Mawpmita'jik Qalipu'k

June 2015

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Pronunciation Ma be ta jik—ha le boo gee

(The caribou are travelling together)



St.George's

Event Hosted by St. George's Indian Band in partnership Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation June 21

6:00 am Sunrise Ceremony at Rec Plex Ballfield (Community breakfast to follow at Rec Plex)

10:00 am Spirit walk up Steel Mountain (meet at Legion parking lot at 9:45)

10 to 5 Free tours of K'taqmkuk Mi'kmaq Museum

1:00 Crafts at K'taqmkuk Mi'kmaq

2:00 Cake will be served

St.George's

Event Hosted by Bay St. George Cultural Circle with support from Canadian Heritage June 21

5:00 am Sunrise Ceremony at Black Bank

7:00 am Breakfast at Cultural Centre 329 Main St. St. George's (main location)

9:00 am singing and drumming 10:30 am Traditional Sweat Lodge Ceremony

2:30 pm Crafts and games **6:00 pm** Traditional Feast and Give Away Ceremony

8:00 pm Sunset Ceremony at Cultural Centre

Corner Brook

Event hosted by Qalipu Cultural Foundation in partnership with Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation and Corner **Brook Aboriginal Women's Association**

All activities at Margaret Bowater Park (except breakfast)

6:00 am Sunrise Ceremony 7-8 am Light breakfast at Royal Canadian Legion

9:00-2 RCMP Mounted Unit on site

9, 11 and 1:00 Medicine Walk (45 minute session) 9, 11 and 1:00 Storytelling (45 minute session) **10-11:30** Demo—drum

making

10 and 12:30 Demo-Mi'kmaq Language (1 hour 10-2 Culture display session)

11:30-1:30 BBQ lunch available for sale. Proceeds 12:00 Old fashioned to Janeway fundraiser

11:30 and 1:30 drumming and singing 12:00 Cake cutting and welcoming remarks

*To volunteer with this event please contact Mitch Blanchard at 634-8046

Peterview

Event hosted by the Exploits Native Women's Association

6:00 am Sunrise Ceremony at Wigwam Point, prayers, songs, and drumming Followed by a small

brunch/feast

Port au Port (Degrau)

Hosted by Benoit 1st Nation Held on June 19 in the French Centre

10:00 am Flag raising, drumming, singing, storytelling and games

of crafts and artifacts at Centre

lunch

12:30 Cake and gift give-away Elders will receive a tobacco tie from the youth. Draw for 6 live lobster



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Quarterly Meeting of Council

Qalipu Chief and Council met on and its the Annual General Assembly on Statements. June 13.

Before the meeting began, an In Camera session was called as per the Financial By-law. In Camera is a legal term which means in private, without staff.

The meeting began with a complete financial review of the

2014 - 2015 fiscal year. Council was joined by Mr. Paul Layden, Auditor with Bonnell Cole Jane's, who had analyzed Qalipu's annual financial statements

and was on hand to present his Audited Financial Report as well as answer any questions from Council.

The Audited Financial Report, which is now available online, contains 28 financial statements that is representative of income and expenditures in Qalipu programs, services and enterprises. According to the report, Qalipu has a surplus (money earned over and above expenses) higher than that from the previous fiscal This improvement indicates that Qalipu is moving in the right direction toward a goal of generating its own revenue to help support the organization

May 30 at the Mount Peyton Following the presentation by thanked Mr. Layden for his Hotel in Grand Falls for their Mr. Layden, Council voted to presentation and quarterly meeting, the last before accept the Audited Financial Councilor Mitchell to present the encouraged to review the report The Finance Committee oversees and will have an opportunity to and monitors Qalipu financial ask questions at the Annual activity and regularly reports to General Assembly this Saturday, Council on their findings. June 13 in Stephenville.

> Brendan Mitchell, Chair of the Finance Committee, asked about the auditor's opinion of Qalipu's financial health and whether



there were areas of consideration for future improvement. Mr. Layden noted that Qalipu was in excellent financial health and is currently making money that can be funneled into future programs and business initiatives. He also noted that some improvement could be made in the area of assay, tracking the amortization recommendations and disposal of assets.

