



MAW-PEMITA'JIK QALIPU'K

THE CARIBOU ARE TRAVELLING TOGETHER

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY-JUNE 21

Location	Event Listing	A Few Highlights	Host/Contact
Cape St. George	http://qalipu.ca/event/national-indigenous-peoples-day-celebrations-benoit-first-nation/	Blanket Ceremony drumming, dance, bannock and language Workshops	Benoit First Nation Chief Jasen Benoit jbenoit@qalipu.ca
St. George's	http://qalipu.ca/event/st-georges-indian-band-celebrates-national-aboriginal-day/	Big Community Breakfast 7AM at the Rec Plex Spirit Walk up Steel Mountain leaves the Royal Canadian Legion in St. George's at 10 AM	St. George's Indian Band Chief Marlene Farrell Marlene.farrell@hotmail.com
Badger	http://qalipu.ca/event/national-indigenous-peoples-day-2018-natagumtuk-cultural-group-of-badger/	Remember the Beothuk by ex- ploring the historical site of Indian Point Cultural Teachings and Traditional foods	Natagumtuk Cultural Group of Badger Colleen Paul cpaul@qalipu.ca
Stephenville/St. George's	http://qalipu.ca/event/celebrating-national-aboriginal-day-people-of-the-dawn-indigenous-centre/	Sunrise Ceremony 6 AM at the Rec Plex in St. George's Traditional Feast and Giveaway Ceremony 5PM at the St. George's Friendship Centre location.	People of the Dawn Indigenous Friendship Centre Paul Pike Ktaqmkuk@hotmail.com
Corner Brook	http://qalipu.ca/event/national-indigenous-peoples-day/	BBQ at Margaret Bowater Park 11:00-1:00 Craft Vendors at Margaret Bowater Park 10:00-3:00	Qalipu First Nation and Partners Megan Newman mnewman@qalipu.ca
Corner Brook	http://qalipu.ca/event/the-spirit-of-annie-mae-film-screening/	Film Screening The Spirit of Annie Mae 6:30 PM	Corner Brook Public Library

Contents

Inside this issue:

Elders and Youth Breaking the Silence on Mental Health	3
Exploits Mawio'mi Schedule	4
Young Achievers	5
Bay St. George Powwow Schedule	6
Breakfast Program Donations, Learn to Camp	7
Wells/Wells Case Explained	8
Health Division Video Series	9
Council Meeting Report, Snapshots	10
Two Passions Merged	11
Qalipu Comptroller Attends Harvard	12
Other News	13
Qalipu First Nation	14

SCIS Applications and Renewals

If you would like assistance applying for, or renewing your Secure Certificate of Indian Status, please contact the representative in the office nearest you.

St. George's, Stephenville, Corner Brook

Jody Davis
Tel. (709) 634-4010
email jdavis@qalipu.ca

Glenwood, Grand Falls-Windsor

Charmaine Bath
Tel. (709) 679-2142, 1-855-263-6440
email cbath@qalipu.ca

BARNES

SPORTING GOODS

10% OFF

Qalipu members show your cards at Barnes Sporting Goods in Corner Brook and receive 10% off your purchase

TEL 709-634-6895

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE IN GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR

LOCATION: 28 HARDY AVENUE
AVAILABLE: IMMEDIATELY

APPROXIMATELY 790 SQUARE FEET IS AVAILABLE WHICH IS SUITABLE FOR OFFICE OR RETAIL SPACE. COMMON KITCHEN AND BATHROOM AREAS. WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. LARGE PARKING LOT. HEAT AND LIGHT INCLUDED.



Elders and Youth Breaking the Silence on Mental Health

Submitted by Valentina Nolan, Project Coordinator, NAWN



Kwe'

I have been hired by the Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network (NAWN) with funding provided by the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs

Canada to develop a culturally-based, youth-focused project.

The project is titled "Elders and Youth Breaking the Silence on Mental Health".

Our organization will work with youth, aged 9-14, and Elders from 4 communities in the Western Region: Benoit's Cove; Lourdes; St. George's and Stephenville.

Drug use, especially prescription drugs, teen suicide, lack of identity, coping skills, low self-esteem, petty crime and the impact they have on mental health have increased. This project will bring Elders and youth together to work on community-specific solutions.

