

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Acadia First Nation Powwow



Acadia First Nation is putting together a powwow committee to plan this year's powwow.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for this committee and/or a volunteer for the powwow please contact the Yarmouth Band Office and submit your name. A committee will be selected from the names provided. Once a committee is formed there will be a conference call to discuss the next steps in planning.

Please be advised that the Community Fun Day has

been reprofiled in order to make the powwow successful.

This is all Voluntary and not a paid position. There has been a lot of interest from our members to continue with the powwow, however, in order to make this happen, we need a lot of volunteers.

Please contact the Yarmouth Band Office at (902) 742-0257 or by email at frontdesk@acadiaband.com to submit your name.

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Congratulations to the following 2013-2014 University/College Graduates

Acadia First Nation has many successful students that have graduated this year.

We would like to send out congratulations to the following students for all the hard work you have done in successfully completing your choice of education.

Natteal Battiste, BA, Saint Mary's University

Bailey Corkum, LPN, NS Community College

Lyndsay Francis - B of Community Design (Honours), Dalhousie University

Alana Hurlburt - Human Services, NS Community College

Courtney Pennell - BSc (Nursing), Saint Francis Xavier University

Amy Prosper - BA, Carleton University

Matthew Prosper - BA, Simon Fraser University

Sharla Riddell - Digital Photography, Durham College

Lauren Seith-Feder - Social Service Worker, Seneca College

Linnea Surette - Continuing Care, NS Community College

Ryan Whynot - BSc, Acadia University

GREAT JOB EVERYONE, WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOU!



It takes hard work and dedication from an individual to obtain what they want in life. You have just proven that you can achieve anything you want in life.

Use your education and make your life successful.

M & NP Scholarship & Academic Achievement Awards

The Maritime and Northeastern Pipeline and the Assembly of Nova Scotia Chiefs are committed to the development of future generations of Mi'kmaq students through academic and personal development. The Scholarship and Academic Achievement Awards Program encourages students to set higher goals and provides recognition for their accomplishments.

Deadline: June 11th, 2014 by 4pm for Academic Achievement Awards

June 13, 2014 by 4pm for Scholarships

Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/169923216393957> for printable applications.



Acadia First Nation Aboriginal Head Start Program 2014-2015

What is Head Start?

Head Start is a community program, which includes the cooperation of educators, physicians, nurses, social workers, parents, and teachers, in an effort to improve the development of children from 3-5 years old. Educators work with small groups of children enabling them to give more attention to children's individual needs.

The program includes six basic components such as:

- Culture and language
- Education
- Health Promotion
- Nutritional Promotion
- Social Support
- Parental Involvement

The activities offered by the program rely on the interest, the creativity and a sense of pride that derive from the knowledge of the First Nations traditions and culture. The goal is to develop an

early intervention strategy conceived and managed at the local level to help the children and their families acquire a positive self-image of themselves through an overall approach.

Eligibility:

The First Nation Head Start Program is open to all First Nation Children ages 3 to 5. All children under the age of 3 must be turning 3 on or before December 31st, 2014. All children must be toilet trained before attending the Head Start Program

Enrollment:

The program operates from September to June each year and follows the school year. The first day of Head Start will be September 8th, 2014. Classes will run from Monday to Thursday from 9am to 12pm. Fridays are for staff to prepare for the following week curriculum and disinfect the classroom.

For more information and to register, please contact the Youth Centre at (902) 742-6928.

AFN Entertainment Centre Grand Opening

On behalf of the Chief and Council we would like to congratulate and thank each and every person that made the AFN Entertainment Centre Grand Opening a huge success. It takes a lot of hard and dedicated work and we would like to acknowledge the organizers, staff and volunteers for their commitment to making this a day we will all remember.

Grand Opening Celebrations commenced with the opening prayer being read by Darlene Coulton. Chief Deborah Robinson began with opening remarks welcoming everyone to the AFN Entertainment Centre and giving a history on Acadia First Nation. Yarmouth Mayor Pam Mood, MLA Zach Churchill, Yarmouth Town Councillor Murray Goodwin and Yarmouth Municipality Councillor Leland Anthony all gave a speech with great enthusiasm and they all look forward to future endeavors with Acadia First Nation. As each person talked about the importance of having this new infrastructure in the Yarmouth Area, it was unanimous by all that it has enhanced the Yarmouth economy. Not only because it has created more employment opportunities but also a new facility that could be utilized for conferences, meetings and events.

