May 14

Time: 9:30am

Where: Hammonds Plain Office

HRM area elders are invited to join us at the Hammonds Plains Office for some great company, conversation, coffee, tea and snacks.

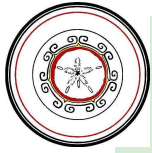
We look forward to seeing you then!

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

The youth in Queens County will be enjoying the Broadway Musical Mary Poppins at the Neptune Theatre on Saturday, May 24th along with an overnight stay in a downtown Halifax hotel.

For more information, please contact the Medway Office at (902) 685-2956

Have a great trip and enjoy yourself!



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Gaming Commission Dissolved

Effective April 8, 2014, Chief and Council has dissolved the AFN Gaming Commission. The decision to dissolve the AFN Gaming Commission was made in effort to reduce the overall expenses of the Acadia First Nation. The cost of running the AFN Gaming Commission was approximately \$100,000.00 per year. The Chief and Council will take on all responsibility of Gaming Operations without any additional costs to Acadia First Nation.

Thank you all for your time and dedication to the AFN Gaming Commission.



AFN Entertainment Centre Grand Opening

May 24th, 2014

Opening remarks will begin at 11am with a barbeque and light refreshments to follow.

Everyone is invited to attend. There will also be a chance to win door prizes throughout the afternoon and evening Bingo sessions.

Community Diabetes Screening and Education Sessions!

If you would like to have your glucose and blood pressure tested and learn more about preventative measures, please join Melanie Purdy and Ann Gotchshall on the following dates:

Gold River - May 22nd 10am-1pm

Hammonds Plains - May 28th 3pm-6pm

As of April 22nd, 2014 there are currently 1483 Registered Acadia First Nation Band Members with a total of 1267 eligible voters!

We are looking for Volunteers to help design and construct a FLOAT for the 2014 Seafest Parade in Yarmouth. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sonya at 742-0257!