We want to empower our Indigenous youth living off reserve to ensure they understand their own roles in their families, communities and the world at large. As youth develop a relationship with our Elders, and knowledge of where they come from, they will become stronger.

We want to work with the Band, schools, communities and organizations, and grow our capacity in this approach to mental health.

I did put a call out for youth to develop a logo for the project and received over 60 submissions, very beautiful detailed art work, a great way to open the dialogue. I am so proud that they want to be involved, the work we do together will help so many youth. Culturally based programming can be anything from a talking circle to a fishing trip, from a sweat lodge to berry picking.

I look forward to developing lasting relationships and being a support for our youth over the next year!

For more information please contact:

Valentina Nolan, Project Coordinator

Phone: 643-4563

Email: valentina.nawn@gmail.com

WIN THIS PRINT!

Early Bird Tickets are now on sale for the Ke'tipnemk (Harvest) Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction scheduled to take place on October 13th, 2018 from 6 -9pm at Jennifer's Restaurant in Corner Brook. Tickets are \$50 each.

If you purchase your ticket before Sept 13th, 2018 your ticket number will be entered to win this Brian Lasaga Print "Along the Coast"

Tickets can be purchase by calling Mitch Blanchard, 634-8046 or by stopping into Qalipu's Corner Brook Office.





2ND ANNUAL EXPLOITS COMMUNITY MAWIO'MI

A Celebration of Mi'kmaw History, Culture & Heritage ✪

Friday, June 22nd

12:00-5:00pm ~ Teaching of Building a Sweat Lodge with Elder Mutchie Bennett

7:00-9:00pm ~ Sweat Lodge Ceremony

7:00-9:00pm ~ Talking Circle

Sunday, June 24th

5:30am ~ Sunrise Ceremony with Elder Victor Muisse at Gorge Park

10:00am ~ Pipe Ceremony

10:00am ~ Medicine Walk with Tyrone Mulrooney

10:00-11:00am ~ Teachings, Drumming, Singing, Dancing with Elder Calvin White & friends

11:00-12:00am ~ Closing

Saturday, June 23rd

5:00-6:00am ~ Sunrise Ceremony with Elder Victor Muisse (Gorge Park near Boat Launch)

6:00-7:00am ~ Water Ceremony with Arlene White (following Sunrise Ceremony)

9:00-10:00am ~ Mawio'mi Opening and Introductions

10:00am ~ Medicine Walk with Tyrone Mulrooney

10:00am ~ Teachings of Sweat Lodge & Fire Keeper with Elder Mutchie Bennett

10:00am ~ Teachings/Drumming/Singing/Dancing with Elder Calvin White & friends

1:00-4:30pm ~ Teachings/Drumming/Singing/Dancing with Elder Calvin White & friends

2:00pm ~ Medicine Walk with Tyrone Mulrooney

7:00-9:00pm ~ Sweat Lodge Ceremony

Featuring

Sacred Fire, Teachings and weaving on the Wampum Belt, Sunrise Ceremony, Water Ceremony, Medicine Walk, Pipe Ceremony, Sweat Lodge, Talking Circle, Teachings with Community Elders, Drumming, Singing, Dancing, Craft Booths & more

Important Info

No drugs or alcohol permitted

CAMPING: There are 2 camp grounds nearby: SANGER Park (709-489-7350) & BEOTHUK Park (709-489-9832)

Planned and hosted by Exploits Aboriginal Community Group / Mawio'mi Location: Gorge Park West



Shilo Chislett of Stephenville won a silver medal at the North American Indigenous Games.

STAR ATHLETE SHILO CHISLETT

Shilo Chislett is a grade 9 student at Stephenville High School. Last summer, at age 13, Shilo was chosen to represent Newfoundland and Labrador at the North American Indigenous Games 2017 in Vaughn, Ontario for the sport of track and field. She competed and won the silver international medal for U14 female javelin.

Last year, Shilo was also chosen to represent our province at the U16 Female Baseball National Championships in Ontario. She was the first female baseball player from the Bay St. George region to compete in the nationals.

Shilo continues to be involved in many sports: track and field, softball, ball hockey, ice hockey, volleyball and baseball. She maintains an average of 97% in school, and just last month she was awarded the Stephen Award for Junior Female Athlete of the Year 2017.

