



NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to deliver information to our community members about events taking place throughout the community and to provide this in a way that is easy to find and digest the information important to you.

NEWS

L'NUI'SULTINEJ KESPUKWITK 2019

The Acadia First Nation Language Committee held a one-day event in Gold River to celebrate the end of the second run of language lessons presented by the committee to all members of AFN. The language lessons have been conducted once a week and run from October through March over the past 2 years. The lessons are led by Beverly Jeddore, whom works as a language facilitator for Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK) and also attended the second annual L'nui'sultinej Kespukwitk event.



This year we held the event at the Gold River Community Centre and we opened the event to any community members which wished to attend. We were lucky enough to have Dr. Daniel Paul and Jane Meader speak with the group during the event to speak on Mi'kmaq history, traditions and culture. Their talks were full of great knowledge and teachings which were sure to leave a lasting impact on anyone there to witness. We also had breaks and lunches provided by the staff from The Gold Bean in Gold River with some light entertainment by Wildcat community members Melissa Labrador, Nakuset Labrador, Tepkunaset Labrador and Corbin Hart. As the afternoon ended, we left the room to Beverly Jeddore. Beverly discussed the great journey she has been on since she started teaching classes with Acadia First Nation and how she feels the journey is just beginning. There were prizes and give-a-ways for those in attendance and each presenter was provided a gift as a sign of appreciation. The Acadia First Nation Language Committee also presented the Gold River Community Centre with a framed photo of Elder Rose Morris taken during the first L'nui'sultinej Kespukwitk event in March 2018.

The event was a major success and the committee looks forward to meeting for discussions on the next wave of language lessons which normally start up again in late October of each year. Please feel free to contact the committee at learnmikmaq@acadiaband.ca to find out more information about our language program.

YARMOUTH EASTER EGG HUNT

The Rose Purdy Recreation and Community Centre Committee hosted an Easter Egg hunt for the children of the Yarmouth and Shelburne communities on April 20, 2019. The event was held in the field behind the RPRCC (Rose Purdy Recreation and Community Centre) with the smaller children scouring the inside of the hall for eggs. Plenty of fun was had by all in attendance. After the hunt was over, everyone was treated to a delicious lunch served by the RPRCC Youth Volunteer group at around 1:00 pm.



The RPRCC committee would like to extend a warm thank you to the following: Jeanette Nickerson, Jennifer Daurie, Seretha White, Jackie Cameron, Stephanie Tuplin, Nicole Cloutier, Dawson Smith, Jennifer Lane, Tanner Doucette, Savannah Doucette, Caden Duncan, Donna Nickerson, the various committee members who volunteered and a big thanks to all the parents for bringing the children out and making the event an enjoyable success.



GOLD RIVER EASTER EGG HUNT

Fun was had by all at our Easter Egg Hunt on Tuesday, April 16th at the Community Centre, the Easter Bunny was present to help children find the eggs.



CASTING Mi'kmaq Elders and Knowledge Holders



Mi'Kmaway tli'suti

Able to teach land-based
or cultural skills

(Identifying plants/medicines, canoe makers,
hunting, trapping, spear fishing, shelter building, etc..)

Send a 60 second video introducing yourself
to casting@merchantsofthewild.com

LOBSTER LICENSE FOR LEASE

LEA 33 AND LEA 34
LICENSES AVAILABLE
CONDITIONS APPLY
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT

KESPUWICK RESOURCES INC.
BEFORE JUNE 14, 2019

PHONE: 902 742 7214

EMAIL: CURTISFALLS@ACADIABAND.CA



GROUND FISH QUOTA FOR LEASE

FOR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT
KESPUWICK RESOURCES INC.
BEFORE JUNE 1, 2019

PHONE: 902 742 7214

EMAIL: CURTISFALLS@ACADIABAND.CA



Sipuke'l Gallery Closes It's Doors

Our gallery will be closing the end of May. We have been opened since June of 2015 and during that time I had the opportunity of showcasing our artists and crafters work as well as other First Nation artists from other parts of Canada. Our artifacts have been put back in storage at The Museum of Natural History in Halifax, where they will be available to us when we have a new space to put them on display. It is our hope that when Hammonds Plain build is finished that there will be space for a gallery and a place to display these artifacts.

I would like to thank the artists and crafters who placed their work at our gallery and helped us share our culture and traditions with so many people from the surrounding community as well as a lot of tourists from around the world.

I will be retiring May 30 and I am pleased that I got the opportunity to work with some of you and had a job that helped me meet so many interesting people. In looking for a retirement quote I came across this.....

