



The Abegweit Update

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KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED

September 2024

Crowbush Cove Wharf

The Government of Canada announces the renaming of a Prince Edward Island Small Craft Harbour.

From this day forward, Savage Harbour Small Craft Harbour will be known as "Crowbush Cove Wharf" Small Craft Harbour.

"On behalf of the Abegweit First Nation, I would like to thank the DFO for exercising their authority to address the long-standing name issue of "Savage Harbour" in an expedited fashion. I would also like to thank the Harbour authority, the users, and the community for choosing a more respectful name. Working together to get things done is the real "Truth and Reconciliation" everyone else is only talking about.

Wela'liog."

Chief Gould



Staff Spotlight



Michelle Marshall
Director of Education
education@abegweit.ca

As Director of Education, Michelle oversees all educational needs from Kindergarten through Post-Secondary. She consistently works closely with students and their families, ensuring that she effectively advocates for their academic, cultural, and social needs on every level of their education journey.

In addition to working with students and families, Michelle works with staff within the Public Schools Branch, the Department of Education and Early Years and various post-secondary institutions. Working with these organizations provides an opportunity to voice our concerns.

As a descendant of a residential school survivor, Michelle holds a special interest in the revitalization of our Mi'kmaw language. She is always exploring new ways in promoting the language and is open to any suggestions from community members.

Fall Flavours: Exploring Epekwitk



On Sept 26th, 2024, Abegweit First Nation held its 2nd Fall Flavours event and this year the community was given the honour of kicking off Fall Flavours! With lots of planning from the Abegweit Hospitality team and Indigenous Chef Stephane Levac from NS, the event was a big success that included unique food from Epekwitk and cultural performances from: Singer-songwriter, Emma Stevens / Grass dancer, Taite Wooldridge / Fancy Shawl dancer, Taya Wooldridge / Hoop dancer, Sophia Bourque and Redstone drum group. Melissa Peter-Paul was also on hand displaying her amazing quill art for guests to purchase.

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Truth & Reconciliation Day



As we gathered to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day, we honour the Survivors of residential schools and remember the children who never made it home.

Together, we can reclaim our identity and take steps towards a future where the truth is acknowledged and where our voices are heard and respected.

Chief's Haunted Barn



It's that spooky time of year again. The Chief's Haunted Barn will be running from Oct 17th to 31st. It will be open every night 6:00pm to 8:00pm and Friday/Saturday extended hours to 10:00pm. Free Admission with a donation to the food bank. **Volunteers are always welcome and needed! If you are interested contact maryellen@abegweit.ca**

Finance Updates

1. Need help budgeting?

Understanding personal finance is something that can greatly benefit anyone - no matter your situation. A great start is creating a budget for your household and start a savings plan. If you want help with your own budgeting, personal finance, or have questions please reach out to me at the Band Office!

Billy Knockwood - bknockwood@abegweit.ca



2. Community Audit Meeting

A community audit meeting was held on September 6th at 6pm in the community room. The Chief and Council presented the 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements for those that attending and answered any questions for community members. If you were not able to attend you can see the statements on our website - www.abegweit.ca/resources/financial-statements

Aboriginal Sports Circle



In the lead up to the Charlottetown Islanders NDTR Hockey Game, the Aboriginal Sports Circle partnered with the Islanders to host a ball hockey game on the outdoor community rink here in the community!

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