BRIANNA BROWN-RAVEN PROGRAM



Brianna Brown participated in the Canadian Armed Forces summer Aboriginal Raven program in British Columbia.

The Raven program is a challenging and rewarding program. Congratulations Brianna on completing this program.

The Raven program is six weeks in duration. Aboriginal youth are selected from Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) recruiting centres to complete basic military qualification at CFB Esquimalt before graduating in late August. A three and a half day culture camp starts the program and allows participants to learn about a variety of Aboriginal spiritual practices and beliefs in a military-structured setting.

Want to learn more about this program, or the Black Bear Program (equivalent in Atlantic Canada)?

Find more here:

<http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/navy-life/youth-raven.page>

<http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/5-cdn-div-training-centre/aboriginal-programs.page>

During the course of the Culture Camp, participants awoke at 4 a.m. and spent their days participating in Aboriginal ceremonies, bonding exercises, sports games, and listening to presentations on colonialism and Metis and Inuit culture. Nights were spent in army tents that students learned to set up on the first day.



*Do you have a young achiever in your life? Let's celebrate them!
Send your pictures and stories to awhite@qalipu.ca*

12th Annual Bay St. George Powwow

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL PERMITTED



BSGMCRC

Planned & Hosted by the Bay St. George Mi'kmaq
Cultural Revival Committee EST. 2005

Friday July 13th

1:00PM—6:00PM Social

1:00PM Open Drumming

2:00PM Teachings

4:00PM Family Activities

5:00PM Blanket Exercise

7:00PM Sweat lodge

8:30PM Karaoke

Site Features

**Sacred Fire, Traditional Wigwam, Teepees, concession and craft booths.
FREE Camping & RV parking**

Saturday July 14th

5:30AM Sunrise Ceremony

9:00AM Sweat Lodge

11:00AM Aboriginal Veteran
Awards

12:00PM Grand Entry

4:45PM Retiring of the Flags

5:00PM Feast

6:30PM Outdoor BINGO

7:00PM Sweat Lodge

8:30PM Open Mic

Sunday July 15th

5:30AM Sunrise Ceremony

8:00AM Water Ceremony

9:00AM Mixed Sweat Lodge

12:00PM Grand Entry

4:15PM Give Away

4:45PM Retiring of the Flags &
Feast

Featuring

MC: Don Barnaby

Host Drum: Stoney Bear Singers

Arena Director: Michael R. Denny

Guest Drum: Birch Creek Singers

Guest Drum: Six Nation Singers

Community Drum: Strong Women's Drum

Head Female Dancer: Sabrina Muisse

Head Male Dancer: Clint Jeddore

NO ANIMALS : While pets are NOT permitted on Powwow grounds, they are allowed in camping area.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM DONATIONS

Each year the Qalipu Chief and Council presents donations to the Kids Eat Smart Breakfast Program throughout our nine Wards. These donations are matched by the program, and help hundreds of students to start their day right with a healthy breakfast. Councilors and Vice Chiefs presented donations to the following schools: CC Loughlin, EA Butler, Burgeo Academy, Appalachia High, Our Lady of Mercy, Stephenville Primary School, Our Lady of the Cape, Ecole St. Anne, Our Lady of Lourdes, Piccadilly High School, St. James, St. Peters, Sacred Heart Elementary, Lakeside Academy, Helen Tulk Academy, Memorial Academy, Point Leamington Academy, Bay d'Espoir Academy, Gander Academy, Riverwood Academy.



Corner Brook Ward Councilor Brian Dicks presented a \$500 cheque to Sacred Heart Elementary School



Stephenville Ward Councilor Gerard Alexander presented a \$500 cheque to Stephenville Primary School.

LEARN TO CAMP PROGRAM JULY 21, REGISTER NOW!

Join us on Saturday, July 21st for a *Learn to Camp* experience at Port au Choix National Historic Site! Parks Canada will work together with the Qalipu First Nation, along with special guest Norpen Aboriginal Women's Group, to co-host this 24-hour, fun-filled program that teaches you everything you need to know about camping and provides you with all the tools you need to do it.

At this site, home to more than 5000 years of human habitation, we will share our pride in our rich Newfoundland heritage; Port aux Choix has been home to several unique indigenous groups, including present day Mi'kmaq, and we can't wait to share our story with visitors.