The event continued outside with the magical sound of the Drum by Eastern Eagle Drum Group of the Indian Brook First Nation Community. Jayson Surette of the Acadia First Nation Band started off the entertainment by being the first of 3 dancers. Jayson has been a grass dancer for the past two years. Emerald Wells also from Acadia First Nation performed the fancy shawl dance and has been dancing for the past 5 years. Bailey Gore, an aboriginal youth from the Halifax area performed the hoop dance and has been dancing for the past few years as well. The entertainment ended with a round dance. Everyone enjoyed a barbecue with hotdogs, hamburgers and a cold beverage.

The afternoon session of bingo had a total of 153 people in attendance, which is the best turn out to date since bingo started in January. The evening session had a total of 137 people in attendance. There was an abundance of door prizes for both the afternoon and evening sessions. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our bingo and for the generous donations made by several of the local companies.

AFN Entertainment Centre Grand Opening



Mayor Pam Mood



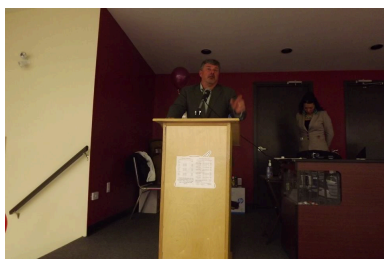
Chief Deborah Robinson



MLA Zach Churchill



Bingo Staff



Councillor
Murray Goodwin



Councillor Leland Anthony



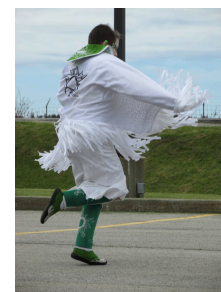
Eastern Eagle Drum



Jayson Surette
Grass Dancer



Bailey Gore
Hoop Dancer



Emerald Wells
Fancy Shawl Dancer

Youth Centre Updates

June 25th, 26th, and 27th are school marking days; therefore, the Youth Centre will be open from 8am to 9pm for your convenience.

Acrobatics will be held on Monday Evenings during the following times:

Baby acro - 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Acro - 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Multi-Cultural Children's Fashion Show

On July 12th, there will be a Multi-Cultural Children's Fashion Show held in Yarmouth as part of the Multi-Cultural Festival. Anyone interested in having his or her child participate in the fashion show, please contact Judy Boutilier at (902) 685-2956. Children will be displaying our cultural attire (traditional clothing - Regalia).

Mental Health Therapist

Acadia First Nation Yarmouth Health Centre would like to announce that Vivian House, Mental Health Therapist served her last day with us on May 20th, 2014. Vivian has decided to move home to Newfoundland.

We are currently working with the Yarmouth Mental Health Department to replace Vivian.

More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.



Tea and Talk

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

When: June 25th

Time: 3:00 pm

Where: Yarmouth Health Centre



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE THAT IS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF JUNE!

MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!

Community Meetings

There will be Community Meetings to be held on the following dates, time and locations:

June 10th – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Halifax** (Holiday Inn Harborview-Dartmouth)

June 12th – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Gold River** (Western Shore Fire Hall)

June 16th – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Liverpool** (Canoe and Camera Club)

June 17th – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Wildcat** (Community Room)

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

June 25th – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Shelburne** (Shelburne Fire Hall)

National Aboriginal Day at Keji Park

When: June 21st, 2014

Where: Keji Park

Time: 3:00 pm

The event will begin with an all nation drummers opening prayer and smudge.

Opening remarks – Eric Lebel

Drumming

Launch of Acadia First Nation Tourism Program

Bannock and Tea.....everyone welcome!



Tkipok Walking Trail

Grand Opening

Tkipok Walking Trail

At Arcadia School

June 17th, 2014

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Come join us and experience a beautiful walking trail with a cultural experience.



