



Abegweit First Nation

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Community

Update

September 2015

- Annual Audit Meeting
September 21 at 6pm
Community Room
- Annual Report 14-15
mailed out and available
at the Band Office
- High Stakes Bingo
venture held August 2nd
a success for Abegweit
- Check us out on the web
for updates and news
www.abegweit.ca

*Tutoring Program and
After School Program,
Boot Camp Classes,
Parent and Toddler
Group, Girls Circle and
Support Circle for Women
starting again this fall!!!*

New Term Commenced for Council August 8

Congratulations to the newly elected Council for Abegweit First Nation: Chief Brian Francis, Councillor Daren Knockwood and Councillor Jacob Jadis!!

Thank you to each candidate who put their name forward to be a part of Abegweit First Nation 2015 election. New term commenced August 8, 2015.

Community Events & Activities

Fall Cleanup

Fall cleanup is just around the corner! Dumpsters will be in each community on September 30, 2015.

After School Tutoring Programming

After School Tutoring Programming with Linda for ages 12-18 years. Starting the week of September 14th, 2015

Every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 3:30-4:30pm

Monday & Wednesday will be at the Community Resource Centre (Downstairs)

Thursday will be at the Adult Learning Centre (Downstairs at the Chapel)

Funded by MCPEI
Employment Services

After School Program

After school program with Deana for ages 12-18 years Starting the week of September 14th, 2015

Every Monday and
Wednesday 4-6pm

Community Resource Centre
(Downstairs)

Light snacks provided

Abegweit Healthy Lifestyle Support Group with Mia Wuertz-Court

Starting September 14th,
2015 (Monday)

Every Monday from 12-1pm
(There will be some days Mia
will not be available)

Community Resource Centre
(Downstairs)

No Cost.
Bring your lunch with you.

Abegweit Boot Camp with Shawn Francis

Starting September 15th &
17th, 2015

Every Tuesday & Thursday
from 4-5pm

Community Room at the
Band Office

For ages 18 years and older

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Group for parents and
toddlers

Every Monday 10-11.30am.

Healthy snack provided

Girls Circle - for girls 11-14.
Starting Sept details TBA.

After school snack provided

Rocky Point Support Circle-
For women, starts back
September 15th 1-2.30pm.

Coffee and snack provided.

Education

Visit our website to see the English Language School Board's Annual Calendar for 2015-2016
www.abegweit.ca

Summer Employment

We are pleased to have employed approximately 15 students for various jobs throughout the summer. They are now preparing to head back to classes on Tuesday, September 8th for their first full day.

Information Sharing Agreement

We also have our signed and approved Information Sharing Agreement with the Province of PEI, the two First Nations of PEI, MCPEI and the English Language School Board. This is a great accomplishment for us as this makes it easier for us to track our student's progress and struggles and to put plans in place to correct

much earlier.

In early September, notices will be going out to parents for an Information Session in regard to informing parents of what this will mean for our students. Parents will have an opportunity at these sessions to sign a Parental Consent Form to give them an opportunity to participate.

New Principal

We welcome Mary Kendrick, our new Principal at Mount Stewart Consolidated and wish her a great year.

New Tuition Agreement

Our Tuition Agreement with the Province of PEI and the English Language School

Board and Abegweit First Nation has now been signed and approved for the years 2013-2017.

Science Camp

Science camp sponsored by MCPEI, was a great success for the younger children of Abegweit First Nation. We had as many as 31 attend.

Post-Secondary

Our Post-Secondary students are now ready their first semester at the various Universities. We wish all students best of luck with the upcoming school year!

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Administration

Abegweit First Nation Administration is pleased to inform our members that we have implemented a new Finance Policy for our administrative team. The new policy highlights *cheque days will only be on Tuesdays and Thursdays*. The policy will be amended as needed. This is another step forward for our First Nation. We continue to update any outdated

policies and look forward to making things as effective as possible.

We had another successful summer providing many student jobs and student placements. Each year it is a challenge to secure enough funding for all of our students, but we managed to do it again! Thank you to all staff and students who help make this a success each year

Dumpsters will be available in the communities by September 30th for fall cleanup.

We are asking all members on and off reserve to please contact Mary Ellen Knockwood at maryellen@abegweit.ca or call (902)676-2353 ext 104 with *updated phone, email and mailing address* to ensure communication gets through.

Cheque days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Dumpsters available by September 30th

Update phone, email and mailing addresses

Natural Resources

Lobster

The 2015 lobster season began with an 8 day delay due to ice conditions. Band landings seemed on par with previous year landings. Lobster prices slightly increase and were between the \$4.00-4.50/lb range. This year we had 1 additional fleet. The lobster fishery employs 21 Band fishers.

The following are Abegweit's lobster landings for 2015:

Boat	Captain	Harbour	Harbour Average (Pounds)	Landings for 2015	% of Average
Fermoy Fisher	Bruce Jadis	Red Head	30,000	24,890	83%
Madison & Noah	John Scully	Red Head	21,000	19,577	93%
Captain's Quarters	Joey Peters	Red Head	21,000	15,711	75%
Majesta	Adam Jadis	Red Head	21,000	15,957	76%
Covehead Rover	Tim Paul	Naufrage	19,000	17,391	92%
Still Water	Jr. Gould	Naufrage	19,000	15,756	83%
Abegweit Spirit	Daren Knockwood	Naufrage	19,000	12,696	67%

The Band had recently purchased a Naufrage lobster license and used the vessel Abegweit Spirit to fish it this year.