"It is time I stepped aside for a less experienced and less able man" - Scott Elledge

-Judy Boutilier

ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS

Acadia First Nation is moving forward with the **SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS** cards (**SCIS**).

I encourage **ALL** band members that still have the paper laminated cards to complete the application for the SCIS card as soon as possible, as Indian Affairs estimates completion of the card at 16 weeks.

Applications can be obtained at all Acadia First Nation offices.

Should you have any questions or require assistance with the application please feel free to contact me.

Debra Gloade
Indian Registry Administrator
Acadia First Nation
Tel: 902-742-0257
Email: dgloade@acadiaband.ca

Yarmouth and Shelburne Elders

If you are an Acadia First Nation band member residing in Yarmouth or Shelburne and are turning 65 in the 2018-2019 year please advise your local office to ensure you are included in all Elder's events and notices.

Yarmouth office: 902-742-0257

Shelburne office: 902- 875-2812

Community Member Showcase

AFN would like to recognize Kim Roache for the hard work and dedication she has shown during the launch of one of our newest ventures, Winner's One Stop Restaurant. Kim has been working tirelessly over the past several months to get the new restaurant off the ground. She has a young and eager staff and a great menu to help her out.

AFN would like to show our support for her efforts toward the success of the business and are enthusiastic to see Winner's One Stop's growth in the coming years.





ATCO Indigenous Education

AWARDS PROGRAM

\$500

Merit awards for students completing
Grades 10-12 (including upgrading)

\$1,000

Bursaries for students in diploma
or certificate programs

\$1,500

Scholarships for students in degree
or graduate programs

Supporting Tomorrow's Leaders

ATCO provides financial awards to Canadian First Nation, Inuit and Métis students who demonstrate leadership and commitment in their quest for higher education. ATCO is committed to supporting the development of Indigenous leaders in communities across Canada.

Eligibility:

- Be a Canadian Indigenous person
- Be enrolled in high school or accredited post-secondary institution or training program
- Preference will be given to students from Indigenous communities where ATCO has business interests

How to Apply:

- Complete online application form [available at ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards]
- Submit the required documentation:
 - One reference letter from a teacher, community leader or employer
 - Short essay [500-1,000 words] describing why you are a suitable candidate
 - Proof of enrollment for the upcoming school semester
 - Transcript from the most recent school attended

For more information: Visit your school or band office, ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards, or contact us 780 420 3497.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
JULY 15, 2019**



The Mainland Mental Wellness team is here to support, educate, and help you and your family navigate the mental health system.

Monthly Mental Wellness information and talk

Each month for the next 6 months the CMM Mental wellness team will provide a one-hour presentation on a mental health topic. If there are topics in which you would like to hear more information about, please email kmacleod@cmmns.com with your suggestions.

Tuesday January 29, 2019; 6:30PM-7:30PM
Stress Management



Tuesday February 26, 2019; 6:30PM-7:30PM
Anxiety

Tuesday March 19, 2019; 6:30PM-7:30PM
Anger

Tuesday April 30, 2019; 6:30PM-7:30PM
TBA

Tuesday May 28, 2019; 6:30PM-7:30PM
TBA

Tuesday June 25, 2019; 6:30PM-7:30PM
TBA

All Sessions will be at the Rose Purdy Recreation & Community Centre

[There will be light snacks and beverages at each session.](#)

[*By attending each session your name will be entered to win the grand prize of a birch bark angel.](#)

We aim to empower our First Nation peoples and our families with knowledge and resources for their mental wellness needs. We provide cultural support, such as traditional or cultural services, healers, elders, or craftspeople.

Mainland Mental Wellness team for the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

Contact us: phone: (902)899-5345, email: katie@cmmns.com Facebook: CMMhealth



JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

ENSURING FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN HAVE
ACCESS TO THE SERVICES THEY NEED

Is a First Nations child you know getting the services they need?

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE supports substantive equality for First Nations children when accessing government services, such as:

- Education
- Medical equipment
- Mental health
- Speech therapy

...and more

First Nations children living on and off reserve are eligible.

Service coordinators are available to ensure children have access to the services they need without delay.

Families are encouraged to contact us if they have questions or new information about any submitted or denied request under Jordan's Principle since 2007.

Phone **1-855-JP CHILD (1-855-572-4453)**

TTY **1-866-553-0554**

Visit **www.canada.ca/jordans-principle**



VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA WITH DIGITAL MI'KMAQ

JULY 2019

Are you interested in engineering?

