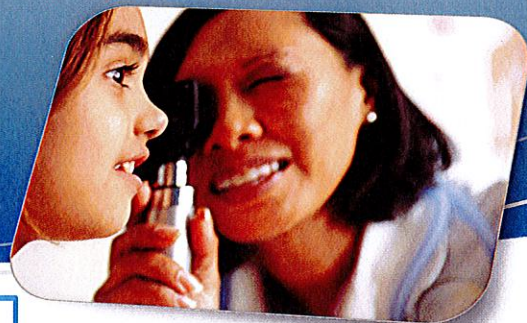


Community Newsletter

ATTENTION!

If you have not been receiving this newsletter via email and would like to please contact the Yarmouth Band Office at frontdesk@acadiaband.com or if your email has changed and you need to update your address please contact our office and let us know. Thank you.



Update of the Social Case

Inside this Article

On January 23, 2015, legal counsel for the Chiefs in the Simon v. Canada case received the Federal Court of Appeal decision, overturning the Chiefs' win in the Federal Court. Unlike the trial judge in the Federal Court, or the judges who heard the temporary injunction, the Court of Appeal adopted the theory of the Crown that Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) was bound to follow the 1964 Treasury Board authority, taking a mirror approach to provincial social assistance laws and policies. According to that view there was no duty on AANDC to study impacts nor was there a duty to meaningfully consult with First Nations.

In coming to this decision, the Federal Court of Appeal did not discuss the evidence that clearly showed that AANDC purposely decided to change its approach as a cost-cutting exercise, while knowing the changes would have severe impacts on First Nation welfare recipients and their families.

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Rose Purdy would like to thank the Staff of Acadia First Nation for the cards and gifts received during the staff Christmas Luncheon in December. She was truly overwhelmed by your kindness.



Yarmouth Area

Yarmouth Health Centre: - please call (902) 742-4337 to book an appointment to see the Dentist, VON or Psychologist.

The **Dentist** will be available on March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th available 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

VON will be available March 5th and 19th from 9-11am

Psychologist Kelly Breau March 4th and 18th

Diabetes Information Session – March 10th from 1-3 pm

What are the basics and what's new in diabetes management? Do you want your blood sugar/blood pressure checked? For more information please contact Melanie Purdy at (902) 742-4337.

****Zumba Classes will continue every Monday evening at the AFN Entertainment Centre at 6pm.****



Shelburne Area

Darlene will be available on the following dates and locations:
 March 2 - 11am – 2pm - Shelburne
 March 4 – 10am – 12 pm – Barrington
 - 1 – 3pm – Shelburne
 March 9 – 11am – 2pm – Shelburne
 Recreation Meeting from 1-2pm
 Darlene will be on vacation from March 23rd – March 30th and will return to the Shelburne office April 1st, 2015.

Gold River Area

VON dates are: March 5th and 19th

There will be an Easter Party for children ages 0-18 at the Western Shore Fire Hall on Sunday, March 29th from 1-3 pm and the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance.

Social Development Applications

Cathy Gehue will be available in the following areas to renew applications for the new fiscal year. Please have your diet supplement letters from your doctor ready and adult care letters done before March 31st. If applications are not renewed you will not receive your assistance after March 31, 2015.

Yarmouth Band Office: March 11th and 12th; please call Amanda to set up an appointment.

Wildcat Office – March 4th and 5th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Medway Office – March 24th and 25th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Gehue at (902) 627-1245

March Break Activities



Come on out and have some fun!



Yarmouth: Monday March 16th from 4-5 pm.

Free SKATE at the Yarmouth Mariner's Center

Please contact the Band Office at (902) 742-0257 to register your family members. An adult must accompany youth and you must provide your own transportation.

Those families and youth that attend will receive a movie pass. Please register names with Amanda to ensure you receive a movie pass at (902) 742-0257.

The Youth Centre will be hosting a March Break Day Camp. Information can be found on page 8 in this newsletter.

Shelburne: March 17th – March Break fun day! Located in the Community Room in the Shelburne office from 11 am – 3 pm, please make sure you wear green for Saint Patrick's Day!

March 19th – March Break Lunch and a Movie – We will be going to Yarmouth for lunch at Boston Pizza and a Movie. Please be signed up before March 9. Call the Yarmouth Band Office at (902) 742-0257.

