Gas and Tobacco Tax Refunds and Land Claim Updates

Tobique’s Second Chief and Council Meeting of the New Term Focuses on Section 87 Gas and Tobacco Tax Refunds and Land Claim Updates

Tobique’s Chief Stewart Paul and 12 Council members held the second meeting of their new term on December 7 at the Tobique Bingo Hall. The meeting was open to all interested community members and focused primarily on updates and discussions about the current status of the 1892 Specific Land Claim, currently approaching the mandated deadline of three years, and of the Section 87 Tax Refund Claim.

Section 87 Tax Refund Claim:

Councillor Paul Pyres, along with Councillor Ross Perley, on behalf of the Band have been conducting recent negotiations with the province to refund payments of gas and cigarette taxes made by community members for purchases on reserve property that under Section 87 of the Indian should have been exempt. Paul presented a briefing notice to the Chief, fellow Council Members, and attending residents.

According to the brief, Tobique first brought the claim for a refund

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Tobique hosts first Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

NB Lieutenant Governor, and community member, Graydon Nicholas, lights Tobique’s Christmas Tree at the first annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony held at the Maliseet Convenience Store parking lot December 4th.

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from Chief And Council
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of tax paid under the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act to the province in February of 2003, and for refund of tobacco tax paid under the Tobacco Tax Act in 2004, with the claim that according to Section 87 of the Indian Act, which states ‘an Indian or Indian Band is exempt of all levels of taxation on a personal property situated on reserve lands’, the collection of taxes generated from sales made on reserve property by the province is a violation of our government mandated rights.

Despite numerous applications for Gas and Tobacco tax refunds filled by legal consultants on behalf of Tobique since 2003, it wasn’t until 2009 that provincial representatives agreed to begin preliminary discussions and negotiations for a refund settlement, with a requirement of six variables that must be addressed before an agreement can be reached; records versus estimates of tax paid; limitation period; determination of claimant pool; legal indemnity; administration and distribution of settlement; and management committee for the claim.

Precedent has been set for similar claims in the past, such as with the settlement between the province of Saskatchewan and the Ahtahakakoop Cree Nation, as well as with Eskasoni First Nation and Nova Scotia who negotiated a $16 million agreement for Gas and Tobacco tax refunds from 1948 to the time of the agreement.

For the limitation period required by the province, they intend to follow the "Saskatchewan Model" of a six year limitation period that if applied to Tobique would include from 1998 to 2003 during which time, as part of a required claimant pool figure, individuals must be 18 years of age (legal purchasing age for Tobacco products) or older from the beginning of the limitation period to receive a refund for the full six years. Otherwise, for example, if an individual turned 18 in 2000, they would only be eligible for a refund for four years.

"To date, utilizing the TFN initial tax refund claim with a six year limitation period (1998-2003), TGN estimates a total refund Gas and Tobacco refund claim of approximately $4.3 million, however the government of New Brunswick has proposed a ‘discount’ of approximately 30% of the total to adjust for sales to non-Native’s during the 1998-2003 time period", Paul explained.

If Tobique accepts the 30% claw back, the claim would amount to $3.4 million: $2.1 million for gas tax refund, and $700,000 for tobacco tax refunds. Which Paul says will work out to about $3,100 per person, including all band members within the proposed age limit regardless of place of residence.

There was some opposition expressed by on-reserve residents about the eligibility of band members living off-reserve. As Paul explains the total settlement figure is based on overall membership numbers, all members are included in the formula used to calculate the total refund amount therefore they should be eligible.

Furthermore the band can neither prove nor disprove that members living off reserve did not purchase tobacco or gas during the limitation period and would be required to do so if only a portion of band members were documented as eligible.

This is a process, Paul states that would only prolong an agreement.

He estimates that a settlement could be reached by February if the Chief and Council make a decision on the following issues: the six year limitation, the amount deducted for non-Native sale, determination of claimant pool, eligibility and distribution.

