



The Abegweit Update

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June 2024

Mawi'omi Celebration



The Abegweit First Nation held their annual Mawi'omi celebration this month. As the Chief of the Abegweit First Nation, I couldn't be more proud of my staff and community for the hard work that goes into hosting this event every year and it continues to be a great display of who we are as a community and as Mi'kmaq people.

Chief Gould

Staff Spotlight



Evan Crane
Hospitality & Tourism Expert

Evan has been a community member in Abegweit First Nation for the past 8 years but has only recently started working within the community since January. Evan is the lead in our Hospitality & Tourism program through the Abegweit Connects Building as he helps the staff develop their skills set and obtain the

credentials required in the industry. Evan has 10+ years' experience in the hospitality and tourism sector.

Although he is post-secondary educated in Construction, Evan discovered a natural talent in the Hospitality industry at the 5-star resort in Morell, Rodd Crowbush Golf & Beach Resort. Excelling in the hotel chain has brought Evan into multi-hotel property management prior to accepting this position.

Evan is excited to be all he can be for the community as here is where he finally feels at home.

Senior Management Training Session



This month the Senior Management Team went off site for a two day comprehensive training session on Abegweit's Financial Administration Law, Change Management and Governance, which was facilitated by Matt Tapper and Jonathan Parenteau from the Financial Management Board. Their role is to assist Abegweit in developing and implementing the Financial Administration Law within the organization.

On the second day of the training the Senior Management Team took part in a Financial Visioning Session to help the organization to plan for the future.



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MCPEI Family PRIDE Program



MCPEI Family PRIDE Program is a needs-based program that provides preventative programming and services for children and families to reduce risk factors and support well-being and resilience. Our team consists of Family Support Workers, Youth Workers, Social Workers and a Child and Family Therapist.

Our program offers in-home family support, one-on-one youth workers support, clinical therapy, liaison and advocacy for community outreach services, support for cultural and recreational activities, respite support, parent education, youth mentorship, legal support, transportation supports for appointments, emergency funding and more!

Early Childhood Centre Update



The Early Childhood Centre currently has 33 children in the centre with 21 on the waitlist and it's growing everyday! You may see us out in the community either going for a walk or exploring, the children always love when people say Hello and engage with them within their community! Our doors are always open and we're only a phone call away if anyone would like to visit, share their knowledge about their profession or their culture, tell stories, sing songs, etc.

Wela'in / Thank you,
Laura Vanderzwaag, ECE
Director of Abegweit First Nation Early Childhood Centre

National Indigenous Peoples Day



The MCPEI Family Pride program hosted a BBQ celebration on National Indigenous Peoples Day at Chai's Place.

Epekwitk Gas Bar 20 Year Celebration!



On June 26th the Epekwitk Gas Bar celebrated 20 years in business! Chief Gould was at the bar for a part of the day with the staff to show appreciation to all the loyal customers and lots of prizes were given out throughout the day.

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