Gold River: Saturday March 14th – Museum of Natural History – Located at 1747 Summer Street Halifax. Please note: parking is \$1.50 per hour and tickets must be clearly displayed on the dashboard area prior to entering the Museum. Meet at 10:30am you will receive your gas and food money at the time.

Skating at the Emera Oval on Halifax Commons 1-3pm (public skate schedule). FREE Helmet and Skate Loans – Please note: A valid Government issued photo ID is required to borrow the ice and

inline skates, roller skates, helmets and protective gear.

In winter, all children 12 and under, must wear a CSA multi-impact helmet. CSA multi-impact helmets, hockey, figure and speed skates are available to borrow at the site.

Please sign up with Chrissy at the Gold River Health Center (902) 627-1245.

Halifax: Where: Titans Gymnastic Club, 40 Broom Road, Dartmouth NS

When: Monday, March 16 at 2pm

Who: Status children 17 and under the HRM area.

During the gym time children will have the opportunity to use the trampolines and follow circuits designed for their age group under the supervision of trained coaching staff. Pizza and juice will be provided after Gym time is completed.

Please make sure all participants come dressed for gymnastics (t-shirts and shorts without belts).

Thursday, March 19th - Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax NS at 10am for Status Children 17 and under in the HRM area.

To attend these activity please register your name by email acadiaband@ns.aliantzinc.ca or call (902) 422-5918 by Monday, March 9, 2015

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The legal team and Chiefs are now holding emergency meetings to decide on next steps. Legal Counsel is suggestion to the Chiefs that they seek leave (ask permission of the Court) to appeal the Federal Court of Appeal's decision to the Supreme Court of Canada. In this, they will also be seeking a stay of the Federal Court of Appeal's decision (which would mean that the Social Assistance Program would operate in the same way as the injunction did before).

Prior to the decision on Friday, AANDC and the Chiefs in Nova Scotia were in negotiations to conduct a comprehensive impact study of applying the mirror approach, based on the earlier ruling from the Federal Court. AANDC had previously promised that, no matter the outcome of the appeal, such negotiations will continue. The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs expect that AANDC will honour this commitment, however, the Assembly will speak with AANDC to confirm its position going forward.

The Assembly and KMKNO will continue to keep community members updated on matters as they develop.

For additional information, please contact:

Crystal Dorey
Communication Officer
Kwilmu'kw Maw-Klusuaqn Negotiation Office
crystaldorey@mikmaqrights.com
902-843-3880

Town Hall Update-Judy Boutilier

We are hoping to open our doors to the public in May. During July and August, we would like to showcase our Artisans. We would like to have all Artisans that would be interested in setting up a table at our Gallery during the summer to call the Greenfield office to leave your name and contact information. My hope is to have a crafter every day we are open this summer to set up and sell their craft but to demonstrate your craft so that tourist can witness your talent and ask any questions they may have in regards to your crafts.

If you are interested in the Gallery displaying your artwork, please call (902) 685-2956.

Also, I would like to thank all of you that had submitted a name for the Gallery. We hope to have a name chosen by the end of February.



Evelyn L.
(Francis) Isaac

Evelyn – age 76 of Yarmouth NS passed away the Yarmouth Regional Hospital on January 28th, 2015. Born in Amherst, Nova Scotia on May 25th, 1938 she was the daughter to the late Barnaby Peter Francis and Mary Agnes Knockwood. Evelyn worked most of her life in Boston, Massachusetts. She was a founding member of the Boston Indian Council and in her later years work for Acadia First Nation. Evelyn was fluent in the Mi'kmaq Language and taught classes over the years to community members. She worked as a school bus driver in Boston, Mass. and spent many of her younger years playing softball. She is survived by her daughters, Marilyn Francis (Yarmouth), Mary Agnes (Barbara Sears) USA, Sylvia Isaac (Listigouche), Sandra Isaac (Listigouche), Shelia Isaac (Cape Breton) Sonya Isaac-Surette (Yarmouth); sons; Peter Pelliter (Boston), Vincent Isaac (Montreal), Nogeeshik Isaac (Montreal); brother; Albert Francis (Boston) and sister Rose Francis (Yarmouth) 26 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, her son Vernon and 15 siblings. Cremation has taken place and there will be a burial in Lennox Island in the summer.

Acadia First Nation Powwow September 11th, 12th and 13th, 2015



Volunteers need in the following areas:

Kitchen

Canteen

Set-up

Tear-down

BBQ

Social host/hostess

Clean-Up

Please contact Wendy LeJeune or Julian O'Connell at

(902) 742-0257

Free T-Shirt
Food and Drink
For Volunteers

Be part of a fun filled team!