According to Chief Paul, Section 87 is a personal right, you do not have to accept the settlement or sign a document providing the province with legal indemnity, which each member will be required to do if they accept their portion of the settlement. Band members have the right to pursue the claim individually if they chose.

1892 Specific Land Claim:

Councillor Tim Nicholas provided a brief history and update on the state of the 1892 Surrender Specific Land Claim of approximately 12,000 acres of land.

Negotiations of this claim are now in the third year of the three year moratorium which will expire in October of 2011. Tim says that land appraisers and consultants including government representative Mark Freeze, the Regional Manager for Appraisals, Daniel Doucet, Senior Director of Altus Group and consultant hired by Tobique, and David Babineau of de Stecher Appraisals, an independent real estate appraisal and consulting firm, are currently completing phase one, the Current Value of Land that they estimate will be done by March.

Following the completion of phase one, the appraisal team will determine a value of the second compensation term, "Loss of Use". Phase two of the land valuation process is to form a conclusion of any and all collective losses incurred by the First Nation as a result of the unlawful development and occupation of territory identified by Canada as Tobique lands, by outside parties throughout the study period, 1892 to present. As described in the negotiation Terms of Reference, the study determining the “loss of use” of the Claim Lands “will identify the reasonable and probable potential land uses that would have occurred on the Reserve lands over time intervals...based on the history of the First Nation and the characteristics of the Claim Lands”, and with the assumption of control of the property belonging to the community from 1892.
Fire destroys former Tobique Band office

The Tobique Fire Departments received an emergency call at 12:45 Saturday morning, December 4, notifying them that the former Band Office, west of the Mah-Sos Elementary School on Route 105, was fully engulfed in flames.

According to Tobique Fire Chief Jason Moulton, they called in the Perth-Andover Fire Department for assistance, but when they arrived at the scene the upstairs of the building was fully ablaze with flames coming through the roof.

“We decided to let it go since it was far gone too be saved. It would have taken us too long to contain the fire that it would have been burnt by that point. I think that it had been burning for a while before it was called in”, Jason stated.

According to Constable Justin Hamilton, who responded to the call says that the cause of the fire is unknown and the investigation is on-going.

At a recent Chief and Council meeting, Chief Stewart Paul expressed his disappointment that the building had been completely burnt during his opening statements. He said that not only is it a hazard as it sits, but $90,000 in demolition funding for the building had been secured before the fire which would have provided 20 community members with employment.

Councillor, Darrah Beaver, has not only been recognized by members of her home community as a notable emerging leader capable of contributing to the growth and prosperity of Tobique when elected as Councillor in October, but has also been recently selected by 21 Inc. as one of Atlantic Canada’s 50 Emerging Leaders.

Darrah is one of 54 Atlantic Canadian’s chosen out of 400 nominees ages 20-35 by a panel of Atlantic Canada’s top business, academic and government leaders who evaluate nominees based on their professional achievements, commitment to serving their country, as well as display a clear indication of playing a significant role in shaping the region’s future.

Created in 2005 from a provincial public policy initiative, according to their website, “21 Inc focuses on young people 20-35 from all sectors, providing them with the skills, networks, inspiration, and confidence to make a real difference in their careers and communities and become effective 21st century leaders.”

The 54 Emerging Leaders were selected to participate in the 21Inc Emerging Leaders Summit, an intense leadership experience designed to accelerate the positive impact of the Emerging Leaders by creating relationships with peers, mentors and some of the region’s most respected leaders was held November 22 to 24 in St. Andrew’s. Selected candidates continue their development at the second iteration of the 21Inc Ideas Festival, which is immediately following the summit from the 24th-26th of November.

“The Summit was excellent. I was the only Aboriginal in attendance out of the 54 Emerging Leaders. I brought our story into every single speaking opportunity that I could. Most of the other candidate who were very bright knew absolutely nothing about First Nations People in Canada besides what they see in the headlines. I used my participation as an opportunity to educate those emerging leaders about their role in changing our reality”, Darrah explained.