Opportunities to experience Indigenous culture will include a visit to the ancient burial grounds, a sunrise ceremony, smudging and the chance to meet local story tellers and crafts people. This Learn to Camp program will also include campfires, cook-outs and activities for the whole family.

Registration is limited to 50 people, open to anybody and is free of charge.

To register, please call 1-844-365-2646

We hope to see you there!



EXPERIENCE
QALIPU



Wells/Wells Case Explained

A recent Federal Court ruling that is relevant to some 50,000+ applicants who were denied Founding Membership to the Qalipu First Nation after failing to meet the self-identification requirement was recently handed down by Justice Russell W. Zinn. The case was between Sandra and Dave Wells, Canada and the Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI) and related to the Self-Identification criterion of the Qalipu enrolment process, the right to appeal for applications denied on this criterion, and the validity of the Supplemental Agreement.

In summary, Justice Zinn ruled that:

- The FNI and Canada acted within their legal rights to amend the 2008 Agreement for the Recognition of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq Band through the introduction of the Supplemental Agreement. Amendments that corrected errors in the Agreement, or extended timelines, for instance, required only that the parties agree on the amendment and did not require ratification.
- The FNI and Canada did not introduce the Supplemental Agreement for "the improper purpose of pre-emptively limiting the number of potential band members who would be entitled to registration.
- There were parts of the Supplemental Agreement that did not fit within the parties right to amend without ratification and thus the judge deemed unreasonable

- Removal of the right of appeal for applicants denied on the Self-Identification criterion.
- Evidentiary documentation supporting an applicant's self-identification should have been based on the date of Qalipu's formation, rather than the date that the Agreement for the Recognition of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq band was signed by Canada and the FNI.
- The types of evidence required to show self-identification, and the requirement for this type of evidence on an applicants file, was reasonable and fair.
- The timeline to respond to the Supplemental Agreement was fair and applicants were not denied procedural fairness.
- Charter rights were not breached in the introduction of the Supplemental Agreement.

The next steps Canada and the FNI will take following receipt of the Federal Court decision have yet to be determined. Once the parties have had the chance to meet, and discuss next steps, more information will be communicated on the path forward.

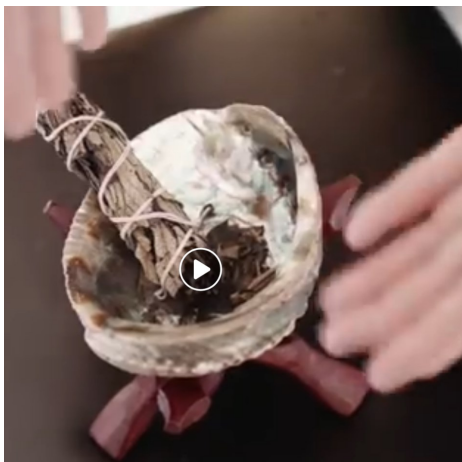
For a better understanding of this case, please click here to read additional information in [Outcomes from the Recent Court Ruling Involving Dave Wells, Sandra Wells, Canada and the FNI.](#)



Health Division Video Series

Health encompasses all aspects of a person's life; mind, body, spirit and heart. We encourage a holistic approach to health and well-being that includes community, culture and a connection to the creator. In this way we heal the self, not just treat a disease or illness.

In 2018, through the Health Services Integration Fund, Qalipu produced three short videos profiling community members who are holistically managing their health conditions. Click the pictures below to view the inspirational stories of their journeys.



JOANNE'S JOURNEY

"When I smudge, I get more focused in the now. When I bring it to my heart, this is what's truly me. When I wash it over my legs, this is where I need help at the moment. I'm strong, I'm here, and I'm in the present"

Joanne Bennett was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2012. This condition has caused a lot of challenges in her life but, Joanne says that she draws strength from her community, culture and a connection to the Creator.

Check out this touching video about Joanne's journey, and her holistic approach to healing.



ANNE MARIE'S JOURNEY

Anne Marie was always involved in her community until the tragic death of her young grandson made her feel lost and alone.

"I went to a very dark place where, all you can think about, is the loss and the pain. Nothing else comes into your mind... until one day you get a phone call and all of a sudden, the light comes on and you remember... the moment that I got into the circle, it was like a weight lifted. The culture brought me back."