Summer Student Employment Funding 2015

Acadia First Nation is seeking names of students who are interested in Summer Employment Funding for the summer of 2015. The program is designed to allow students the opportunity to gain some valuable work experience by providing wage subsidies to eligible employers. Funding is limited.

To be eligible, you must be:

1. A registered Acadia First Nation band member
2. Enrolled in school full time during the current year and returning in the fall
3. At least 16 years old

We anticipate that there may be more students applying than we have funding for so there may be a need for interviews.

If you are interested in applying for the funding, please forward your resume by the deadline. Applying does not guarantee you funding or a work placement. I will however, work with those approved to assist you with securing work placement.

Deadline: April 9, 2015 (Any applications received after this date, will not be considered).

For more information please contact Wanda Westhaver at (902)685-2956.

Healthy Living Books to improve your quality of life are available for community members to borrow at the Yarmouth Health Centre. For more information please call (902) 742-4337.

INVITING YOUTH TO MOBILIZE THROUGH ART

Mi'kmaw & African Nova Scotian Youth (Ages 15-26)

Why you should take part?

It is an opportunity to create art about issues of environmental racism in your community

Your art will gain exposure through various forms of social media as well as an art gallery

Many cash prizes to be won

Upon filling out a reimbursement form, you will be compensated for any costs of supplies or equipment necessary to create your art

1 Create your Art



2 Take a photo or video of your art



3 Email it to us at timetocleartheair@gmail.com by the deadline ****MARCH 23rd****



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The Gift Certificate draw has taken place for those who participated in the Physical Activity Strategy Questionnaire that was done with Anita Howard. Here are the winners:

- Eileen Klotz-Burbine
- Tanya Leblanc
- Robert D. MacKenzie
- Ron Paul
- Mary Ann Kaizer
- Margaret Joan Jerney

Congratulations everyone and thank you for participating in the questionnaire.

THUNDERMAKER EXHIBIT

March 23 to April 10 during open hours at the Ilzaak Walton Killam Memorial Library - Yarmouth

Thundermaker is inspired by the Mi'kmaq legend of The Stone Canoe. In this exhibition, Mi'kmaq artist Alan Syliboy tells the story of the Thundermaker through traditional artistic techniques and multimedia. A circle of illustrated panels greets the visitor. The panels re based on the childhood of Little Thunder (Kaqtukwaqsis), whose mother teaches him stories that have been passed down from generation to generation. The visitor is then presented with another circle of images that depict Little Thunder now being taught lessons by his father, Big Thunder. Little Thunder is learning to become a provider and to become the new Thundermaker. The viewer then enters a tipi and is witness to Little Thunder making thunder for the first time. The touring exhibit is made possible because of a partnership with public libraries and funding from Nova Scotia Communities, Culture and Heritage. Visit www.thundermaker.ca for more information.



Build a Mi'kmaq Wigwam

Monday, March 30, 3:30 to 4:00 pm at the Yarmouth Library
The word wigwam come from the Mi'kmaq word "wikuom" meaning dwelling. Children aged 4 to 8 can learn more about wigwams and build their own using paper and straws. Participants are asked to register by Friday, March 27 by contacting the Library



Employment Solution Society

Presents ...

"Job Fair 2015"

March 26th

10am to 2pm

Days Inn, Bridgewater, NS

www.empsolutions.ca/jobfair

for inquiries call 1-866-711-0411

Historica Canada Contest – Aboriginal Arts & Stories

We are inviting self-identified youth between the ages of 11-29 to submit a piece of artwork or creative writing for a chance to win up to \$2000 and have their work exhibited or published in Canada's History Magazine. First place winners also receive a paid trip to a major Canadian city to receive their award amongst a well-known group of established artists including Lee Maracle and Drew Hayden Taylor. We also encourage group submissions from entire classrooms, which make a great activity for Aboriginal-focused classrooms you might have in your district. Full information about the contest can be found on the website www.our-story.ca or call 1-416-506-1867 x 243.

Welcome to Acadia First Nation March Break Day Camp 2015

Beginning on Monday March 16th 2015, March Break day camp program begins!! It's going to be a great time!!!

The program

The program is designed for First Nation children ages 5-12. We have space for 20 children and priority will be given to children residing on reserve and community members who utilize the center on a regular basis. Seats will fill fast so please return your forms as soon as possible.