Darrah works in Fredericton as the Program Manager of New Brunswick Aboriginal Work Place Skills Development Project, as well as serves as Council Member at Tobique. Darrah has put much time, effort and energy establishing an impressive educational background including a Diploma in Native Studies, two B.A.’s in Canadian and Native Studies and a M.A. in Conflict Studies from Carleton University.

She also has accumulated 10 years of practical work experience in provincial, federal and national Aboriginal governments sectors, and has worked at the Assembly of First Nations for a number of years in Education, Jurisdiction and Governance.

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The Maliseet language has been said by some to be on the brink of extinction, with the majority of youth to middle-aged adults unable to speak their Native tongue leaving an unbridgeable gap between the speakers of the language and the rest of their people.

However, if you attend an event at the community school most times a word, or song, or presentation in English is rarely heard, or if you watch the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network occasionally you can listen to community members speaking their language on the Maliseet versions of Tobique Filmmaker Jeff Bear's documentary programs.

Jeff’s company, Urban Rez Productions, is an independent digital media company that focuses on the production of cultural television programming since its formation in 1999. Although based out of Vancouver BC, he has a small studio in Tobique where he and his crew; Maliseet Language Consultant and Translator Henrietta Black, Sound Editor and Technician Don Howell, Unit Production Manager Dan Perley and Maliseet Speakers, have just completed versioning of their 52nd half hour program in Maliseet.

What he jokingly calls “beyond ‘chell’ and “ke-nal-a-get”, Jeff explains “...is the most difficult work, but the most rewarding. I am learning new words, new ways of seeing the world; through the lens of our ancestors. These programs provide a permanent record for Maliseet’s who are curious about learning their language, as well as provides a sense of pride for those who can speak it. To be able to sit back and to turn the opposite dial from other programming and listen to the ancient sounds of their language being spoken is a good feeling.”

The newest documentary series that the company has versioned is the first season of “Samaqan: Water Stories”. The English version of the program is now airing on APTN.

Jeff explains that the 13-part TV series includes a detailed examination of the impact of industrialization, fish farming, sport fishing, marine protection efforts, and other human activity on Canada’s rivers and oceans. “Episodes will feature leading experts in the field of environmental research, water sciences, ethno botany, marine biology and more. We will feature stories from many aspects of the aboriginal community, from leaders, elders, hunters and trappers about the impact of changing water conditions and the slow but steady decline of water access.”

The St. John River is among the river systems in Canada that is featured in the documentary series. “When we decided to produce a series about water issues, how could I pass up the opportunity to bring attention to the little known river, the lifeblood and transportation corridor of my ancestors. This is where I grew up. I played winter hockey on the river. I fished for spring trout. I ate salmon caught by a number of people from the reservation. Yet everywhere I have been in my adult years nobody knows about the St. John,” Jeff stated.

The First series that the crew versioned was three seasons of "Storytellers in Motions" that documented the lives and careers of Indigenous filmmakers, directors, producers, writers and actors from Canada to Australia.

Community Elder, Educator and Language Consultant for the Maliseet versioning of Tobique Filmmaker, Jeff Bear’s, newest TV documentary series “Samaqan: Water Stories”, now airing on APTN, and Sound Editor Don Howell finish versioning of the first season of the 13-part series about First Nations relationship to Canada’s water systems.

Community Elder, Educator and fluent speaker of traditional Maliseet, Henrietta Black has served as Jeff’s Maliseet language consultant for both series; translating more than 600 pages of script for “Samaqan” alone, and guiding and coaching over 10 speakers during voice-overs.

Speakers include Shirley Bear, Victor Bear, Marie Pyres, Larry Perley, George Francis, Wendell Perley, Rosanne Clark, Mario Monulton, Warren Trembley, Linda Saulis and Jerry Perley.

The funding for season two of “Samaqan” is now in place and production will begin in coming months. The second season will also include a Maliseet version.

