

## **First Election of Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band Council Set For October 23, 2012.**

**(September 17, 2012 Corner Brook, NL)** Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation will be holding its first election on October 23, 2012 for all positions on its band council - Chief, Central Vice Chief, Western Vice Chief and a Council for each of the nine wards throughout Newfoundland.

Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation was created close to a year ago on September 22, 2011 through an Order-in-Council of the Governor-General-in-Council, completing the Agreement that was signed on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008 between the Government of Canada and The Federation of Newfoundland Indians. As per the requirements of the Agreement and the amended section 6.5.2, the band council had to announce the date of the first election for all positions on band council within twelve months and hold the election within eighteen months of the date of the establishment of the Band.

Mr. Wayne Green of St. Johns was appointed by the band council close to a year ago on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as the Electoral Officer for the first election to be conducted under the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band Customs Elections Rules. Mr. Green will be making a call in the near future for nominations of the positions as they are outlined in Annex C Schedule A of the Agreement.

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