CEO Annie Randell noted that Qalipu does have an inventory tracking system that can be The next item on the agenda was asset management and improve ing Plans. Several Band.

membership. Qalipu Chief Brendan Sheppard Members are Finance Committee's Report. Mitchell noted that the Committee had met on May 26 and reviewed the financial statements in advance of their presentation to Council at the

> quarterly meeting. The Committee found statements to in good order. Arising from this Committee meeting were suggestions for im-

provement. First it was suggested that the Committee meet with the auditor prior to the meeting of Council and ondly, it was pointed out that small edits to the Authority needed in order Matrix were to improve clarity.

management. That is to Council agreed with the Committee and the suggestions will be brought forward for implementation.

reinstated to work toward better an update on the Annual Operat-Councilors overall accountability of the sit on Standing Committees in order to act as a liaison between the Council and the day to day

Quarterly Meeting of Council

Operating Plans.

Operations Report on **Department** dan Mitchell, members at large the season, Joe Bouzanne and Dion funding to run Director Rob Dicks. Councilor invasive species. this quarter the coordination of licenses have been the Financial Audit had been bringing the total to seven. completed, the transition from a one week to a two week pay Qalipu office locations are serviced by a clerk for SCIS card applications and renewals. The department has contracted out for redevelopment of our website, Qalipu.ca, and issued a Request for Quotations to complete an information from members Keith Goulding. IT audit.

Report on Service Qalipu. Members of this committee are done on our files and the Employment Program, and 23 include Glenwood Councilor rules must be followed.



on the progress toward the ob- member at large Jesse Martin jectives outlined in the Annual and Service Qalipu Director Ralph Eldridge. Skeard reported:

The members *Qalipu Natural Resource* of this committee include *Division* has the Aboriginal Corner Brook Councilor Bren- Fisheries Guardians back on for have received Hiscock, Finance Manger Jodi programs including removal of Wells, Exploits Councilor An- habitat obstructions, Species at drew Barker and Operations Risk studies, and research on It was also Mitchell reported that during noted that two new fishing issued

Administration Insured Health *Benefits* will period is being organized, and change from Service Qalipu to three staff people have been the Operations Department in trained to ensure that all the near future, a competition for a Health Services Manager closed on Friday, May 29, Qalipu executive are set to meet Report on Work Force also to present Qalipu's health plan George's Ward Councilor Karen the vision over the next few years. White, Stephenville Ward

> In Community Economic Development a proposal has been put forward for a youth innovation project, Promotional Campaign Marketer has been hired to promote the Qalipu Business Network, the Business Wings Project is underutilized by members and there

operations of Qalipu. At each Francis Skeard, Gander Bay is ongoing investigation of quarterly meeting, they report Ward Councilor Calvin Francis, possible commercial opportunities including wind energy, camps, and Corner Brook Stream Development.

> Efforts continue toward



securing funding for cultural initiatives under Culture and of the Non Heritage. In this division. Medicine workshops were held across the island and a Tourism and Artisans and Crafters proposal submitted for consulting sector specialist

with Health Canada on June 22 **Qalipu.** Members include St. It was also noted that delays Councilor Gerald White, memwith payment of NIHB travel ber at large Robert Park, and benefit are often due to missing Director of Work Force Qalipu submitting their claims. Qalipu White reported: 9 students cannot pay out any claim unless have been selected for the the file is complete as audits RCMP/Qalipu Youth Summer more students will receive employment through Qalipu Youth Summer Employment program. Through the ASSETS Program Work Force Qalipu will sponsor 3 students for the Healers of Tomorrow Gathering and under this program Qalipu has finalized funding for the remaining students on the deferred list of students who were awaiting funding. Counci-

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which is designed to provide on October 23, 2015. members, who may be experiwith a broad range of services to perience in aboriginal land ensure that they land on career/ employment path. The focus on this years' program is on Individual Skills Enhancement.

Report on the Business Trust. Members of Claims in NI. The matter is imstanding committee include portant to Qalipu because when Flat Bay Ward Councilor Ben industry is working through Bennett, Qalipu CEO Annie traditional Mi'kmaq communi-Randell, Port au Port Ward ties they would have a duty to Councilor Litty MacDonald, consult with Qalipu. Janes remember at large Terry Mills ported that there was a very low and Operations Director Rob (less than 1%) chance of Qalipu reported: a \$208, 000 income there were few historical docu- Qalipu's fundraising success for reported from Mi'kmaq ments, no Treaty's and the the year was announced. The Commercial Fisheries, NIHB Mi'kmaq were left out of the combined total from the four administration is being pursued Terms of Union when New- offices of St. George's, Corner for its potential to create foundland joined Canada. Brook, Glenwood and Grand employment for members and However, Janes did say that Falls Windsor was \$7, 590. ability to generate revenue, there is a greater chance to pur- This surpassed the organiza-\$110, 000 income to date from sue *Land Rights* meaning a tions goal of \$6000. Marine Contractors Incorpo- First Nations right to use the money will be donated to the rated Qalipu (MCIQ) partner- land as they have historically. Janeway at their upcoming ship

Following the reports it was noted that members-at-large who sit on the Standing Committees are valued and all efforts should be made to schedule meetings that allow them to attend. When a member-at-large is unable to attend Exploits Councilor a meeting it was agreed that the Andy minutes of the meeting should requested the supbe forwarded to that member at port of Chief and the earliest convenience.