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Grief Counsellor helps both health-care providers and community members cope with the high number of deaths in the community.

In the past few years the community has had to lay an alarmingly high number of their members to rest. As many understand death is indeed a part of life, but what many in the community struggle with is how often it is happening in theirs.

People emotionally and physically drained from the experience of losing a family member, a friend, an elder, have time to rest during the quiet that replaces the sounds of family and friends gathered at their home, before word of another community member who has died arrives.

Coordinator of Community Home Health-Care Services at the Neqotkuk Health Clinic, Deborah Audibert, states health-care service providers working in the community have concerns of how the number of deaths are affecting their clients, and other members of the community, as well as of the resources available to them to effectively assist them in coping with their grief.

“We have had a lot of loss; people do not have time to grieve before another person dies. We thought about what we could do to help our health-care workers be able to help people in their grieving process, and to help people who are dealing with the loss of a loved one to cope. Our staff needs to know what we are lacking, doing right, and how we can better serve our clients”, Deborah explained.

After listening to Grief Counsellor Vincent MacDonald speak at a previous meeting she, and other health-care providers, were impressed with his presentation and invited him to host a two day workshop for Neqotkuk Health Clinic staff and interested community members.

Vince MacDonald, who trained as a grief counsellor at the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Colorado and has worked many years with grieving families, communities, and schools, to assist them in understanding and coping with the grief of losing a loved one from various causes, hosted a workshop at the Bingo Hall on November 23-24 to help both health-care providers and the bereaved deal with high number of deaths in the community. He has also worked with many First Nations groups including residential school survivors from Nova Scotia.

“I see grief as a natural process; water is to thirst what grief is to loss. I am looking at helping people to understand what grief is and how grief can impact individuals and their families. I look at many aspects of death and grief such as parents losing a child or visa-versa and various coping mechanisms unique to the particular relationship or situation” Vince explained.

The first day consisted of an instructional overview of many of the typical human characteristics of, and reactions to, death related grief depending on variables such as age, gender, type of death and the nature of the relationship to the deceased. This workshop was attended by community health-care providers, who according to written evaluations from participants, Deborah says found the information to be very useful and beneficial for their work in the community.

The second workshop was open to all community members. About 30 people who are grieving the recent or lingering loss of a loved one from a spouse to a parent, to a brother or sister attended the more general, interactive workshop that covered much of the same information as the first day such as understanding common feelings experienced during the grieving process and various coping mechanisms and participants were encouraged to share their experiences.

Deborah says that she was pleased with the workshop and feels that it was helpful to both health-care providers and for the community members that attended. She plans to have him return at a later date to host another grief workshop.
November 11 is a day that each year is recognized by millions of Canadians as a time to reflect upon the freedoms, rights and opportunities that we share as a nation; and most importantly to remember, as well as to honour, the Nations Veterans who throughout history have served and sacrificed in order to maintain and protect our way of life.

First Nation’s men and women have served side-by-side with American and Canadian military forces in vast numbers from the war of 1812 to the current battle in Iraq. Of all cultural communities in the country, First Nation’s have the highest rate of military service with 12,000 who enlisted during WW1 even though they were not considered Canadian citizens until 1924.

For decades Tobique has hosted Remembrance Day activities honouring the Canadian, American, and Aboriginal Veterans, particularly the approximately 50 community members that have served and sacrificed their lives during battles past and present.

The day’s events began with a community breakfast held at the church. Volunteers Fred and Mike Bear cooked for Veterans and community members before they started the annual Veterans parade from the church parking lot to the cenotaph outside of the Tobique Youth Center.

The parade was lead by a row of Veterans, RCMP Officer and Chief Stewart Paul who each carried a flag representing the nations for whom Tobique’s soldiers serve, and have served, followed by a group of about 30 Veterans and their family members, as well as family members of fallen soldiers who were greeted by roughly 60 community members at the stone memorial.

