

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Notice of Nomination Meeting and Advance Poll

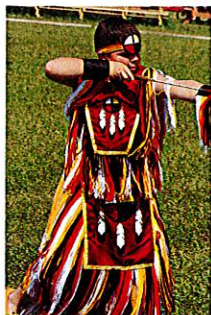
NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Electors of the Acadia First Nation will be held at **the Best Western Plus Liverpool Hotel and Conference Centre, Liverpool, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 2015, commencing at 6:00 o'clock in the evening**, for the purpose of nominating candidates for positions on the Band Council of the Acadia First Nation for the next ensuing term. **EIGHT** Councillor positions and **ONE** position for **CHIEF** are available. The date of the election is **June 13, 2015**.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Election Bylaws provide for an advanced poll to be conducted 15 days prior to Election Day, for Electors to vote who otherwise cannot vote on the day of election. Therefore, an advance poll will be conducted under the direction of the Chief Electoral Officer on **May 29th, 2015**, at the following times and locations:

1. Yarmouth Band Office from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
2. Milton Canoe & Camera Club, Liverpool, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
3. Mic Mac Native Friendship Centre, 2158 Gottingen Street, Halifax from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Acadia First Nation Powwow

September 11th, 12th and 13th, 2015



Volunteer's need in the following areas:

Kitchen, Canteen, set-up, tear-down, BBQ, social host/hostess and clean-up.

Please contact Wendy LeJeune or Julian O'Connell at (902) 742-0257



Connect with Mi'kmaw Culture

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 & archaeological discoveries creating a powerful story of the Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia. Your journey includes story-telling, song, crafts & a campfire with sampling of luskinikn (traditional bread) and blueberry tea.

Acadia First Nation is proud to present this new Mi'kmaq cultural heritage program in collaboration with Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site on Fridays at 2:00 pm during July and August. Registration opens mid-May, call 902-682-2653 or visit the Kejimikujik Visitor Center, space is limited.



Parks Canada

Parcs Canada

\$20.00 pp or \$40.00 family
LOCATION: Kejimikujik National Park & National Historic Site
Hwy #8 3005 Main Parkway, Maitland Bridge, N.S. B0T 1B0
parkscanada.gc.ca/keji

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Cathy LeBlanc - Physical Activity Strategy Coordinator



Cathy Leblanc is a member of Acadia First Nation and has recently been hired as the Physical Activity Strategy Coordinator. She studied Native Studies at Saint Thomas University and is active in her personal and professional life promoting and preserving the health, knowledge and well being of local first nation communities.

Community involvement and input is detrimental to the success of the development and implementation of the Physical Activity Strategy. She would love to hear your ideas on how we can keep our community physically healthy. Please contact her by email or phone or you can drop by the Gold River Health Centre.

Email: cleblanc@acadiaband.com

Phone: 902-627-1245

What's going on in your AREA?

YARMOUTH HEALTH CENTRE

The Dentist will be available on April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 8:30 am to 12 pm.

The VON will be available on April 2nd, 16th, and 30ths from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Psychologist, Kelly Breau will be available April 1st, 15th and 29th.

Please call (902) 742-4337 to book an appointment.

GOLD RIVER HEALTH CENTRE

The VON will be available on April 2nd, 16th and 30th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Earth Day Activity will be held on April 22nd from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Chrissy for more information at (902) 627-1245.

EDUCATION

Please be advised the application deadline for post-secondary education is June 15, 2015.

Acadia First Nation has three \$1000.00 scholarships available for band members graduating from Grade 12 in June, 2015.

For more information, on education opportunities please contact Janice Francis by email or phone at:

(902) 685-2956 or janicefrancis17@gmail.com

LIVERPOOL

Our Sipuke'l Gallery (Beside the River) is moving along as planned. We are hoping to move into the space provided in early April and open our doors to the public in early May.

We have an opportunity available for artist and/or crafters interested in selling and demonstrating their work during the summer months. For more information please contact Judy Boutilier at (902) 685-2956.

SHELBURNE

Darlene Coulton will be available in Shelburne /Barrington areas on the following dates:

April 1st, 8th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 22nd, 27th and 29th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm available in the Shelburne Office

April 30th - Barrington from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

April 4th - Easter Party 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Community Room at the Shelburne Office

April 14th - Recreation Meeting at 11:00 am in the Shelburne Office

April 23rd - Elders luncheon for Shelburne area at 11:30 am located at Sophia's in the Shelburne Mall.

April 24th - Elders luncheon for the Barrington area at 11:30 am location not yet available.

Summer 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 full time 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 a work placement.

Deadline: April 9, 2015 (Any application received after this date, will NOT be considered)

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent?

Mi'kmaw Family & Children's Services of Nova Scotia is currently seeking Mi'kmaw Foster Homes in our First Nation communities and throughout the province of Nova Scotia.

For information on becoming a Mi'kmaw Foster Parent/Family please contact: Ella Knockwood at (902) 758-3553 or 1-800-263-8686 or by email: ella.knockwood@novascotia.ca

FOR LEASE

LFA 33 & 34

Lobster Licences

Please contact: Curtis Falls
(902) 742-7354

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FOR LEASE

Swordfish Longline Quota

Contact:

Kespuwick Resources Inc.
742-7354

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Happy spring!

Hello everyone, spring is here; we made it through this miserable winter. Hopefully the snow will soon be gone and we'll be able to see Mother Nature at her best.

My sincere condolences to families that have lost loved ones and my best wishes to families that are experiencing health issues.

I would like to wish all our students much success with their upcoming exams and congratulations to our graduating students this year. I wish you all the best as you continue on with the next chapter of your life. Also a reminder to post secondary students to get your funding requests in for June. Please contact Janice or Wanda at our Medway office for student funding applications.

I wish safe travels to everyone this spring/summer, wherever your travels may take you. I also encourage everyone to get out and vote this year in June as 2015 is election year for our Chief and Council.

Welcome aboard to Cathy LeBlanc as our new Physical Activity Strategy Coordinator working out of our Gold River Health Centre. Also best wishes to Sonya Isaac-Surette our Communication Officer, who will be leaving us in March as her term ends.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns, by cell 902-483-7040, or email mikepaul@eastlink.ca . Also please always call the Hammonds Plains office at 902-422-5918 before heading out to ensure Jan is there and not away on leave or other duties.

All the best,
Councillor Mike Paul