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Qalipu Development Corporation Appoints Jonathan Walsh as Chief Operating Officer

Corner Brook, Ktaqmkuk, March 13, 2026 - Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation (QFN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan Walsh as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Qalipu Development Corporation (QDC).

Jonathan previously served as Chief Financial Officer (formerly Director of Finance) for QFN and was appointed Interim Chief Administrative Officer (formerly Band Manager) in August 2025. He served in that role for approximately four months, supporting senior management and maintaining operational continuity during a leadership transition.

In his new role as COO, Jonathan will oversee the operations of QDC and support strategic growth across its portfolio of businesses. He will also guide new business development, partnerships, and initiatives focused on the economic future of QFN.

Jonathan contributes significant operational insight and leadership experience, supported by his involvement in financial oversight, reporting, and strategic planning initiatives.

As COO, Jonathan will report to the QDC Board of Directors, appointed by Chief and Council, and will align operational priorities with QDC's strategic plan.

Jonathan will transition into the Chief Operating Officer role at Qalipu Development Corporation once a new Chief Financial Officer is in place and looks forward to supporting the corporation's ongoing growth and success.

"I am honoured to take on this role and look forward to supporting QDC's growth and opportunities for our membership. I am excited to work with the team to continue building strong, sustainable economic development for Qalipu First Nation." – Jonathan Walsh

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About Qalipu Development Corporation:

Qalipu Development Corporation (QDC) is the economic development and investment arm of Qalipu First Nation. Operating as an independent, arm's-length entity, QDC manages and grows business opportunities on behalf of the Nation to support long-term prosperity for its members. The Corporation oversees several QFN-owned enterprises, including Mi'kmaq Commercial Fisheries (MCF), and advances initiatives across sectors such as fisheries, forestry, agriculture, and technology to strengthen the Nation's economic future.

About Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation:

Qalipu First Nation is a proud member of the Mi'kmaq Nation, whose territory—Mi'kma'ki—stretches from Maine to Quebec, through the Maritime provinces, and into Ktaqmkuk (Newfoundland). Through six offices serving communities across the province, QFN drives initiatives in health, education and training, environmental stewardship, tourism, small business support, culture, and economic development, improving the lives of its citizens every day. Committed to preserving Mi'kmaq traditions while fostering innovation and growth, QFN builds strong, resilient communities and ensures a thriving future across its territory.

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