Hours

Our hours of operation will be from 7:30am to 5pm unless prior arrangements have been made for the parents who are working until 5pm. The doors will NOT be open until 7:30am, so make sure children do not arrive any earlier than this. It is mandatory that children arrive NO later than 9:30am for planning purposes unless prior arrangements have been made.

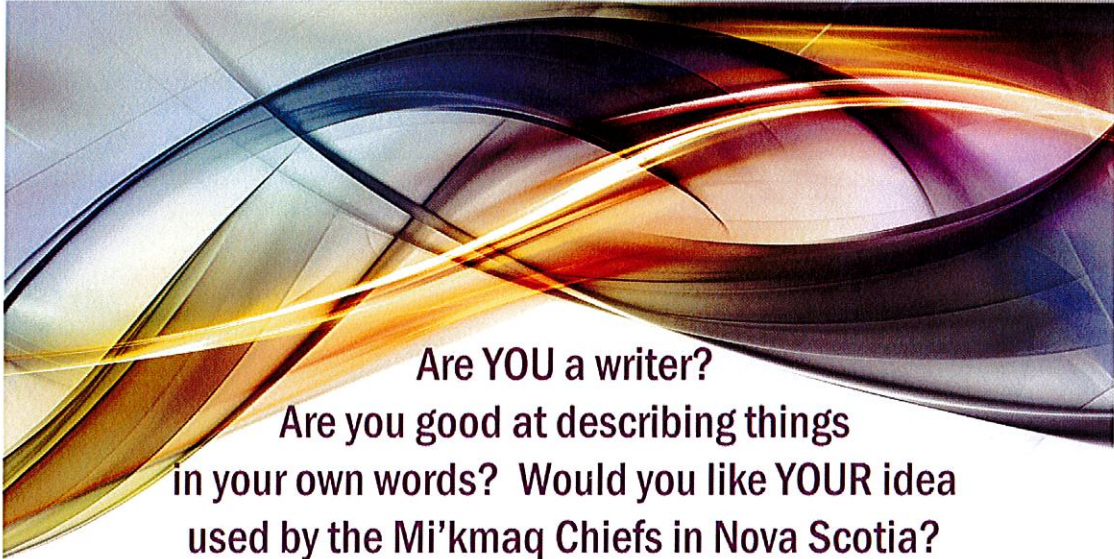
Our Day

There will be a daily schedule in place in which children will be kept quite busy for most of the day. There will be free times given throughout the day, the rest of the day will include games, activities, sports, and crafts related to the daily themes. Children must be registered in day camp for the day to attend scheduled outings. Parents will be responsible for packing lunches and snacks for their children, as we will not be providing them except on special occasions. However, our canteen will be open daily for the children to purchase snacks and drinks.

Registration

Parents wishing to register their child into day camp must fill out and return the information sheet as well as the day camp registration form. Each new year of Day Camp we are asking for updated information sheets as these forms get filed away at the end of the year. You can print out your own forms from our website or stop in and pick some up.

Remember to register as soon as possible as we only have room for 20 children for the week. PLEASE REFER TO DEADLINES. We will absolutely not, for any reason be accepting forms after this date. If you have any questions please call us at 742-6928.



**Are YOU a writer?
Are you good at describing things
in your own words? Would you like YOUR idea
used by the Mi'kmaq Chiefs in Nova Scotia?**

Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office, on behalf
of the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs, would like to hear from YOU!

Qualifications: Mi'kmaq Youth ages 13-18

Deadline: March 2, 2015

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

We need help to find a better
word than "Ratification" for
our voting process.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Submit a title/suggestion &
250-500 words telling us why you
chose your title.

WHAT WILL I WIN?

The selected name will win a
Beats by Dr. Dre Pill 2.0 - for themselves
& a Pizza Party for their participating class!

**Send your Submission, Name, Age & Band to:
info@mikmaqrighs.com**

BACKGROUND:

The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs is made up of the 13 Mi'kmaq Chiefs in Nova Scotia and the Grand Chief and Grand Captain of the Grand Council. The Assembly works together and makes decisions as a collective for the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia.

Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) works on behalf of the Assembly. One of the things done at KMKNO is the negotiations between the Mi'kmaq, Nova Scotia and Canada. This Negotiation Process is often referred to as the Made-in-Nova Scotia Process.