Anne Marie's journey reminds us that in times of sadness and loss, we can find courage in our family, friends and community.



TYRONE'S JOURNEY

"My biggest therapy is Mother Nature...I feel responsible, as a Mi'kmaq person, to help Mother Nature. We look at everything, whether it is a rock or a tree, as life."

Tyrone Mulroney suffered a heart attack in 2014. Since then, he has relied not only on western medicine but has also immersed himself in the quiet, therapeutic benefits of Mother Nature, and the healing she provides.

Check out this inspiring video about Tyrone's journey, and his nature focused approach to healing.



Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on your NIHB services, health promotion initiatives and community health programs:
<https://www.facebook.com/qalipuhealth/>

COUNCIL MEETING REPORT



Representatives from DFO were on hand to give a presentation about Aboriginal Fishing Rights. Several local fishers were in attendance to hear this presentation.



Items on the agenda included the Black Bear Program, Enrolment Update, Election 2018 Update, a presentation from DFO, QDC update and discussion regarding the collapse of Messiers Bridge in Burgeo.

A Regular meeting of Council was held at the Qalipu Community Room in Corner Brook on May 12, 2018. The meeting began at 10:00 AM. The Honour Song was shared to acknowledge the women on Mother's Day weekend.

Many members were in attendance to hear a presentation from DFO regarding Aboriginal Fishing Rights.

The agenda included Black Bear Program, an Enrolment Update, Election Update, and a presentation from DFO.

Agenda additions: QDC Update and Discussion re: Messiers Bridge in Burgeo.

The Band Manager announced that breakfast program donations have now been made in all Wards and a list of schools that benefited from the program will be published in the next newsletter.

[To read the Council Meeting Report, click here.](#)

JANEWAY DONATION



This year's fundraising efforts among QFN staff allowed for a donation of \$3,500 to the Janeway. Some of the events that were held throughout the year were the sale of promotional items, a yard sale, jeans day, recycling and potlucks. Pictured here (Back, L-R) Janet McAuley, Kristen Pittman, Karen Tiller, Megan Newman, Vickie MacDonald, Chief Brendan Mitchell and Mitch Blanchard. (Front, L-R) Chase Caravan, Jack Blanchard, Nicholas Wiseman, Dominic Blanchard, and Don Bradshaw.

CORNER BROOK ABORIGINAL WOMEN ELECT NEW BOARD



Back row: Joanne Ruth (Treasurer) Stella Wells (Member at Large), Laura White (Secretary), Terri Parrill (Member at Large), Front Row: Anne Marie O'Keefe (President), Beth Crummey (Vice-President). Missing from photo: Joy Connors (Member at Large).

TWO PASSIONS MERGED

DEAN SIMON

Dean Simon is known for being very passionate about learning the Mi'kmaw language but now he may become better known as the only known practicing male FN Registered Dietitian in Canada. With roughly 1.4 million status indigenous people in Canada, and roughly half being male, that's not quite one in a million but not far from it.

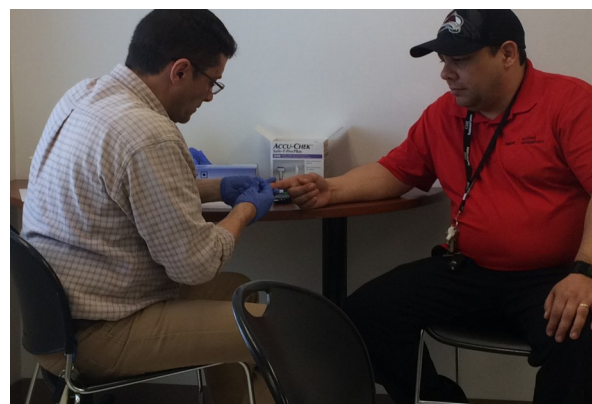
Mr. Simon returned to university in 2012 to complete a second Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition, after receiving a Bachelor of Science in Organic Chemistry in 1995. But that was just one part of becoming a Registered Dietitian (RD). Next he had to be accepted and complete a one year unpaid internship. Although he was unsuccessful the first two years he applied, on his third application he was accepted to complete a pilot project internship at St. Francis Xavier University. This Indigenous focused internship saw him working in We'koqma'q, Waqmatkuk, Sheshatshiu, Hopedale, and Happy Valley – Goose Bay. His area of concentration was incorporating Indigenous languages into community, food service and clinical aspects of Dietetics. He developed a FOOD GROUP Resource in Smith Francis Mi'kmaw, Innu and Labrador Inuitut.

