

## End of Enrolment Community Sessions

### Burgeo

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#### *General Information*

The Burgeo Community Session occurred on March 7, 2017. It is estimated that 53 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 Bennett
- Randy Drover, Band Manager

#### *Member/Applicant Question Period*

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

1. Had Burgeo finalized its own Band list in 2004, as it intended, the people adversely impacted today by the Enrolment Committee's decision would likely retain their membership with Qalipu. Burgeo didn't finalize the Band list because it was advised by the FNI at the time it wasn't necessary. This advice has proven to be detrimental to the people of Burgeo.
2. The Mi'kmaq people in Burgeo attempted to affiliate with the FNI in 1996 and 2004.
3. People living in or around an annex B community were subjected to the points system and it is not entirely clear why this is the case.
4. The points system was used to reduce the number of people getting into the Band.
5. The Chief of Qalipu and the President of the FNI are in conflict. The FNI President cannot represent the interests of the Qalipu First Nation.
6. It is terrible that people in the RCMP and the military were not given special consideration regarding residency.
7. It was difficult for people involved with the Canadian forces to spend time addressing the conditions as outlined in the Supplemental Agreement. Some were involved in combat.
8. Things were put in the Supplemental Agreement to exclude rather than to include.
9. This process should be fair, clear, and transparent. The people who applied in phase two, the 70,000, should be treated the same as those in phase one.
10. Nova Scotia Bands perceive Qalipu as selling out its members. They look at Qalipu as being too cozy with Canada.
11. Canada has not taken cards away from status Indians of this magnitude before.
12. The Supplemental Agreement needed to be ratified by the FNI members. How can one man sign a Band away?
13. It's criminal what happened to brothers and sisters through this process.

14. People are finding it difficult to tell their children that Qalipu don't want them.
15. It's upsetting to see how the Government of Canada can be so cold. The Courts will need to be sought to find a remedy to these problems.
16. Canada recognized members as status Indians, and now they are trying to take it away. This is extremely frustrating.
17. Where is the provincial government? Are they being supportive?
18. If the FNI didn't accept the final Supplemental Agreement, there was no knowing where the process would end up.
19. People didn't practice cultural activities because this was frowned upon.
20. Had Burgeo become affiliated with KMA in 2004 that would have helped today.
21. Do applicants have an ability to appeal under the *Indian Act*?
22. The comments sections in the Enrolment Committee checklist were blank; therefore, it's difficult to know how to craft an appeal. You can't see the Committee's reasoning.
23. Canada wants to keep the numbers down for budgeting purposes.
24. What is the simple solution for people who failed frequent visits/communication because they arrived from another province through St. John's and Port-au-Basque?
25. Why must a mother of a child with a disability go through the process of obtaining legal guardianship/power of attorney to submit an appeal?