



The Abegweit Update

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Indigenous Veterans Day



Photos taken by Kassandra Knockwood

The community held their annual Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony in the community room on November 7th. Representatives from provincial and federal government, community elders and staff were all in attendance for the beautiful ceremony held in honour of those Indigenous Veterans that fought for our freedom. Elder - Doreen Jenkins opened the ceremony with a prayer, Lone Cry drum group played the Honour Song and community youth - Kiara Coade read a poem that she wrote about the Indigenous Veterans Day for the Mi'kmaq people and how they fought in the war, even though they weren't considered Canadian at that point in time.



Education Update



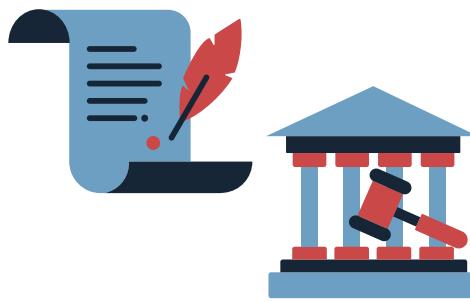
A group of staff from Abegweit visited Eskasoni First Nation this month on a best practice mission to learn about alternative education programs that have helped their community youth be successful in school. The Abegweit team has been working hard on developing some alternative education solutions for our youth! Stay tuned for more details in the New Year.

Rotary Youth Parliament



Rotary Clubs of PEI have organized this annual two-day event for Island high school students for over 20 years. Students from all over the Island act as MLAs during the event and have the opportunity to present and debate acts and resolutions on the floor of the legislature

Christian Peters (Abegweit Youth) and Ethan Feehan participated in Rotary Youth Parliament. This month Christian introduced his Indigenous Stripe Bass Motion and it passed 26-2 in votes. It is amazing to see community youth participate in politics as they are the future leaders!





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Solar Project Update



Picture: Elder Doreen Jenkins and Elliot Coles.

On November 6th, 2025 the team from Coles Associates and MRSB completed a community engagement session to provide an update on the Abegweit Community Solar Farm project progress. The presentation:

- Explained the role of the Community Navigator, Councillor Jacob Jadis
- Outlined future community engagement opportunities
- Provided an overview of First Nation Solar Projects across Canada
- Provided a full overview of the project, including benefits and considerations.

Please check out the Abegweit Community Solar Farm website to stay up to date on the project: <https://abegweit.ca/solarfarm/>

Health Update



Elder Christmas Meal - Our annual Elder Christmas Meal was a wonderful success, bringing Elders together for a turkey dinner, bingo, and gift-giving. It was heartwarming to see such a great turnout and to share some holiday cheer and good company.



Weekly Womens Group - Our weekly Women's Group continues to be a welcoming space for connection, creativity, and community support.



Elder Quill Session - The Elder Quill Ornament Session was a relaxing and creative afternoon for Elders to come together, share stories, and enjoy a hands-on quilling session filled with conversation and connection.



Men's Wellness - Men of all ages joined together for an afternoon of bingo, men's mental health conversations, and a hearty meal.



Men's Movember Breakfasts - Each Friday for the month of November, men of the community gathered for a hot breakfast with health and wellness focused conversations in support of Movember.