Yarmouth MADD Walk

Where: Acadia First Nation Yarmouth Reserve – Health Centre

When: June 19th, 2014

Contact: Rose Purdy

Time: 4:00 pm

Refreshments to follow!

Everyone is welcome!

Physical Activity Program

The school year is quickly winding down and Summer Break will soon be here. Summer break is an exciting time for our Acadia First Nation community's youth and a challenging time for parents as they start to plan activities for their children that will involve the reworking of their already busy daily schedules and sometimes financial burdens.

Let me help you with this daunting task. As your Physical Activity Coordinator, I am prepared to work with you to help identify physical activities that your children can do to stay busy during the school break. If summer sports are in your sights, there are a couple of organizations that you should be aware of. They will help ease the financial burden of signing your kids up to participate in summer sports and activities? KidSport and JumpStart will fund a maximum of \$300.00 yearly for every child that qualifies. These funding application forms are available at all Acadia First Nation offices and on the Acadia First Nation website (www.acadiafirstnation.ca).

Acadia First Nation has Recreation Committees in each of our areas. If you are 18 years of age or younger, you can submit a request of up to \$500.00 reimbursement for recreational activities. Funding is available from April 1st to March 31st. Contact your local band office for more information.

With the days getting longer and the weather starting to be more spring like and inviting, I've started to organize community walking groups!

The Acadia First Nation communities of Liverpool, Gold River, Wildcat and Hammonds Plains will hold similar coordinated walking groups at the following locations, times and dates below:

Liverpool: A walk is coordinated by myself and will take place at Queens Place in Liverpool every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, rain or shine. On rainy days we will utilize the indoor walking track at Queens Place, for a small fee of \$2.00/person.

Gold River: A half hour walk is coordinated by Chrissy and will meet at the Health Centre every Monday and Tuesday at 12:00 pm.

Wildcat: A walk is coordinated by Valerie and will meet at the store every Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Hammonds Plains: A half hour walk is coordinated by Jan and will take place in Tantallon near the Superstore (The Margarets Bay section of the Halifax/Lunenburg rail trail, where this trail crosses the Hammonds Plains Road) every Monday at noon (12:00 pm). Call to confirm if you're coming each week. Please park behind the Mariposa Natural Food Store and enter the trail from this location. If you have any questions, please call Jan at the Hammond's Plains Office. If there is enough interest she would be willing to walk more than once a week so give her a call soon.

Yarmouth: I am still working with Yarmouth to identify a group leader. Please contact me if you would like to organize a group walk.

I want to thank all of the group activity coordinators and the participants to date for their efforts. Awesome job and keep up the great work!

Anita Howard

Physical Activity Strategy Coordinator

685-2956/afnpasc@gmail.com

Revised Powwow Trail Schedule

June 7th and 8th – Pictou Landing Traditional Powwow, Pictou Landing, N.S. Contact – Fran Nicholas (902) 752-1918

June 14th and 15th – St. Mary's Traditional Powwow, Fredricton, N.B. Contact – Percy Sacobie (506) 455-7913 or Chicky Polchies (506) 470-3683

Scotchfort Traditional Powwow, Scotchfort, PEI – Contact – Deana Beaton

June 21st – Glooscap Heritage Center (Traditional Powwow), Millbrook, N.S. – Contact Garrett Gloade (902) 843-3496

June 28th and 29th – Free Weekend

July 4th – 6th – Pabineau Traditional Powwow, Bathurst, N.B.

Conne River Traditional Powwow, Conne River NFDL, Contact – Darlene Joe (709) 889-4158 or (709) 538-6227

July 12th and 13th – Indian Brook Traditional Powwow, Shubenacadie, N.S. – Contact Brian Knockwood, Chasity Lucio or Jacklyn Paul at (902) 758-2063

July 19th and 20th – Eel Ground Traditional Powwow, Eel Ground, N.B. – Contact – Victoria Ginnish (506) 627-4741

July 26th and 27th – Eel River Bar Traditional Powwow, Dalhouse, N.B.

