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### **Newly Elected Qalipu First Nation Chief and Council Sworn into Office**

*Corner Brook, NL, November 29, 2024* – Today, the newly elected Chief and Council of Qalipu First Nation was sworn into office. The occasion was marked with a Swearing-in Ceremony that was held at Marble Mountain, Steady Brook.

The Swearing-in Ceremony is a very special occasion for the Band as the Chief and Councilors will hold their seats for the next 4 years. Grand Chief Norman Silliboy of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council presided over the swearing-in of Chief and Council. The ceremony also included performances by the Spirit Bay Drummers, the Corner Brook Aboriginal Women's Association and Powwow dancers.

Family and friends of the Chief and Council attended the ceremony. Also, in attendance was the Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Brendan Mitchell, Elders, and members of Qalipu First Nation.

Chief Jenny Brake, the first female chief to lead Qalipu First Nation says that it is an honor to assume the role. She states that having a new council is very exciting. She is looking forward to working through their orientation and becoming acquainted with them.

"Today, as we welcome our new council and begin this journey together, we are filled with excitement and hope for the next four years. This is a time of unity and possibility, where we reaffirm our commitment to empowering our communities, honoring our traditions, and building a brighter future for all. Together, we will continue to strengthen the bonds that connect us and ensure that every member of Qalipu First Nation feels heard, supported, and proud of the path we are creating."

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#### **About Qalipu First Nation:**

Qalipu First Nation (QFN) is a part of the Mi'kmaq Nation whose territory extends from Maine to Quebec, through the Maritime Provinces and into Ktaqmkuk (Newfoundland). This territory is also known as Mi'kma'ki. QFN exists to achieve the advancement of its people and is at work within the province at 6 office locations. QFN is focused on the environment, health, education and training, tourism, small business support, culture, heritage, and economic development.

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