Veterans lined up in rows in front of the cenotaph in military stance, who with the crowd stood in silence to observe the customary ‘Moment of Silence’ marked at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when in 1919 an end to WW1 was officially reached.

Following the ‘Moment of Silence’, community member Rosanne Clark recited the official poem of Remembrance Day, “In Flanders Fields”, written by Colonel John McCrea, in Maliseet. Mah-Sos Elementary students recited the poem in English as well as a Native poem called “These Young Braves”.

WW11 Veteran, Donald Moulton Sr. proceeded by reading the honour role consisting of Tobique’s 46 Veterans serving in WW1, WW11, Vietnam War and Persian Gulf War who were killed in action and who have passed away.

Groups of family members of those whose father, brother, uncle and other loved-ones have served in the military lined up to be escorted by a Veteran to the front of the cenotaph to lay a wreath or cross to commemorate their service and sacrifice.

The ceremonies were followed with a community pot-luck lunch at the Bingo Hall, food and cards at Boodin’s Arts & Crafts store, as well as a Veterans Dance at Maxine’s Smoke Shop.
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Tobique hosts first Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

What started off as one community member’s Christmas spirited idea and face-book status, in just two weeks turned into the seasons highest attended community event, as well as the start of an annual tradition. Close to 100 people including the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, Graydon Nicholas, gathered at the parking lot of the Maliseet Convenience Store & Gas Bar to take part in the community tree lighting ceremony.

One of the organizers, Rosha Sappier explained that her co-worker Denise Polchies posted “Why don’t we have a community X-Mas tree?” on her face-book. She agreed to help and the Christmas spirit spread to other community members and businesses that through generous donations and hard work raised $764 to host the event.

“We were very pleased with the outcome; kind of overwhelmed actually, the parking lot and the St. Cinnamon was packed! It brought the community together, if just for an hour, it was worth looking around seeing all the children’s smiling faces”, Rosha said.

The ceremony that took place on December 4th started with a pizza party and hot chocolate. Santa Clause made an appearance during the meal to take Christmas present orders and to pass out treat bags.

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Everyone then gathered outside to listen to Mah-Sos students sing a Christmas carol in Maliseet and to watch Honourable Graydon Nicholas light the community tree. "I am honoured to be a part of such a positive community event. It is impressive to see so many people here. I attended a similar event at the NB Legislature and not as many people attended" Graydon told the crowd.

Rosh and Denise would like to thank all community members, band businesses and departments including Chrissy Perley, Tiffany Perley, Gabe Nicholas, Amanda Bernard, Barbra Cunniff, Chris Pirie and everyone else who volunteered their time during the event; and for the donations from the Maliseet Gas Bar, Tobique Fire Department, Tobique Tobacco, Lucky's Casino, Child and Family Services, Cougar and Ky-ley Dennis, and Mike Bear for donating the tree.

"A very special thanks to Graydon for showing up last minute and taking the time out of his busy schedule to come light the tree."
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haron McIvor went to court to challenge the gender discrimination in section 6 of the Indian Act, 1985. Registration under the Indian Act provides greater entitlements to Indian men who married out (married a non-Indian) and their descendants as compared with Indian women who married out.

McIvor won both at trial and on appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear any further appeal. While the trial court would have offered a broader remedy, the court of appeal limited the scope of the discrimination and therefore made comments which suggested to Canada that it might get away with a minimalist amendment. (For further information on the McIvor case, see my previous blog entry).

As a result of these legal proceedings, Canada embarked upon a very short “engagement” process. It chose not to consult with Aboriginal peoples about the need to amend the Indian Act and instead presented Aboriginal groups with their proposed amendment. Prior to the amendments being released, most understood that the proposed amendment would grant section 6(1) status to the children of Indian women who married out (they are currently section 6(2) Indians) and grant for the first time, section 6(2) status to the grandchildren. However, it now appears that this is NOT the case.