Council discussed the upcoming Qalipu election which is due to occur this fall as per the Custom Rules Governing Qalipu Mi'kmag First Nation Band Elections. Council voted to appoint Reg Antsy as the Chief

lor White also highlighted the Electoral Officer to manage the the last known Beothuk of New-Skills Parachute Program, a election and it was determined foundland, Shanadithit,

> Robert Janes, a lawyer with exclaims, joined the meeting via conference call. A joint effort between Miawpukek and Qalipu was to hire Janes to provide a legal opinion regarding **Qalipu** Mi'kmaq Aboriginal Rights Janes referenced several cases Telethon. where aboriginal land rights Council will meet again on June and gave Chief and Council some idea of the cost, research focus, and time that it would take to pursue this matter further.

development program that the election would be held naming the Shanadithit Centennial Park in her Honor. However, over the years the park has become known simply as Centennial Park both in documentation and signage and the monument is in some disrepair. Councilor Barker made a motion to write a letter to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor to consider making repairs to the monument to bring it up to the standards of the original construction and to once again refer to the park by its intended name. In so doing, to remember one of our provinces first peoples, the Beothuk.

Councilor Bennett obtaining a land claim since Before concluding the meeting

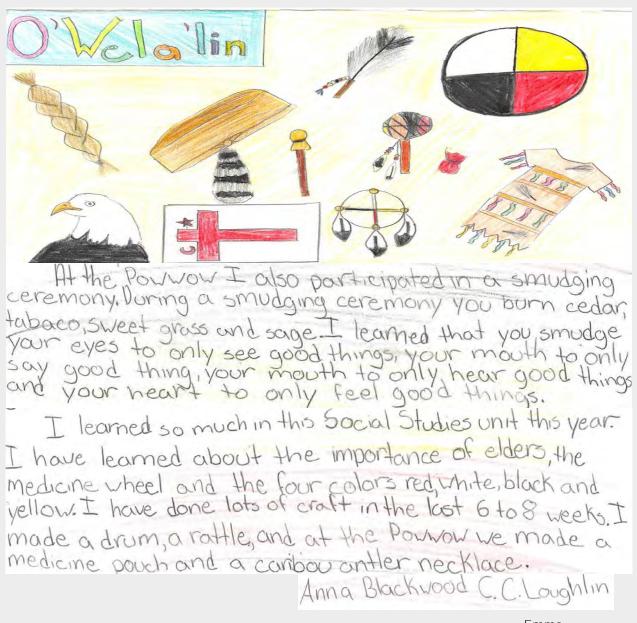
claims were fought and won, 13 in Stephenville for the Annual General Assembly.

Barker regarding Council the Shanadithit Centennial Park. He noted that in 1967 during the Centennial of Canada celebrations, the Town of Grand Falls -Windsor honored



Reaching Young Hearts

An 8 week Community Program had Qalipu, community volunteers, teachers and the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District working together to offer Aboriginal education in grade five classrooms in the Corner Brook area. Mini powwows were held to celebrate the program's conclusion. Below are some of the many Thank You letters that students sent to program organizers and volunteers.



Andrew, C.C. Loughlin





Ashton, C.C. Loughlin



Emma C.C. Loughlin



RCMP Youth Summer Program

The RCMP/Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Summer Student program provides aboriginal youth with an opportunity to work with the RCMP. This is an eight week program from July-August with a one week training session at the RCMP headquarters in St. John's. program has been in existence since 1999 and is a National Best tice in Policing Partnerships. While the program has evolved throughout the years, it has maintained its goal of building a worthwhile work experience for aboriginal youth who are interested in pursuing a career with the RCMP. Students engage in activities for children such as bikes rodeos and fingerprinting, as well as cabin and shed inventorying pro-

grams and programming for seniors.
Cultural Awareness is a priority with the RCMP and with Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band and cultural awareness is promoted through the program whenever possible.

"The RCMP Youth Summer Program has strengthened my communication skills and taught me to be independent as well as team oriented. I gained a greater appreciation towards teamwork and learned just how effective it can be. At the beginning of each summer, I was informed that this job would be unlike any other and that as a team, my co-worker and I would be responsible for developing a schedule for the summer and making contact with various communities and their events. Being given this level of responsibility and independence motivated me to put forth my greatest effort throughout the summer."