Simon, a certified triathlon coach and personal trainer, has been a long time physical activity promoter, having

operated private learn to run programs, and he himself qualifying for the Boston Marathon, a dream of every runner. "It took six tries for me to complete a 42 km qualifying race in under 3 hours and 25 minutes (qualifying time for his gender and age group), but 3 years into my goal, I got my ticket to Boston." He has long held the mantra that "you don't stop doing things because you get old... you get old because you stop doing things". Each year in the depths of January he celebrates his birthday by running his age in kilometers (that was 50km this year!).

Simon is now practicing privately with weight management clients, both in person and online, and finding a niche in supermarket presentations and school nutrition presentations. "I really like speaking to kids and bringing some mi'kmaw language into the mix". He also plans to incorporate Mi'kmaw into his Dietetics profession, by developing a series of YouTube videos on cooking and healthy eating, completely in "L'nui'suti" (Mi'kmaw language).

Life has been a series of significant challenges, he says, "but each obstacle we overcome, makes us a little stronger and better prepared for the next". He invites anyone with questions on weight management or language to drop him a line at deansimon@live.ca



QALIPU COMPTROLLER ATTENDS HARVARD

Reprinted from Nationtalk.ca



AFOA CANADA CONTINUES TO CREATE PATHWAYS

The 2018 Nutrien Indigenous Youth Harvard Scholarship Award



Jodie Wells is the possible envy of Canada's young Indigenous academic achievers. That's because Wells, a member of the Qalipu First Nation in Newfoundland, was recently chosen as the recipient of a Harvard University Business School scholarship sponsored by Nutrien (www.nutrien.com), to attend a business school program starting in May 2018.

"This is a real dream come true for me and my community. The experience and training I will receive from Harvard will greatly assist me, my First Nation and entrepreneurs and small businesses which are the backbone of our communities in Newfoundland," Jodie Wells said.

AFOA Canada (formerly Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada) was founded as a not-for-profit association nineteen years ago in 1999. The organization is designed to help Indigenous people better manage and govern their communities and organizations through a focus on enhancing finance, management and leadership practices and skills. AFOA Canada is now the centre for excellence and innovation in Indigenous finance, management and leadership training. AFOA Canada's primary mission is to build a community of Indigenous professionals.

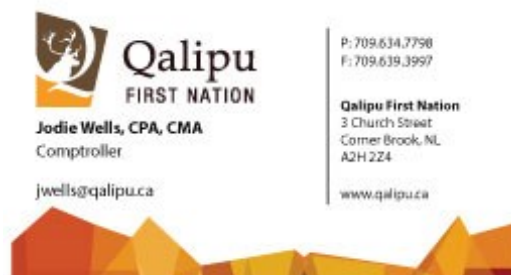
To help meet this mission, AFOA Canada relies on not only good corporate partners like Nutrien, but the guidance of its leaders and Elders throughout the country to provide experience, knowledge and wisdom to the development of programs like Harvard. Chief Clarence Louie has been a strong supporter of AFOA Canada and has played a pivotal role in the organization's overall direction and mandate.

"Partnerships with prestigious educational institutions like Harvard University is an extremely important and necessary step towards our overall self-determination as people and nations. This distinctive experience will demonstrate that First Nations, especially through our youth as we prepare for our seventh generation, will be ones managing prosperity rather than poverty," Chief Louie said.

High achievers like Jodie Wells is becoming a common example of Indigenous youth in Canada who are technologically suave, digitally connected, educated and ambitious. Wells herself is the Comptroller at her First Nation band administration, beginning as a Financial Officer.

"The Harvard Scholarship is a reward and blessing for me and my community. The skills and experience will be shared with the community. I want to thank Nutrien and AFOA Canada for their support for this program and opportunity," Wells concluded.

The Nutrien Indigenous Youth Harvard Scholarship Award provides a scholarship annually to an Indigenous youth who meets the grades and stringent criteria to attend the Harvard University Business School Certificate program. Go to www.afoa.ca for more information.