On Thursday, March 12, 2010 Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) Chuck Strahl introduced Bill C-3 An Act to promote gender equity in Indian registration by responding to the Court of Appeal for British Columbia decision in McIvor v. Canada (Registrar of Indian and Northern Affairs) into the House of Commons. This Bill will have to go through both Parliament and the Senate in order to become law.

With regard to the grandchildren of Indian women who married out, the Bill seems to be on track with what Canada proposed during the engagement sessions held in 2009. INAC has published a document to explain how the legislative amendments are intended to apply to individuals who are the grandchildren of Indian women who married out. Canada explains that if an individual can answer the following three questions, they are encouraged to apply for registration:

(1) Did your grandmother lose her Indian status as a result of marrying a non-Indian?
(2) Is one of your parents registered, or entitled to be registered, under subsection 6(2) of the Indian Act?
(3) Were you born on or after September 4, 1951?
Mackenzie Brown is the only Tobique youth member selected to the New Brunswick Midget AAA Canadiens for the 2011 Canada Winter Games in February 11-27. This is an achievement for Mackenzie that hasn’t come easily. He has trained and worked consistently towards a career in professional hockey from a very young age, and has made impressive strides in his pursuit.

Mackenzie has played for the Perth-Andover Minor Hockey League since Elementary and in addition to making the NB Team has been playing for the Fredericton Midget AAA Canadiens. He has had to move to Fredericton to train and play for the team and is now attending High School there. Although his parents are very proud and supportive of him living and training away from home, both Mackenzie and his parents admit that it has been a difficult, but worthy, adjustment to make.

Mackenzie plans to go as far as he can in professional hockey but explains that, “My number one focus is my school work, and then hockey is next. If hockey doesn’t work out for me then I’ll have my education to fall back on. I’d like to get an education first and see if the option to go on to the NHL is there for me.”

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a positive and Happy New Year!
**Coordinators**

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The Assembly of Chiefs in New Brunswick is an incorporated not-for-profit entity that represents the First Nation Chiefs in New Brunswick. As the lead organization for Aboriginal rights based issues between the Crown (Canada and the Province of New Brunswick) and First Nations, the Assembly deals with a wide variety of subject matters among the three levels of government. The Assembly is developing professional capacity regarding the legal Duty to Consult and Accommodate. The Assembly is seeking two individuals to work as Consultation Coordinators.

The Coordinators’ positions include, but are not limited to, the following key job functions and major responsibilities:

- **Report to and take direction from the Chiefs through the Assembly Consultation Committee and legal counsel**;
- **Work with the Assembly Consultation Committee and legal counsel to develop and implement a Consultation Protocol for the First Nations in New Brunswick**;
- **Ensure that First Nation and Assembly policies and procedures are followed**;
- **Review, analyse and synthesize government and industry documents and proposals in relation the Duty to Consult and Accommodate**;
- **Propose actions and responses to Assembly Consultation Committee and legal counsel regarding the Duty to Consult and Accommodate obligations of Canada and New Brunswick**;
- **Liaise with the appropriate government officials and industry representatives**;
- **Ensure that the appropriate Mi’gmaq and Maliseet customs and traditions are incorporated into the analysis of each case presented for consultation**;
- **Ensure that Aboriginal and Treaty Rights are identified as part of any review process including the coordination and oversight of Traditional Knowledge Studies, or current land use studies**;
- **Propose actions that will protect Aboriginal and Treaty Rights**; and
- **Propose appropriate methods of accommodation as necessary**.

**ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:** A University degree and a minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible experience in a management capacity. Candidates must demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of the legal requirements of the Duty to Consult and Accommodate. Candidates must be self-starters and able to work alone with minimal supervision. Applicants will have to demonstrate experience in Aboriginal relations and knowledge of the New Brunswick First Nation communities. Written and spoken competence in English is essential and the ability to speak French, Mi’gmaq and/or Maliseet would be an asset. Extensive competency in computer applications is required. A good practical knowledge of Microsoft Suite is required. Candidates must have extensive research and report writing skills. Candidates must hold a valid driver’s license and be able to travel extensively throughout New Brunswick.