Snowcrab

The Snowcrab season began with a slow start but landings picked up as the season progressed. Our quota saw an increase of 12% this year and a slight decrease in price compared to last year.

The Snowcrab fishery employs 5 Band fishers.

Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration – Midgell River

Abegweit First Nation employed 5 people for the stream restoration project. Work was done on access trails off of Elm Road (Route 333 and 313). These access trails provided easier access for the crew to carry equipment in and out of the stream for the season, as well as a means of setting up a temperature monitors in the stream. The rest of the season was in stream restoration from MacCarricks pond downstream. The overall goal of the stream crew is to increase fish passage by removing barriers, and provide increased spawning areas by increasing water flow and reducing water temperature.

Forestry Crew

Abegweit employed 7 people for our forestry program. The Forest crew was assigned maintenance and upkeep of the access roads on Afton road. This included cutting and trimming and road maintenance. After the roads were completed, the crew commenced a thinning treatment on one of our co-op managed woodlots.

The Band has contracted a professional forester to assist us in developing a long term forestry operational plan and business plan. The Band's Natural Resource department is seeking interested members for a potential fall crew to harvest a stand of mature trees. Anyone interested should contact the Natural Resource department.

Fishery Committee

There are several vacant spots in the fishery committee, anyone interested in being a part of the committee are to contact the natural resource department.

Training

We will be holding various fishery training this winter. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the office for anyone interested. Basic training and updated training will include MED and 1st Aid.

Aquaculture

The Band is currently reviewing several commercial aquaculture opportunities including mussel, oyster, scallop, clam and halibut. A feasibility analysis is being reviewed to determine its viability.

Other Projects

Here is a complete list of projects undertaken during this year under the Band's Natural Resources Program.

- AICFI 2.3 – Staff support
- AICFI 2.4 – Fisher Training
- AICFI 4.0 – Fishery diversification
- AFS - FSC & Fishery Management
- AFSAR – Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk
- Redstone Auto & Marine
- Abegweit Biodiversity Enhancement Hatchery
- Lobster fishery
- Snowcrab fishery
- Tuna fishery
- Mackerel fishery
- Silverside fishery

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Health & Wellness

Good Food Box (September)

Money due Sept 11th

Boxes needed to be picked up on Thursday Sept 17th
Contact: Jennifer @ 676-3007 for more information.

Good Food Box (October)

Money due Friday, Oct 9th

Boxes need to be picked up on Thursday Oct 15

Contact: Jennifer @ 676-3007 for more information.

Good Food Box (November)

Money due Friday Nov 6th

Boxes need to be picked up on Friday Nov, 13th

Contact: Jennifer @ 676-3007 for more information.

Diabetes Breakfast Wednesday

Sept 30th 8:30-10:00 am

Oct 14th 8:30 - 10:00 am

Nov 4th 8:30 - 10:00 am

Contact: Jennifer @ 676-3007 for more information.

A.A.

Every Thursday night

Starting: Sept 24

Time: 8 - 9 pm

If cancelled for any reason, a notice will be posted

Contact: Barbara @ 676-3007 for more information

Mi'kmaq Language Every Monday Night

Starting: September 14

Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Contact: Barbara @ 676-3007 for more information

Early Years Centre

We have had a fun filled summer with our children enjoying the backyard. We continue our battle with mosquitoes and, by now, we think we are winning that battle. We planted our Heart Garden this summer with the help of MCPEI, having a ceremony to remember the children who were lost to Residential school.

August 14th is Michelle's last day. She will be on

vacation, then Maternity leave. Roxanne Gallant will be replacing Michelle in the infant room, starting August 17th. Tania Knockwood has returned to the centre, fully certified as an Early Childhood Educator. Michelle Marshall is in the process of completing her first year in Early Childhood Education. Jan Sock has been helping us for the past 3 months, but will be

finishing her position at the end of August.

Santana Peters has joined us for 2 days a week, to help out wherever she is needed. We are enjoying her soft presence with the children. She will assist any of the Early Childhood Educators. We hope she enjoys her stay with us. Staff of Head Start and Abegweit Early Years Centre.

Abegweit Biodiversity Enhancement Hatchery

The hatchery is ready for another year of operations. Brood stock collection will occur mid-October and the fish egg incubation process will follow shortly afterwards.

The hatchery aims to have approximately 40,000 brook trout and 50,000

salmon for restocking PEI Rivers. Rivers that are targeted for restocking include:
Morell River
Dunk/ Wilmot River
Mill/Trout River
Cardigan/Brudenell River

The "Fish Friends Program" is also

scheduled to be operational for this upcoming school year.

Technical and funding assistance is provided by MCPEI's AAROM program, PEI Fish and Wildlife and the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund.