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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON MIAWPUKEK'S HIGHWAY

It's started! They're... "Cutting the brush!". Western Construction was awarded the contract, on October 4th, to upgrade and pave the new highway from our community to route 360. And as of this issue's date, the brush clearing is well on the way.

Valued at \$2,218,650, the contract calls for upgrading and paving of our main highway, and to have this done by September of 1997. Western Construction's Paul Pederson has been quoted as saying, that weather permitting, his company hopes they will get the diversion done by this fall. That's the area from route 360 to where the wood's road crosses Southeast Brook.

Western Construction has also already subcontracted the work of drilling and blasting for the gravel pit. The initial gravel pit will be the existing one just up from Jipu'ji'j kwei Qospem. But the main gravel pit will be about two kilometers this way from route 360.

Workers for the project are being hired from both the community and the local area of Elapitespaeg (Baie d' Espoir).

MIAWPUKEK MI'KAMAWAY MAWI'OMI IN ASSEMBLY

MIAWPUKEK MI'KAMAWAY MAWI'OMI (THE GOVERNMENT OF CONNE RIVER MI'KMAW)) came together in assembly on October 7, 1993. The following is a summary of the items brought forward and the action taken on the items.

1. MEMO FROM MEMBER REGARDING FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT- GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE PROGRAM BEFORE SUCH A DECISION IS MADE - TO BE DISCUSSED AGAIN IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR.
2. LETTER FROM MEMBER - REGARDING SECTION 95 HOUSING - BRIAN KELLY, CAPITAL WORKS SAQAMAW, TO WRITE A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THIS INDIVIDUAL AND PLACE THEIR NAME ON NEXT YEARS LIST.
3. LETTER FROM MEMBER - WANTING TO GO FOR POLICE TRAINING - REMBERT, POLICING SAQAMAW, TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL.
4. NIHB ANALYSIS - PREPARED BY TERRY HICKEY AND ASSOCIATES - FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION.
5. TRAINING IDENTIFICATION - GOVERNMENT OFFICE - TO BE COMPLETED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.
6. DOLLAND'S POND CLEANUP - GOVERNMENT APPROVED A BUDGET OF \$16,505 FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR WEEKS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXTENSION TO SIX WEEKS.
7. THE CONNE RIVER OUTFITTING OPERATION - PURCHASED A FREIGHTER CANOE FOR THE LODGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900.
8. CHURCH COMMITTEE REQUESTED A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF (page 2)

AROUND TOWN...

FRIENDSHIP NIGHT. Each Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, in the downstairs area of the Nutrition Center. This event welcomes youth, adults and elders alike; to learn from one another and to share stories and fellowship. Sponsored by Conne River Health and Social Services. For more information, please call the Social Worker or the Family Violence Worker at 882 2710.

AEROBICS. Exercises for elders 6:30 PM at the Great Hall. This is low impact aerobics that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. For more information please contact Louise Organ at 882 2710.

GRADE 12 CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW. Tentatively scheduled for November 23, 1996, at St. Ann's School in Conne River. Tables can be rented for \$10.00 plus a small craft donation to the graduating class. Craft producers from the entire Baie d' Espoir area are invited to rent a table. For more information, please contact Edwina Wetzel at 882 2747 (School) or 882 2921 (Home).



Glensview (Wow!)



Handle with care



Handle with extreme care

CONNE RIVER(MIAWPUKEK) HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

OCTOBER IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

There will be a showing of the video Secrets - **IT'S NOT ALWAYS HAPPY AT MY HOUSE** on Wednesday, October 16, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. on CHANNEL 6 - YOUR COMMUNITY CHANNEL

Everyone is encouraged to watch this video. This video is designed for children to define *domestic violence* and point out that it happens in many families in many ways. It emphasizes that the abuser is the only person responsible for the violence and reminds viewers that help is available if violence is happening in their families.

This video is sponsored by **MIAWPUKEK CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES** at **CRHSS** and brought to you as a community service with the co-operation of CRHSS, Miawpukek Communications and your community Channel.

This video is the first of five such videos that will be shown over the month of October. The schedule is as follows:

October 2: Breaking the cycle - Child Abuse; October 9: Secrets - Detection and Prevention of child sexual abuse; October 16: It's not always happy at my house; October 23: Finding Out - Incest and Family Sexual Abuse; October 30: Trouble with Evan. For more information, please call Stephanie Ducey at 882 2710

MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION IS TO PRESERVE, PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE CULTURAL, HEALTH, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE OUR PEOPLE, INCLUDING OUR LANGUAGE, HISTORY AND SPIRITUALITY.

LISTEN TO ME... Why are those camper trailers allowed to be set up on our territory in APJEKUMUJUEGATEK and the other access roads? From their point of view, they were given legal right by the Newfoundland Government. But it is my opinion that the Newfoundland government has no more right to give anyone permission to occupy **OUR HOMELAND**, than our government has the right to give anyone permission to set up camp anywhere in Great Britain.