**Must be willing to work in an office in Fredericton, NB.** Please state your language capability on your application.

**ASSET QUALIFICATIONS:** Preference may be given to candidates that demonstrate:

- Experience with development and management of plans, policies and programs;
- Experience with the law and the Duty to Consult on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights;
- Experience in negotiations, contract development, and application of provincial and federal laws; and
- Experience in strategic implementation of plans, policies and programs.

Preference may also be given to candidates that hold a law degree.

Subject to the response to this competition, candidates may be required to demonstrate one or more of the asset qualifications in addition to the essential qualifications in order to be given further consideration.

Applicants must clearly demonstrate the essential qualifications to be given further consideration.

**BEHAVIOURAL COMPETENCIES:** The successful candidates will possess the following behavioural competencies:

- Organizational Awareness;
- Report Writing and Public Presentations;
- Results Orientation; and
- Strategic Thinking.

**TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES:** The successful candidates will possess the following technical competencies:

- Knowledge of Research Methodologies, Principles and Practices;
- Project Management;
- Planning and Organizing Skills;
- Specialized Subject Matter Expertise and Knowledge; and
- Knowledge of Policy Development Processes.

**Salary:** These are term, contract positions to March 31, 2011 that are anticipated to be funded to March 31, 2012. The positions are dependent on confirmation of funding. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

- Subject to the response to this competition, education and experience requirements may increase.

**COMPETITION** will be open to the receipt of applications from December 13 to 17, 2010 with interviews being held prior to Dec 31, 2010. Interviews are likely to be held in Moncton or Halifax. Commencement of work is anticipated to be January 10, 2011.

We thank all those who apply however only those selected for further consideration will be contacted. Candidates are responsible for the timely receipt of applications.

Applications should be marked “New Brunswick Consultation & Accommodation Coordinator” and sent to:

Stuart C.B. Giby
Assembly Legal Counsel
Burchells LLP
Suite 1800 1801 Hollis St.
HALIFAX NS B3J 3N4

**APPLICATIONS:**

Please submit your application in writing to:

Assembly of Chiefs in New Brunswick Inc.

1505 Hollis Street

Halifax, Nova Scotia

B3J 3N4

Deadline: December 17, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 273-4366/9098**

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(Formerly Tobique Addictions Rehab Centre)

13309 Route 105 Tobique First Nation NB

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Do you feel that gambling is controlling your life?

Does it affect all areas in your life?

Do you want to STOP?

WE CAN HELP!

Please join us at the

Wolastoqiewiyik Healing Lodge

(13309 Route 105, Tobique First Nation, NB

Tilley Road – SIDE DOOR ENTRANCE)

**THURSDAY EVENINGS** 6:00 – 7:00 pm

*Please note change of day starting April 1, 2010

Private and Confidential

EVERYONE WELCOME!

For more information, please call 273-4366/9098

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**AA MEETING**

Are you are having problems with alcohol and want support to fight it?

PLEASE JOIN US!

Education and support is a key element for the first and continuing steps on learning how addiction can be fought and realizing that

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(formerly known as the Tobique Rehab,

13309 Route 105, Tobique First Nation)

**FRIDAY EVENINGS** 7:00 – 8:00 pm

*PLEASE USE SIDE-DOOR ENTRANCE*
Canada endorses ‘aspirational’ UN Declaration

OTTAWA – Canada endorsed the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Nov. 12, calling it "an aspirational document" that provides an opportunity for the government to "continue working in partnership with aboriginal peoples in creating a better Canada."

Reversing its vote against adopting the Declaration at the U.N. General Assembly in New York Sept. 13, 2007, Canada said it "reaffirms its commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of indigenous peoples at home and abroad."

