

## End of Enrolment Community Sessions

### Grand Falls-Windsor

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#### *General Information*

The Grand Falls-Windsor Community Session occurred on February 26, 2017. It is estimated that 110 people were in attendance and the session lasted approximately 2.5 hours. The representatives for QFN and the FNI were as follows:

- Chief/President Mitchell
- Councillor/Director Barker
- Elder Odelle Pike
- Randy Drover, Band Manager

#### *Member/Applicant Question Period*

The following issues and concerns were raised by members and applicants:

1. Having difficulty obtaining information to confirm participation with the Bands.
2. The bloodline should be enough for self-ID.
3. Entitlements are not what this process is about. The rejection letter from the Enrolment Committee amounts to a denial of identify. Identify means much more than entitlements.
4. It is terrible that people in the RCMP and the military were not given special consideration regarding residency.
5. The outcomes of the enrolment process amount to an elimination of the Mi'kmaq nation.
6. The supplemental agreement is flawed.
7. Will Canada apologize for what's happening here?
8. The Port-aux-Basque situation is very troubling. The fact they didn't consider the Port-aux-Basque as an extension of the TCH and infer a connection to the annex B community is senseless.
9. The FNI should launch appeals for all those on the point systems.
10. It can be argued the supplemental agreement changed the AIP criteria.
11. Why were certain pre-confederation communities not listed in annex B? For example, Gambo was included in section 1.16 but not annex B.
12. Canada should not be able to take a card away if they didn't appeal it before 2011. The letter from Tom Rideout indicated once the 30 days expired, the decision was legal and binding.
13. People do not keep bus tickets and things of this nature. This made it very difficult for people to prove connection with the annex B community.
14. People moved away for work, and now they are being penalized.

15. People who were part of this process, and members of the FNI Bands, did not get recognized in this process and that is unfortunate.
16. What's happening here is a repeat of history. Something similar happened to Conne River.
17. Something should be done to ensure a smooth transition for those who are 6 (1) and will go to 6 (2) where the latter has a parent who will remain a founding member.
18. This process was meant for the FNI members.
19. People who went to university should not have been penalized.
20. The Chief can't have it both ways. He voted for it, and now he must be responsible for it. Right now, he has the chance to do something about the current situation.
21. Why wasn't the supplemental agreement ratified by the FNI membership?
22. Members/Applicants living in and around annex B communities were rejected based on residency and were subjected to the points system. It is not clear why this happened.
23. People have already submitted their appeal. If they find other grounds for appeal, they should be able to submit an additional notice.
24. People may be receiving their files and some information is whited out. Is certain information being redacted from the files when they are sent to applicants?
25. How can people have any confidence in this process when it appears Canada can take cards away from the people.