Kingsclear Traditional Powwow, Fredricton, N.B. – Contact Carol Mary Harquail

August 2nd and 3rd – Listuguj Traditional Powwow, Listuguj, Q.C. – Contact Marilyn (tootsie) Jacques (418) 788-5707

August 9th and 10th – Millbrook Traditional Powwow, Millbrook, N.S. – Contact Reanne Syliboy

Lennox Island Traditional Powwow, Lennox Island, PEI

August 13th and 14th – MCPEI Traditional Powwow, Charlottetown, PEI

August 16th and 17th – Panmure Island Traditional Powwow, Panmure Island, PEI – Contact Jamie Gallant (902) 892-5314

Aroostook Band of Micmacs Traditional Powwow, Presque Isle, Maine (USA) – Contact John Dennis (207) 764-1972

August 23rd and 24th – Esgenoopetitj Traditional Powwow, Burnt Church, N.B.

August 30th and 31st – Elsipogtog Traditional Powwow, Big Cove, N.B. – Contact Oasoeg Milliea (506) 523-8345

Halifax Competition Powwow – Halifax, N.S. – Contact Shelly Young

September 6th and 7th – Membertou Traditional Powwow, Sydney, N.S. Contact Janine Christmas

September 13th and 14th – Eskasoni 23rd Annual Competition Powwow, Eskasoni, N.S. – Contact Micheal R. Denny (902) 379-1056 or Levi Denny or Jeannine Denny (902) 379-2080

September 20th and 21st – Paqtnkek Annual Powwow, Paqtnkek, N.S.

This schedule is subject to change and is a tentative listing.

Shelburne Area

Community Potluck:

There will be a community potluck on Saturday, June 7th from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm located in the Community Room at Enterprise Square. Please come out and enjoy this time and feel free to bring something to contribute to this gathering.

Shelburne Recreation Meeting:

The next scheduled recreation meeting will be held on Wednesday at the Shelburne Office from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm.

Elder Visits:

Darlene will be visiting Elder's in the Barrington Area on Wednesday, June 4th and the Shelburne Area on Saturday June 21st.

Shelburne Office Hours:

Tuesday, June 3rd – 1 pm – 4 pm

Thursday, June 5th – 1 pm – 4 pm

Monday, June 9th – 1 pm – 4 pm

Wednesday, June 11th – 1 pm – 4 pm

Wednesday, June 18th – 1 pm – 4 pm

Thursday, June 19th – 1 pm – 4 pm

Wednesday, June 25th – 1 pm – 4 pm

Thursday, June 26th – 1 pm – 4 pm

Student Awards:

Student Awards will be held on June 28th at the Island Park from 1 pm – 4 pm. All members and their families are invited to attend. There will be games, a barbecue and an Awards Ceremony for registered band members only.

Gold River Area

Gold River Calendar of Events:

June 2nd – Recreation Committee meeting
10am

June 12th – VON 9 am – 11 am

June 12th – Community Meeting – Western Shore Fire Hall 6 pm – 8 pm

June 26th – VON 9 am – 11 am

June 28th – Student Awards will be held at the powwow grounds at 12pm. There will be a barbecue, games and an award ceremony. For more information please contact Chrissy at 627-1245.

Halifax Area

Medicine Pouch Workshop:

When: Saturday, June 7th

Time: 1:00 pm

Where: Hammonds Plains Community Centre, 20141 Hammonds Plains Road

Instructor: Terri Pennell

Yarmouth Health Centre

VON: June 12th and 26th – 9 am to 11 am

Dentist: June 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

8:30 am – 12 pm

Yarmouth Area

Student Awards



Student awards will be held at the AFN Entertainment Centre – Bingo Hall on June 30th at 6:00 pm. For more information please contact Melanie Purdy at 742-5599.

INDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE



Location: AFN Entertainment Centre

Date: Sunday June 29th, 2014

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (set up at 8 am)

If you are interested in setting a table, please contact Amanda at 742-0257 to reserve a table. The cost for a table is \$5.00 for AFN community members and \$10 for non-community members).