The Made-in-Nova Scotia Process has been established for the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, Canada and the Province to sit down together to discuss and work out how our Mi'kmaq Treaty Rights will be implemented. Although the Supreme Court of Canada has clearly said that we have Rights, they have never clearly defined what these Rights are and how they will be implemented.

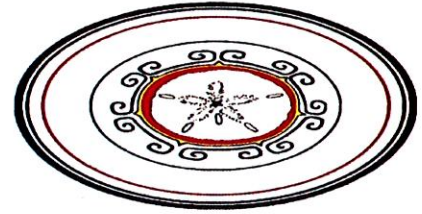
As we know our Treaties were signed a long time ago. Things have changed a lot since this time, so a team of people, representing the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, meet regularly with the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada to discuss what these Rights actually mean today and how the Mi'kmaq can use them.

When the Mi'kmaq Negotiation Team feels that they have determined how a Right (for example, Mi'kmaq harvesting, access to lands, etc.) works best for the Mi'kmaq and should be carried out, they will take it to a vote. All Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia will then be able to vote on whether they accept the issue or not. The Negotiation Team and the Chiefs cannot make this decision alone.

This voting process is called a ratification vote, where every single Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw will cast a vote "yes" or "no" on the issue or agreement. The outcome of these votes will inform the Assembly on how the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia want to proceed.

Before any issues are ready to be voted on, we need a process outlying how a vote will occur. The name suggested in Mi'kmaq for this voting process is Welte'tmu'kewey - which describes the process of coming to agreement. **Can you think of a word in English that describes this process?**

ACADIA FIRST NATION YOUTH CENTER AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The after school program is open to all children **5-12** years old, attending elementary school. It is a community based service with the purpose to enrich the lives of First Nation's children. Culture and language, health and nutrition promotion, and social supports are implemented throughout the program to create an environment where children have the best opportunity to thrive.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday (2:30 pm – 5:00 pm)
2:30 – 2:45 Snack
2:45 – 3:15 Free Time
3:15 – 4:00 Activity Time
4:00 – 5:00 Homework Hour

ENROLLMENT

First Nation children who are attending elementary school in grades P-6, or residing in the community have access to this program. Parent/guardians must fill out and sign all required registration forms and return them to the after school administration office.

SNACK

A healthy snack will be provided daily, please let staff know of any food allergies your child may have. A monthly snack menu will be posted in the center and is available upon request.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Children arriving at the after school program by bus will be dropped off at the Youth Center, if your child is being driven to the after school program please let staff know and what time they will be expected. All children must be picked up from the afterschool program by a parent or guardian or have signed permission to walk home. Children will only be released to a parent/guardian unless the person is on the pickup list provided by the parent/guardian on the registration forms.

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT

When children arrive at the afterschool program they will be signed in by staff with an ETA. Parents are responsible to sign their child out of the afterschool program when picking them up. This is so that every child can be accounted for at all times. Children will **NOT** be permitted to leave unless they are accompanied by an authorized adult.

INSERVICE/STORM POLICY

The afterschool program will be open from 8 am to 5 pm on all Inservice days, parents are responsible for packing all snacks and lunch for their children on PD days. The after school program will be **CLOSED** on days when school is cancelled due to weather.

ILLNESS

We ask that you keep your child home if he/she is vomiting, is feverish, has diarrhea or any other contagious disease. A child should be free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication to attend the afterschool program.

INCIDENTS

If an incident should arise that a child is injured during participation in the afterschool program the parent will be notified right away. The staff present at the time will write an incident report explaining, in detail, the event, what happened, how it happened, when it happened, who it involved, including the staff present at the time of the occurrence, and the time and date of the occurrence. The incident report will then be signed by the staff and all parents of children involved.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Disciplinary action will be taken in the following manner for the children who disobey the rules within the afterschool program. Children will be put on a behavior system on a weekly basis beginning on Monday and ending on Friday. Children can earn up to fifteen points or checkmarks within one week. However, the following will occur:

- Initial redirection will result in their name being placed on the weekly behavior chart
- A second redirection will result in their first checkmark on the chart, counting as 1. This will continue until the child reaches 5.
- If a child reaches 5 checkmarks in one week the child will be asked to leave and not be permitted back for a 24 hour period.
- If the child reaches 10 checkmarks in a one week period the child will be asked to leave and not permitted back for a 48 hour period.
- If the child reaches 15 checkmarks in a one week period the child will be asked to leave and not permitted back for a 7 day period.