That area is part of our Nation. And anyone seeking to occupy even the tiniest piece of it, must get our government's permission first!

No, they are occupying our land because we let them. The same way we did in the past. Our people occupied and used most of Newfoundland at one time. As the Non-natives moved in, we simply moved (Some of us would say "Got pushed!") farther and farther away from our traditional areas, so that to the present day we have been pushed into this little corner of our territory, that Nickly so rightly called "**AO-SAMIAJI'JIJ'**" (TOO SMALL!!).

What's my message? Well, when you have a look at our submission for the land rights negotiations, Look very carefully and look with your Mi'kmaq heart. Our government needs your support.

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS

The Baie d' Espoir Child Health Team is gearing up for their third annual **ADOPT - A - FAMILY Project**. With the theme of Families helping Families in mind, the project gives individuals, families, groups and organizations a chance to provide an extra bit of Christmas cheer and fellowship to families with children, who need some extra help.

The team recognized some time ago that the current economic conditions in the local area make it very difficult for some families to make ends meet, especially during the Christmas holidays. So in 1993 the began this **Adopt-A-Family** project. The team is made up of community members and professionals. They work together to promote the mental, social and emotional health of children as an overall community responsibility.

The team is seeking **ADOPTERS** only at this time. A list of families seeking adoption will be made up later. Names of adopters and those adopted are kept strictly confidential.

People interested in adopting a family are asked to contact the team at 538 3300 by October 31, 1996. The public response to the project has been largely positive and families helped were truly grateful to those who had taken the time to help make their Christmas a little brighter.

- \$128,810. GEORGE PARSONS, FINANCIAL MANAGER, TO CHECK INTO LONG TERM FINANCING.
- 9 FTA AGREEMENT - REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WERE HERE TO MEET WITH GEORGE PARSONS AND TAMMY DREW, ASSISTANT FINANCIAL MANAGER, WITH REGARDS TO THE GOVERNMENT ENTERING INTO A NEW FIVE YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT UNDER FTA. COUNCIL REJECTED THIS REQUEST.
- 10 GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WERE REVIEWED - THERE WAS CONCERN WITH REGARDS TO THE SAWMILL OPERATION. GOVERNMENT WILL INCLUDE THIS IN THEIR EVALUATION OF THE ENTIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT.
- 11 LETTER - MEMBER - RE MACHINE DAMAGED WHILE ON LOAN TO A GOVERNMENT MEMBER - MEMBER INVOLVED STATED THAT THE MACHINE HAS BEEN REPAIRED AND RECENTLY SOLD FOR \$5500.
- 12 LETTER - MEMBER RE: HOUSING - PRESENTLY DOES NOT FALL WITHIN THE POLICY WHICH STATES AN INDIVIDUAL HAS TO BE ON RESERVE 6 MONTHS.
- 13 COST ESTIMATES - SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS: THREE REQUESTS WERE RECEIVED - TWO WERE APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE REPAIR AND THE THIRD WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.
- 14 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE - REQUEST FOR INCREASE - ON DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION DENIED. THIS REQUEST UNTIL FURTHER EVALUATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.
- 15 GOVERNMENT AGREED TO PROCEED WITH SURVEYING LAND IN DISPUTE WITH THE NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT (RE CABINS ETC).
- 16 POW-WOW - A MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT FOR THE COMMITTEE AND ANY ONE WISHING TO JOIN. THE MONEY OWED TO THE BAND BY THE POW WOW IS TO BE SET UP AS A RECEIVABLE TO BE REPAID. THE DATE FOR NEXT YEARS POW WOW TO BE SET BY THE COMMITTEE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE COST FOR NEXT YEARS POW WOW WILL NOT BE SO HIGH AS THIS YEAR.

BAN THESE WORDS! INDIAN -We are not Indian. Indians are from India. Use **MI'KMAQ** (for one person) or **MI'KMAW** (for more than one person) or **LNU** and **LNUK** for one and more than one human being. (I am not totally sure if LnuK is the correct spelling - so check it out).

MIAWPUKEK TRIVIA GAME!!

Q. Who was it that killed a moose with an axe?

A. I heard it was the Late Frank Drew. It was a brave thing, but you will have to ask someone else about the story. I can't remember it well enough to tell it well.

Q. Who are some of the great rifle shots, past and present, of our Nation?

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES...Who are they?(Last week's photo, usual order, Stella (McDonald) Collier, Margaret (Burke) Stuart, Corsina (Burke) John and Myrtle (John) Quann. They are at a funeral for Aunt Hilda's little girl Shelia -"Poor Dolly". (By they way, we hear Aunt Hilda is pretty sick, so please remember her in your prayers)



WHY...
don't we re-cycle in this community ?

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