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Newly Elected Qalipu Chief and Council Welcomed with Swearing in Ceremony

An election to choose Qalipu's governing body, the Chief and Council, takes place every three years, and was recently conducted this year on October 23. Today the group of 12 take office after a 30 day transition period. The occasion was marked with a well-attended swearing in ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion in Corner Brook that included a smudging ceremony, prayer, songs and a heartfelt oath of office by incoming Council members.

Newly elected Chief, Brendan Mitchell, welcomed those gathered to celebrate the first day of a new electoral term for the Band. He praised the new Council which he says has a diverse and well-rounded background.

"We have people with a strong business background, extensive community involvement, diverse cultural teachings, and a variety of educational credentials. This group brings a lot of experience and enthusiasm to the table. We can't wait to get started."

He also said that he and the new Council look forward to future opportunities to gather together as they intend to achieve a high level of community involvement in the years ahead.

Each member of the Council read aloud the oath of office.

The ceremony was attended by representatives from other aboriginal organizations including Chief Mi'sel Joe of the Miawpukek First Nation, and Chief LaSaga of the Flat Bay band.

Following the swearing in ceremony the new Council went on to hold their first meeting together, at the Glynmill Inn in Corner Brook.

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