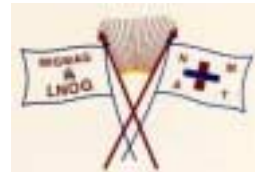




Miawpukek Aknutmaq

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MIAWPUKEK YOUTH FORM REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEET WITH GOVERNMENT AND POLICE

Phil Jeddore, March 9, 2001

Miawpukek Youth attending Se'ta'newey Kina'matno'kuom, have revived the First Nation Youth Council, to make their voice heard. Representing the students as well as other youth within our Nation, the Council have stated their mandate to be:

To ensure that the youth of our community are respected and show respect and are treated fairly and in turn continue to educate ourselves to ensure a better community for ourselves and the future.

The Executive Board consist of President Mike Joe, Vice President Kayla Stride, Secretary-Treasurer Theresa Benoit, Junior Representative John N. Jeddore and Miawpukek Government Representative Danielle Jeddore.

One of their first projects was to publish a brochure outlining their Mission Statement and a listing of their concerns.

This brochure was acquired by Miawpukek Aknutmaq and according to the brochure, The Youth Council has decided that their first priority will be to improve relations between the youth and our First Nation Tribal Police. Quoting stats suggesting that of 54 students polled, 14 have been charged with some offense, 20 have been "Pulled Over" and most distressing of all, that 23 students are being harassed by our police.

Two pages of the brochure are then taken up with a listing of 29 concerns, with the added statement that "Some of the students would like a chance to give some examples of the harassment that they are talking about in this book". As a result of this, Miawpukek Government met with the youth and this meeting was followed by a meeting between the Youth Council and our police.

Miawpukek Aknutmaq will report any new developments in this area as they become know.



... SO, WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING !!?

Well there was a Diabetes information session, at the Great Hall last week, but I don't have any information on it. There was also an Open House for Women, celebrating International Women's Day, at the Great Hall on March 8.

Not a good day goes by, and sometimes a bad day or two, that we don't see people out fishing on the ice. The ice is still good. This year, many people are fishing just off Burnt Woods. There seems to be a lot of cod and herring in close, but turbot fishers still have to go a ways out the bay.

Bingo continues to go over well. Games are Sunday and Wednesday nights. Big prizes are advertised and won, but some people complain because, although the Bingo ads stipulate that the prizes may change depending on card sales, often times the prizes go down and not up on Bingo night.

Our fire brigade is still going strong. We have a dedicated group and thankfully, they are mostly called out to put out chimney fires. They bought a new piece of ice rescue equipment this year, but again, thanks to the Great Spirit, they have not had to use it.

Lots of people are getting satellite dishes; those that can afford them. The only reason to have cable, it seems, is for the Bingo games.

The weather has been annoying of late. Many people can't wait for spring. Many others still can't get enough of winter, giving that we haven't had any winter (Snow that is) since 1995. This winter gave us tons of snow. It took a while for the bogs and ponds to freeze, but we were able to take good advantage of conditions and do our harvesting, wood gathering and other traditional Mi'kmaq lifestyle. The last month we have seen rain, snow, drizzle fog, then rain, snow, drizzle and fog again and again. I think we ran out of salt for the roads or something, because for the last couple months, the roads haven't been taken care of as good as they were the first part of this winter.

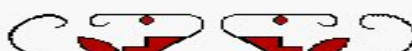
Our pavement is getting a good going over. There's lots of cracks and of all things, potholes look like they are beginning to appear in our nice new four year old pavement.

There was a boil order on for our water. I overheard Ken John say there must be a leak in the water line, because we were going through a lot of chlorine. Some people say the boil order is over, but we still have the boil order notice on Channel 6.

The Mi'kmaq language seems to be going well, since Roddie Jeddore came home and got at it in the school. We had night classes for adults and the kids in the school are learning it all the time.

The school had their education week last week, There was lots going on all week. Unfortunately there's lots of flu going around too. They decided to close down the school Friday noon so they could air out the building and disinfect everything.