Digital Mi'kmaq is looking for 20 keen and exceptional students from **Grades 8 to 10** to participate in a month long hands-on creative engineering program offered by the University of Ottawa this summer.

Students and chaperones will fly to the Ottawa Airport on Sunday, June 30th and fly home at the end of July (Date TBD). **All flights, accommodations, and meals will be covered.**

How do you apply?

It's simple! Tell us a little about yourself and why you are interested in engineering. **Apply here:**
www.digitalmikmaq.com/registrations

If you are interested in being one of four Teachers/Chaperones on this trip, email JessicaCLong12@gmail.com for more information. Teachers/Chaperones will each be paid \$4000 for the month and all expenses will be covered.

Teachers/Chaperones will also participate in the Digital Mi'kmaq program to extend what they have learned to their own schools and communities.



Faculty of Engineering



STEM Complex



INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE



Training Programme on **OCEAN GOVERNANCE: POLICY, LAW AND MANAGEMENT**

22nd May – 19th July 2019

(subject to final confirmation)

OVERVIEW

- Intensive, interdisciplinary course run by IOI-Canada at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Held each year since 1981, with 720 alumni from more than 100 countries.
- Global perspective on ocean and coastal governance issues with emphasis on viewing the ocean as a complex system with varied users and multiple, often competing and conflicting, uses.
- Over 220 hours of lectures, interactive discussions, field trips, simulations and exercises, individual participant presentations, and a concluding Round Table of ocean specialists.
- Approximately 90 speakers, including local and international experts and practitioners.

PARTICIPANTS

Designed primarily for developing country mid-career professionals with:

- responsibility for some aspect of coastal or ocean governance;
- strong English language skills;
- a desire to step outside their area of specialisation and into an international, interdisciplinary forum where diverse participants learn together and examine issues from different viewpoints.



PURPOSE & APPROACH

The course challenges participants to:

- deepen their understanding of the complexity and role of oceans issues in sustainable development;
- strengthen and update their academic knowledge while being exposed to practical lessons drawn from actual experience in integrated coastal and ocean management;
- develop relevant skills, leadership abilities and networks to help them apply their new knowledge;
- assist their countries towards maximising benefits from the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, through the proper integration of coastal and ocean management into national and international development strategies.

Organised thematically into modules, the curriculum typically includes key topics in:



- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law of the Sea & Principled Ocean Governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Media and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries and Aquaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological Economics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical Issues in Ocean Governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GIS and Information Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Cycle Management |

A course-long simulation links modules to help consolidate and integrate the wide-ranging information and ideas presented. It also makes participants address the challenges of translating facts and theory into policy, and provides practice in leadership, teamwork, negotiation, communication and presentation skills.

Field trips reflect module themes and showcase a variety of organisations and industries in Nova Scotia, e.g. Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Ports of Halifax and Digby, land and sea-based aquaculture, tidal power, seaweed product development, clam depuration, oil spill remediation, emergency management and survival systems.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

4TH Annual Jadon Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament



June the 6th, 2019 Save the Date

Contact Information:						
Name						
Address						
Home Phone						
Work Phone						
E-mail						
Emergency Contact:						
Name						
Address						
Home Phone						
Work Phone						
Relationship						
Availability ~ During which hours are you available to Volunteer?						
Wednesday Set up	2pm to close	YES	_____	NO	_____	Special time
Thursday Morning	8am to 12 noon	YES	_____	NO	_____	available:
Thursday Afternoon	12 noon to 4pm	YES	_____	NO	_____	Ex. 10 to 2 only
Thursday Evening	4pm to 8pm	YES	_____	NO	_____	
Interests:						
Administration	_____	Limited spaces				
Events	_____	Out on field				
Field Work	_____	Could be anything out on field				
Food Related Duties	_____	Cooking and or assisting				
BBQ Stations	_____					
Mostly Indoors	_____					
Mostly Outdoors	_____					
Clean Up	_____	When available?				
I will do my best to put you where you want to be if possible.						
If you are travelling with someone else, please write their name for the same time slots:						
Thank you for completing this Volunteer Application Form. The information contained will not be shared. It is collected to make your day as safe and fun as possible.						
Please return to Wendy by email - wllejeune@acadiaband.ca or by fax 902-742-9434						
or mail/drop at Acadia First Nation Band Office 10526 Hwy #3, Yarmouth NS B5A 5J7						
or call 902-627-1245 if I am not available please leave a message						



