



The Abegweit Update

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November 2024

Chief's Haunted Barn Wrap Up



Abegweit First Nation donated 10,572 pounds to Charlottetown food bank this year! Approximately six thousand people came to the community for the Haunted Barn. The Chief and Council would like to thank the community and everyone involved for their continued dedication to making this a success every year.



“There's a lot of First Nations that are in a situation where they can't give, we're in a situation where we can give back. We're a productive part of society, we're an active part of society, and this contribution that we give back to the food banks to contribute to society is something that I'm very proud of.”

- Chief Junior Gould

EMO UPDATE



The Abegweit EMO is pleased to report that this hurricane season has been merciful, with no active hurricanes affecting the three communities that make up Abegweit. Additionally, the First Nation is on the cusp of becoming the very first to sign a Multi-Lateral Agreement, strengthening its partnerships with federal and provincial governments. Ongoing training opportunities for the Abegweit EMO team are enhancing preparedness and response capabilities, while collaboration with neighboring municipalities and First Nations continues to grow. These efforts reflect a commitment to community safety and resilience in the face of future challenges.

Staff Highlight



Gordo Bernard EMO Manager

Gordo Bernard has been the manager of the Abegweit First Nation EMO for nearly five years, where he plays a pivotal role in emergency management and community safety.

His leadership focuses on preparedness, response, and recovery efforts, ensuring the well-being of the community during emergency activations. Gordo collaborates closely with the province of Prince Edward Island and the federal government, fostering partnerships to enhance resources and support. With a strong commitment to collaboration and cultural sensitivity, he effectively coordinates initiatives for the First Nation.





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Economic Development Update



Planning for Abegweit's Community Recreation Centre, a project supported by \$17 million in funding from the federal and provincial governments, is currently underway.

The plan includes surveying potential users to gauge interest and inform the design of spaces that best meet community needs.

Council intends to begin detailed design work early next year, with construction anticipated to start by late 2025.

This initiative underscores a commitment to environmental sustainability and community well-being, creating versatile spaces for a wide range of activities and fostering a stronger, more connected community.

Indigenous Veterans Day



On National Indigenous Veterans Day, we honor, remember, and pay respect to the Mi'kmaq and Indigenous people who served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict, and peace.

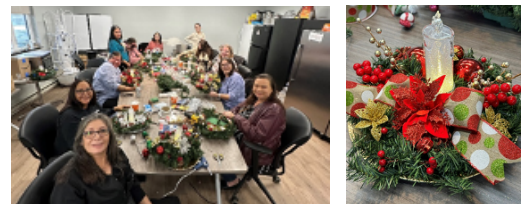
We hosted our Annual Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony to honour our community members that hold a proud history of service. Chief Gould presented a beaded medallion to Canadian Air Force Captain and Abegweit community member, Billy Knockwood.

Health Updates



Halifax was **NOT** expecting Abegweit Health to take over downtown! On November 6-8th, the Health and Healing Centre ventured to Halifax and participated in an Amazing Chase challenge as part of a team building event! Broken up into 6 teams of 5, the multi colored groups ran throughout downtown Halifax searching for clues and doing challenges to compete against the other teams! A lot of fun and much needed for the team!

The Abegweit First Nation Mi'kmaq Wellness Centre would like to welcome Julie Grant, Registered Nurse on board to the Health Centre team! Julie practised her nursing skills in Charlottetown before coming to Abegweit. Julie is a mom, a wife, and now a vital part of the nursing team at the Abegweit Health Centre!
Welcome Julie!



The Women's group organized a Christmas craft event in early November and it was a success! Women's groups are hosted on Tuesdays at the Wellness Centre.