The rabbits are racing, and there's tons of them. There's been plenty of them all winter and so we have had plenty of fresh rabbit for the eating if you're not tired of them. And if you can't snare or shoot them, use your land rover.



EAGLEQUEST ADVENTURE TOURS

A new pamphlet, produced by Miawpukek Economic Development Department, is out. Titled Eaglequest Adventure Guide, it is the answer many see to the lack of information available to the many visitors that pass through our Government Office each day. For the longest time, we haven't had something to give to visitors for them to take away with them after their visit. It is a lovely pamphlet in nice colors outlining who we are and the many attractions our Nation has to offer in the Camping, Kayaking, Canoeing, Hiking and Arts and Crafts. Copies can be had by writing to Miawpukek Government, P.O. Box 10, Conne River Reserve, NF, AOH 1J0 or visit www.eagle-quest.com

NOTICE
THE NEXT REGULAR
MEETING OF
MIAWPUKEK GOVERNMENT
IS ON MARCH 15 AT 3:00 PM
IN THE GREAT HALL.
ALL ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND

MIAWPUKEK HUMAN RESOURCES OPENS NEW OFFICE

Miawpukek Human Resources, contributed the major funds and are the main beneficiaries of a very spacious office space in the new extension to the Great Hall.

Headed by Shayne McDonald and staffed by Angela John, Olivia Collier and Edwina Benoit, Miawpukek Human Resources is the new up and coming department of Miawpukek Government.

The people there provide career counseling and administer the education funds for post secondary training for on and off reserve Miawpukek members.

There's offices, a large open reception/meeting area and computers for the public to use to do resumes, job applications, job searches and get on the internet. You can reach them at 882 2470.



MIAWPUKEK GOVERNMENT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE AT OFFICE COMPLEX

Phil Jeddore, March 9, 2001

On March 7, all members of Miawpukek First Nation, were invited to drop in at the Great Hall, seat of Miawpukek Government, to tour the office complex, now sporting a brand new extension, that was just completed this past fall.

Each Government department had displays inside or just outside their office and staff were on hand to explain their department and answer any questions or accept kudos. Visitors even had the opportunity to participate in an interactive computer program, set up by Miawpukek Computer department, where they could try their hand at knocking over a clown on screen. (Big bellied people could just walk by the camera to see the clown get whacked). There were also opportunities to enter your name in a draw or two.

Over 250 people wandered in and about the building. The Kiddy Door Prize was won by Emily Stride (Rosanna Stride's girl); The Adult Door Prize was won by Tammy F. Drew and Miawpukek Aquacultures Fresh Salmon was won by Elder Catherine Hinks.



MIAWPUKEK HOUSING NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2001 HOUSING PROGRAM

Phil Jeddore, March 9, 2001

Miawpukek members in need of housing, are bring asked to submit their request, to Miawpukek Government's Director Of Housing, Brian Kelly or his assistant Curtis Benoit. The 2001 Housing Program, will offer applicants several options for getting a home.

The program offers a system of Grants, Line of Credit, Guaranteed Loans or mortgages. A lucky few, who qualify, can receive social housing, free of charge.

The programs as outlined are: **LOW INCOME/SOCIAL HOUSING; NEW HOME BUILDERS ASSISTANCE; NEW HOMEBUILDERS CARPENTRY/ELECTRICAL ASSISTANCE (GRANT); SECTION 95 HOUSING; RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; WORKING TOGETHER (CMHC EQUITY - MINISTERIAL GUARANTEE); SPECIAL NEEDS/ELDERS ASSISTANCE and CREDIT NOTE.**

Applications can be in the form of a written request or by leaving your name with Mr. Kelly or Mr. Benoit. The applications will then go to the Housing Committee for review and investigation. The Committee will rank the applicants for new home construction in order of eligibility by a point system, and make their recommendations to Miawpukek Government. Applicants for grant assistance will be reviewed and investigated by Mr. Kelly and then forwarded with recommendations to Miawpukek Government. Successful applicants in all areas should be advised by early spring.

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