#JSTRONG



Jadon Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament

2019 Golf Tournament Registration

Thursday June 6th 2019 – Yarmouth Links

Registration starts at 8:30 AM with a shotgun start of 10:00 AM
Lobster supper with prizes starts at 5:30 PM

Entry Fee is \$500 per team and includes golf, carts, welcome kit and a lobster supper

Premier Sponsor	\$1,000
Major Sponsor	\$500
Hole Sponsor	\$300

Name: _____

Organization _____

Tel / email _____

Players 1 & 2 _____

Players 3 & 4 _____

Hole Sponsorship Yes / NO - other sponsorship amount \$ _____

Visa / MC number _____ Expiry Date _____

Please make all cheques to Acadia First Nation C/O #Jstrong





Aboriginal Medium
Shawn Leonard

THE LANGUAGE OF SPIRIT MARITIME TOUR ACADIA FIRST NATION

What to expect

- This event will be filmed for a new APTN Documentary Series called Spirit Talker
- Random spirit messages given to audience members from family, friends and guides in spirit.
- Discover the process of mediumship from a unique aboriginal perspective.
- Insights from Shawn's bestselling book, "The Language of Spirit."
- 100% of ticket sales will be donated to a nationally recognized charitable organization for Suicide Awareness

June 18th, 2019

**Advance tickets* and details at
www.shawn-leonard.com/aptn**

***no tickets will be available at the door**



WE ARE INVESTING IN A BRIGHT FUTURE

THE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY PROGRAM

Fostering education, diversity and inclusion to support strong, healthy communities of tomorrow

EMERGING LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Four \$2,500 awards to students entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program in the areas of Power Engineering, Power Line Technician, Instrumentation Tech, Engineering, Technology, Business, Marketing & Communications, Environmental Sciences or Law.

WOMEN IN TRADES, ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Six \$2,500 awards to female students entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program in Trades or in the areas of Engineering, Technology and Innovation.

AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Four \$2,500 awards to African Nova Scotian students entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program in the areas of Power Engineering, Power Line Technician, Instrumentation Tech, Engineering, Technology, Business, Marketing & Communications, Environmental Sciences or Law.

NOVA SCOTIA POWER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten \$1,000 awards to children/dependents of employees or retirees of Nova Scotia Power. These awards are available to students entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program.

MI'KMAQ BURSARIES

Four \$1000 awards are available to Mi'kmaq students entering any year of a full time post-secondary education program in Power Engineering, Power Line Technician, Instrumentation Tech, Engineering, Finance, Technology, Business, Marketing & Communication, Environmental Sciences or Law. Past recipient winners can re-apply each year.

Recipients may also have the opportunity to participate in a 12-week paid internship at Nova Scotia Power during their term of study.

Deadline for scholarship applications: **APRIL 18, 2019**

Deadline for bursary applications: **MAY 31, 2019**

Visit nspower.ca/scholarships to apply



UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY	EVENT	DETAILS/LOCATION	DATES
AFN	Monthly Mental Wellness Information and Talk Session	CMM will be providing a one hour presentation on a mental health topic	May 28th and June 25th 6:30 pm til 7:30 pm
Yarmouth	Jadon Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament	The 4th Annual Jadon Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Yarmouth Links on Thursday, June 6th, 2018. Registration starts @ 8:30 am and the tournament kicks off with a shotgun start @ 10:00 am with a lobster supper being server at 5:30 pm	June 6th 8:30 am (shotgun start at 10:00 am)
	Shaun Leonard The Medium	Shaun Leonard the medium will be hosting an event at the Bingo Hall on June 18th, 2019. Proceeds will be donated to suicide awareness on aboriginal communities. APTN will be recording parts of the event for television. Prices are \$20 per person. Elders admitted free of charge free for elders	June 18th
	Student Awards	Student Awards for the Yarmouth community will be held on Saturday, June 29th at the Rose Purdy Recreation and Community Centre starting at 11:00 am. Please call Amanda at the Yarmouth Band Office (902 742 0257) to leave the student's full name, grade and school to register them on the list. Registration Deadline is May 31st, 2019	June 29th @ 11:00 am

AFN Staff Highlight

We would like to recognize Julian O'Connell for being presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Town of Yarmouth, the provincial government and the federal government for his hard work and dedication toward coordinating for the J strong last month on April 9, 2019.

Julian is a powerhouse within' AFN as he helps to coordinate many events both for AFN as an organization but also for the wider community. He is a major player in the coordination or the Powwow held in Gold River each year and works tirelessly as the Inventory Manager for all our locations.

We appreciate you Julian O'Connell and look forward to what our future holds.

