



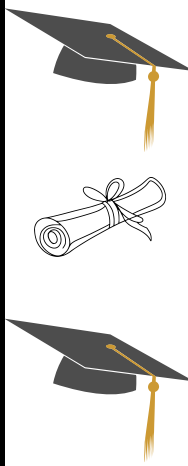
The Abegweit Update

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Class of 2025



Big congratulations to the Class of 2025!
Carmen Jadis, Owen Peter-Paul, Tayven
Bernard and Noah Peters.

Education Update

The Abegweit First Nation Reconciliation Bursaries are open to all students in the graduating class of Morell Regional High and Bluefield High School. Each bursary is awarded to a deserving student who is pursuing post-secondary studies, who has an understanding of Indigenous culture and teachings, and is actively involved in giving back to their community. Recipients are selected by their school's bursary and scholarship committee. Congratulations to the 2025 recipients; Carmen Jadis, Ailah MacDonald and Mary Beth Rayner.

Elizabeth Morrison, our Indigenous Support Teacher at Mount Stewart Consolidated School has accepted a new position at another school. We are grateful for the years of support and guidance she has provided for our students. We wish her all the best in her new role!

Active Transportation Update



Construction has officially begun for the Abegweit Active Transportation Centre and Cultural Grounds, located along the Hillsborough River on the right-hand side of Route 2, across from the Scotchfort Reserve. The Centre will serve as a respite and storage facility while providing rental access to recreational equipment such as bicycles, e-bikes, etc. to be used on multi-use pathways that will connect to the Confederation trail system. The site will enhance the community's connection to active transportation opportunities, invite visitors to learn about the history of the Mi'kmaq culture, while also fostering connections with surrounding communities and water pathways.

Duke of Edinburgh's Visit



At the end of June the Abegweit First Nation had the honour of welcoming the Duke of Edinburgh for a community visit as part of his Royal Highness' Canada visit. This was a special moment for the Chief and community members and it was an amazing day!



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Abegweit Mawi'omi 2025



Photos courtesy of Seb Burns

The 26th Annual Abegweit First Nation Mawi'omi was this month and it was a huge success over two days at the beginning of June. The weather cooperated so that the community and Prince Edward Island could come together to celebrate Abegweit and the Mi'kmaq culture. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and support to make this event possible every year.

DeeDee Austin Concert



As part of this year's Mawi'omi, we had a special performance from NS Mi'kmaq artist and Abegweit community member - DeeDee Austin. It was a great evening with community members and DeeDee who is fresh off her golden performance on Canada's Got Talent.

Abegweit Community Day & Community Dance



Abegweit Community Day and Post Powwow Dance were a great success. Bouncy castles, Holman's Homemade Ice Cream, Holy Cows Food Truck, face painting and more were on site for the youth and community to enjoy in the sun for the Community Day. The Post Powwow Dance was full of great music, strobe lights, fog machines, and amazing dance moves.