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Me Me’s Kitchen Perfect Apple Pie

Method:
- STEP 1 - Heat oven to 400°F. Prepare pie crust according to package directions for Two Crust Pie using 9" (23 cm) pie plate.
- STEP 2 - In large bowl, stir together filling ingredients. Place filling evenly into pie crust. Top with second crust; wrap excess top crust under bottom crust edge. Press edges together to seal; flute edges as desired. Cut slits in top crust to vent.
- STEP 3 - Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until apples are tender, filling is bubbling through slits in top crust and crust is golden brown. Cover edge of crust with strips of foil after first 15 minutes of baking.

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Wabunaki – Maliseet Language Classes

Tuesday Nights: 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Wabanaki Teaching Lodge (Gail’s)
Along the Tobique River (257 Rte 390)

Notokehkikimitit, Gail naka Iris
Gail: 273-4029/Iris: 273-6254

Ipa Yot!
Itom Cokols,

Wabanaki – Maliseet Language Classes
Change to Tuesday Nights

Neighborhood Watch
When You See Suspicious Activity
CRIME PREVENTION STARTWITHYOU

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Merry Christmas
Pattis Gifts
273-2420

cheap gas,
breakfast sandwiches
and pizza for lunch.

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Wolastoqewiyik Healing Lodge Schedule JAN. 2011

The Staff, volunteers and the guests of the Wolastoqewiyik Healing Lodge offer the following schedule of Step-programs and Support Groups to community members and guests who desire to strengthen their individual pride and feelings of self-worth.

All events take place at the bottom level of the Wolastoqewiyik Healing Lodge (side door entrance), unless otherwise noted.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings*
Every Sunday 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Located at St. Ann’s Church Basement (28 River Road, Tobique First Nation)

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meetings
Every Tuesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Gamblers Anonymous (GA) Meetings
Every Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings
Every Friday (Newcomers Welcome) 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Sweat Lodge Ceremony (Co-Ed)
Every Saturday 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Located at Diamond’s House – Everyone Welcome (51 River Road, Tobique First Nation)

To make an appointment or to contact any of our staff directly, please note the following numbers:

Dianne Perley, Director .......................................................... 273-5421
Tatawmyha Nicholas, Case Manager/Front Desk .............................. 273-5403
Loretta Perley, Prevention (CACII) ........................................... 273-5418
Charles ’Diamond’ Nicholas, Prevention (CACII) ..................... 273-5425
Alison Sappier, Treatment (CACII) ......................................... 273-5403
Robert Brewer, Treatment (CACII) ....................................... 273-5403
Mary Solomon, Family Wellness ............................................. 273-5541
Philip Perley, Janitor ................................................................ 273-5403
Tammy Sappier, Food Service Provider .................................... 273-5403
Lorna Paul, Food Service Provider ......................................... 273-5403
Marilyn Perley, Probation, works out of an office in the downstairs of our building (side door entrance). She can be called directly at 273-4723.

For information about any of our programs, please do not hesitate to call our office at (506) 273-5403.
Birth Announcement

**It’s Twins!**

**Grant Alexander & Jakobe Joseph Paul**

Parents: Megan Grant and Joey Paul

Grant 7lbs, Jakobe 6lbs 12oz, born October 6, 2010

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Notice To Community:

**Lyla Bear Tatlock** is now a long distance Medical Driver

Anyone going beyond Perth-Andover can call Lyla at home (please use this number first) 273-2325 or on her cell 280-0124

Don’t drink and drive over the holidays

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DECEMBER 2010

Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday
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**NEW YEAR’S EVE**

NOTICE: NO PHONES

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**BOXING DAY**

Daniel Clingan
Nora May St Jean
Ronni Sappler Shirley

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

John Roland Perley

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**Full M.**
21st
**Last Q.**
27th

**K of C Bingo Doors 6pm**
Starts 7:30pm every Wed

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** notices are subject to change without notice.**

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Nothing is taking place.
Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword. Each word is only used once.

ELF
TOY
GIFT
BELL
TREE
STAR
SANTA
COMET
CUPID
VIXEN
CANDY
FROSTY
WREATH
DASHER
DONNER
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