QALIPU DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Cormier (Chairperson), John Davis (Manager), Keith Goulding (Director) and Chief Brendan Mitchell (Ex-Officio).

Chairperson Keith Cormier, elected at the meeting, said "The new board of the Qalipu Development Corporation is humbled and excited to explore new opportunities to secure new revenues for our Qalipu First Nation. The enthusiasm and experience of the board members will be very beneficial to our band."

On June 6, the Qalipu Band. Its primary mandate is to manage the Development Corporation (QDC) had its first meeting with the newly appointed Board of Directors. Economic and corporate development are led by the QDC which was established by the Chief and Council as an independent, arms length corporate business entity. It functions as a holding company for all business operations and investments of the

Band's portfolio of existing business operations and seek new investment and joint-venture opportunities to ensure the Band's long term economic growth and overall sustainability. Pictured here, the new Board of Directors (L-R) Shane McDonald (Director), Deon Hancock (Director), Marie Stagg (Director), Keith



MI'KMAQ FLAG RAISING MONDAY, JULY 18 IN CORNER BROOK

Please Join the Qalipu First Nation and community partners as we begin our National Indigenous Day Celebrations with an opening ceremony and tree dedication to commence at 9:30 AM on the Majestic Lawn at 3 Church Street. We will then travel to locations throughout the city to raise the Mi'kmaq flag.

Flag Raising Circuit:

City Hall-5 Park Street, 10:00 AM
RNC, 9 University Drive, 11:00 AM
Grenfell Campus, 11:30 AM
CNA Campus, 12:00 PM



Helpers at the mini powwow, April 2018



The White Wolf Drumming and Youth Group visited Western Memorial Regional Hospital on Mother's Day. They brought in dream catchers, tea & biscuits and did some drumming and singing for residents.

Qalipu First Nation

The presence of Mi'kmaq populations living in Newfoundland was ignored in the Terms of Union when Newfoundland joined Canada in 1949.

In the 60 years that passed before recognition was achieved in 2011, the caribou people had roamed far and wide.

Qalipu (Pronounced: ha-lee-boo, Meaning: Caribou) is a vibrant Mi'kmaq First Nation established in 2011 as an Indigenous Band under the *Indian Act*. With some 24,000 members spread across many communities both on the island and abroad, we are one of the largest First Nation groups in Canada.

Qalipu has no reserve land; it is made up of sixty-seven traditional Mi'kmaq communities, spread out over nine Electoral Wards. An elected Chief and Council govern the Qalipu First Nation. Ward Councilors are elected to represent each of the nine Wards. Additionally, two Vice-Chiefs represent western and central Newfoundland and the Chief is the official spokesperson and leader of the Qalipu First Nation as a whole.

Qalipu has three satellite offices located in Glenwood, Grand Falls-Windsor, and St. George's. Its central administrative office is in Corner Brook. These offices give representation to the regions of our dispersed Mi'kmaq communities.

Core programs and services are delivered by a dedicated body of staff. Our service offering includes education and training, tourism development, health benefits and services, employment programs, registration assistance, natural resource management, culture and heritage and community economic development. Qalipu also conducts a variety of special programs which vary from year to year.

Economic and corporate development are led by the Qalipu Development Corporation (QDC). The QDC was established by the Chief and Council as an independent, arms-length corporate business entity. It functions as a holding company for all business operations and investments of the QFNB. Its primary mandate is to manage the Band's portfolio of existing business operations and seek new investment and joint-venture opportunities to ensure the Band's long term economic growth and overall sustainability.

Get to know us better by exploring our website, Qalipu.ca, or spending time with us at National Aboriginal Day and other celebrations that are shared on our events calendar.



Qalipu
FIRST NATION

Contact Us

Maw-pemita'jik Qalipu'k is your Indigenous community newsletter. In it, we aim to share not only the happenings of the Band but also, to help connect our dispersed communities.

If you would like to give your thoughts on what you've read here, or share an upcoming community event, achievement, news item, or anything else that may be of interest to the community, please get in touch:

Alison White
Communications
Qalipu First Nation
Tel. 709-634-5163
Email awhite@qalipu.ca

Visit our website

WWW.QALIPU.CA