Ashtyn McLean—program participant



Qa'ipu ipanis Ashtyr

RCMP GRC
Bay St.George Detachment

cLean and Whitney Hynes

Post Secondary Student Support Program

Each year Qalipu supports the education of our members through the Post-Secondary Student Sup-

port Program. This past year 718 students were funded with tuition, books and a living allowance in order to complete a variety of college diploma, undergraduate and post-

Alora Blanchard on the job at the Palliative Care Unit at Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital, Stephenville, NL

Palliative Care Unit

"I finished at Cape Breton University in May of 2014 with a
Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The day after graduation I
started a full-time position at Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital, the
closest hospital to my community (St. George's). Since May I
have remained full-time and am now in a permanent
position on the medicine ward which includes all medical
admissions, chemotherapy and palliative. Since graduation I
have completed both the advanced foot care course and
the chemotherapy course. I feel so privileged to have such
a rewarding and caring career at such a young age. I am truly
grateful to the Qalipu Band for the financial assistance and
support they provided through my 4 years of university.
My goal is to one day complete my Master's as a Nurse
Practitioner and return to our community to continue to give
back."

graduate Alora grees. Blanchard was one of these students who has now graduated and found full time employment near her community of St. George's.

Qalipu Business Support



In 2014-2015, the Qalipu Community Economic Development Office has been in touch with 98 Qalipu business clients seeking to either start their own business or

make improvements to their existing business.

Donald Quigley, Community Economic Development Officer for the Band works out of the Grand Falls-Windsor satellite office. He is responsible for responding to member requests for business advice and guidance. Most inquiries are driven from the need for funding for a business start-up or improvements. Qalipu is often able to aid in the planning required to access any funding, and help improve the chance of success for the business.

Client Profile—Charlene Combdon, Rock Solid Diesel

Charlene Combdon owns Rock Solid Diesel. She is on the front line keeping the business functioning. Her partner handles the repairs on the customers' rigs. Beginning with a service vehicle, the company has grown into both road side and shop based services in just over a couple of years.

"Don and I get together once in a while to discuss what's next" says Charlene of Quigleys business advice.

"We've had a couple of sessions revamping Rock Solid's business plan. I've received some good advice."

Ginu, your Qalipu Connection



Each member of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation has a membership profile listed in ginu, our membership database. Member profiles are used to develop and maintain the Qalipu Membership List and generate the official Voters' List. We also use email to communicate with news, events, and information on programs and services.

Support for education and training, provision of eligible Non Insured Health Benefits, connection to cultural and special events as well as the ability to become involved in economic development activities are all tied to your ginu membership profile.

If you are seeking employment and identify your interest in employment opportunities, we can also help connect you with possible jobs.

In the coming weeks, Promotional Campaign Marketer Josh Locke will be calling members to ensure their profiles are up to date. He is also available to help update. Reach Josh at (709) 634-2527 or email jlocke@qalipu.ca

Qalipu Natural Resource Division

The 2015 Qalipu Natural Resources (QNR) field season is now in full swing, with projects this year focusing on improving habitat for Atlantic salmon and brook trout and monitoring populations of American eel, aquatic invasive species, banded killifish, and piping plover. In 2014, QNR staff and Aboriginal Fisheries Guardians successfully documented a number of obstructions along tributaries of Harry's River and Flat Bay Brook. These obstructions were identified as potential barriers to the upstream migration of Atlantic salmon and the in-stream migration of brook trout. QNR staff and Aboriginal Fisheries Guardians will be removing these obstructions in June and July, which will improve connectivity in these river systems and improve access to Atlantic salmon spawning habitat. All debris will be collected during removal efforts and moved beyond the high water mark to ensure that important fishing areas are not negatively affected. Habitat restoration activities have been funded by Fisheries and Oceans Canada through the *Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program* (RFCPP). This project will set a framework for understanding the effects of removing obstructions on improving access to Atlantic salmon spawning habitat.



Cultural Sharing in Exploits

Mi'kmaw cultural teacher Vanda Martin and her four granddaughters helped children at Tiny Hands Daycare in Grand Falls-Windsor to celebrate World Day for Cultural Diversity this month with Mi'kmaq and other aboriginal cultural teachings. The children were enthusiastic about learning aboriginal themed songs, games and words.