Acadia First Nation

Gaming Commission expenses paid through YWW

March 31, 2014

<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>Honorarium</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Totals</u>
April	3,000.00	1,044.70	530.68	116.70	-	4,692.08
May	4,200.00	2,717.25	498.21	176.40	-	7,591.86
June	8,700.00	4,404.65	-	-	-	13,104.65
July	8,700.00	2,529.15	62.67	188.93	-	11,480.75
August	8,700.00	2,943.85	48.30	149.10	17.30	11,858.55
September	9,300.00	5,354.50	231.43	855.00	207.60	15,948.53
October	4,200.00	1,561.70	134.80	40.95	-	5,937.45
November	2,700.00	1,616.70	189.08	-	-	4,505.78
December	6,600.00	2,347.10	243.32	27.30	-	9,217.72
January	8,700.00	3,009.30	1,297.02	150.15	-	13,156.47
February	2,700.00	972.10	38.62	52.55	-	3,763.27
March	5,700.00	1,851.00	127.84	54.60	-	7,733.44
	<u>73,200.00</u>	<u>30,352.00</u>	<u>3,401.97</u>	<u>1,811.68</u>	<u>224.90</u>	<u>108,990.55</u>

As provided by the AFN Chief and Council, in a previous announcement regarding the dissolution of the Gaming Commission, there would be a savings of some \$100,000 a year as this represented the cost incurred by the Gaming Commission for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. Following this announcement there were several member requests to provide the supporting information regarding the costs associated with the 2013/2014 gaming commission operation. Please find the above table the specific cost breakdown as requested. I trust this provides the accountability and transparency requested of the AFN Chief and Council in this matter.

Schools out-Summer Fun – Halifax Area

We are celebrating the beginning of summer!

When: Saturday, June 28th

Where: Hammonds Plains Office (1704 Hammonds Plains Road)

Time: 12:00 pm

Who: HRM area children under 18 that are registered and their parents.

Come and enjoy a BBQ along with some activities (i.e. Bouncy Castle). Grading

certificates for students in grades primary to 12.

If you plan to attend this activity please RSVP by Thursday, June 12, 2014. Please call or email the Hammonds Plains Office with your child's name, age and grade along with a subject/activity that the student is interested in or excels at so we can congratulate them.

Bring your folding lawn chair or blanket.

Volunteers would be greatly appreciated!



Congratulations on another successful year in school!

Schedule for Council Members

The Council Members will be available during the following times:

Darlene Coulton: Yarmouth: June 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Shelburne: June 3rd, 5th, 9th, 11th, 18th, 19th, 25th, and 26th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Andrew Francis: Please contact the Gold River Health Centre for more details at 627-1245.

Mike Paul: Halifax: Councillor Michael Paul does not have scheduled office hours thereby allowing him the flexibility to attend meetings and events as they happen. He is available by calling (902) 483-7040 at your convenience.

Tom Pictou: Yarmouth: Monday –Thursday 10 am – 3 pm

Jeff Purdy: Yarmouth: Monday – Thursday 12 pm – 5 pm

Charmaine Stevens: Wildcat: June 11th and 26th from 10 am – 12 pm

Medway: June 3rd and 19th at 9 am

Deb Wentzell: Medway: June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 9 am

Groundfish Quota for Lease Contact Kespuwick Resources, Inc.

for more information call
(902) 742-7354

Stock	Current Share	Remaining (Metric Tonnes)
Cod 4x,5y	6.869	6.869
Cod 5z	0.526	0.526
Haddock 4X, 5Y	27.912	27.912
Haddock 5z	30.932	30.932
Pollock 4vw	4.747	4.747
Pollock 4x,5y	19.894	19.894
Flounder 4x,5y	18.005	18.005
Redfish unit 3	20.008	20.008
Totals	128.893	128.893

“PEACE”

Mi’kmaq Valley Youth Gathering 2014

We are seeking Youth wishing to attend this Annual Gathering, which is being held in Bear River (Lsit’kuk) on July 3rd, 2014 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. If your child is interested in attending, please contact your local Band Office and leave your name and number.

DEADLINE: JUNE 19TH

MENTAL HEALTH OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, June 5 at 3:00
at the Yarmouth Health Center

Come over and meet Nichole Hardick
She is a student at NSCC taking the Mental Health Recovery and Promotion Program and doing her practicum at the Health Center.

Nichole and I will have a display set up related to mental health and be sharing some short slide shows.

Hope to see you.

For further info contact Rose Purdy at 742-0141