Martin is a member of the Exploits Native Women's Drumming Group and the Exploits Native Women's Association but, she says her favorite time to share Mi'kmaw culture is on Sundays when she gets together with her granddaughters Katie, Claire, Penney and Lauren, for gina'matimg (*Pronunciation: geyna ma demk; meaning: A time for learning*). It was during one of those Sunday get togethers, where the girls practice songs, crafts and other Mi'kmaq teachings, that the idea came about to share their culture with youth in their area to celebrate World Day for Cultural Diversity

Martin said, "I used to work at Tiny Hands and two of my four granddaughters went there when they were toddlers. It was a natural fit for us to go share our culture with the children there. My granddaughters were a bit nervous to be in a presentation role but, ultimately came around and did a fantastic job. I'm so proud of them."

To begin the get together at the Tiny Hands, Vanda played a word game with the children. "Can you say go away? How about ga way? Now say it a little quicker, gway." As the children followed her through each step of word play they ended up learning the Mi'kmaw word for hello, *K'we*.

"There," she said, "Now you can say hello in Mi'kmaw."

Martin and her granddaughters went on to share owl rattles, each painted with the Day Care's name, and shared the Eagle Song, a Plains Cree healing chant and another one called the Woodpecker song.

"It was the fast pace of the Ojibway Water Cleansing Song that really got everyone going," said Martin, "We sang this one while playing a game that the Mi'kmaq learned from the Abenaki group called the Feather Dance. For this game, all the children take turns, when the music stops they have to try to get their feather from the log, in this case a paper towel roll, with their teeth while standing on one foot. The children enjoyed it so much and by the end both they and the teachers were singing along and the children were begging for another turn!"

Teachers at Tiny Hands Day Care enjoyed the game so much that they plan to use it for future activity time with the children.

Martin says that sharing of our culture is especially wonderful for our youth and hopes to do more of it in the central Newfoundland area.



Your Community

SUPPORT QALIPU MEMBER CHRIS GABRIEL AS HE LEADS THE "RUN THE ROCK" FUNDRAISER



"Each year Her Majesty's Canadian Ship ST. JOHN'S conducts a charity fundraiser, known as Run the Rock, where members of my ship's company raise money in support of the Newfoundland and Labrador chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation. The crew has been running a yearly relay across Newfoundland since 1996 and to date we have raised over \$600,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation. Last year was our most successful year to date, when we raised over \$81,000 helping grant another eight wishes.

This year's event will mark the 20^{th} anniversary of our campaign and is scheduled from 27 June - 10 July. Our goal this year is to raise \$100,000 which will allow Children's Wish to grant wishes to ten children living with life threatening illnesses.

I am the Logistics Officer on board HMCS ST. JOHN'S and I volunteered to organize this year's campaign. Ever since my involvement in the St.George's Youth Organization where I was originally exposed to charities and volunteer work to when I biked across Canada to raise awareness for Spina Bifida and Hydrocpehalus , I have always gravitated towards helping organizations with a great cause. This year is no different. Our team of 15 sailors has one goal – raise \$100k for Children's Wish Foundation NL and we look forward to the challenge of achieving it!"

Find out when Chris and his team will be stopping in your community and help them achieve their fundraising goal by visiting their website (runtherock.ca) or on Facebook at "Run the Rock NL"

IN.BUSINESS



In.Business - A Business Network for Indigenous Youth is the high school business mentorship program that teams Aboriginal school students in grades 10, 11, and 12 with Aboriginal business mentors, who are educated, working professionals with a background in busi-

ness. During the course of the school year, students work on business challenges facilitated by their mentors using smartphone technology (provided to them by CBU). The primary goal of these challenges, and this program, was to help the students explore various facets of business so that they can make informed decisions about their future educational plans, which will hopefully include business.

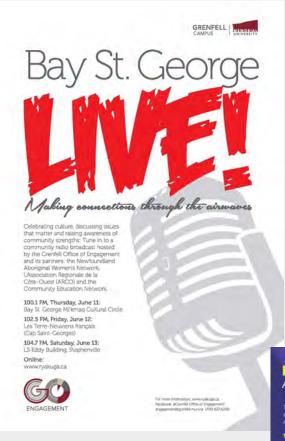
Sound interesting? Apply here (http://www.cbu.ca/crawford/youth-network/atlantic-region)

Your Community



Join Qalipu Staff on the Majestic Lawn, Corner Brook, for a Fundraiser BBQ every Thursday from 11:45-1:00. All proceeds in aid of the Janeway

Hamburgers \$3.00 Hotdogs \$2.00 Shopsy's \$3.00 Pop/Water \$1.00



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