



The Abegweit Update

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KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED

October 2025

Chief's Haunted Barn

🎃 Chief's Haunted Barn – By the Numbers! 🦇
This year's Haunted Barn has been spooktacular!

- 🧑‍🎭 5,000+ participants have walked (or ran!)
- 10-30 live actors each night bringing the scares to life. An additional 20 staff on hand helping out
- 🧑‍🎭 15 straight evenings of fright-filled fun
- ⭐ 378 amazing reviews through our QR code
- ⭐ 8652 lbs for the food bank!



Youth Tourism Award



Big congratulations to Rocky Point youth and Abegweit Members - Taite & Taya Wooldridge - this month were the recipients of the Atlantic Indigenous Youth Tourism Award at the 2025 Atlantic Indigenous Tourism Summit. Their commitment to their culture and sharing it with the world is an inspiration and we couldn't be prouder of them!



Solar Project Updates



You are invited to join us November 6 at Abegweit Connects Building to learn more about the Abegweit Community Solar Farm project that is currently in the design and feasibility stage:

Time: Thursday, November 6, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM (AST)

In Person: Abegweit Connects

Virtually: Contact info@abegweit.ca to request the Zoom code.

Coles Associates Ltd. and team along with the Community Navigator, Councillor Jacob Jadis, will share an update on the project and welcome your feedback and questions. Food will be provided.

Learn more about the solar farm: www.abegweit.ca/solarfarm

Indigenous Sports Circle PEI - Volleyball Clinic

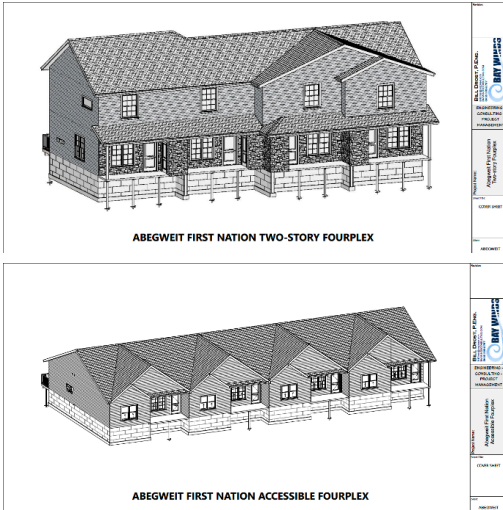


The Indigenous Sports Circle partnered with @abegweitfirstnation to host an Indigenous Girls Volleyball Clinic this past weekend! Shoutout to all the girls who showed up for some fun and to learn new skills!

A big thank you to Courtney Woods, of the Métis Nation of Alberta, for facilitating this workshop with our team.



Housing Complexes



Construction on the multi-unit housing complexes is progressing on schedule. CMHC and ISC invested with Abegweit on these units and they will be a great addition to the Abegweit housing portfolio to help the community.

Staff Meeting Updates



Staff updates continued this month with Service Canada coming in and presenting to the staff on all kinds of services that are available to the community & staff. Some great ideas were shared and in the coming months they will be returning to offer onsite services to community members for a 1 day session which will include various Government agencies - CRA, Efficiency PEI, Seniors Navigator, Access PEI / Vital Stats and Resource Abilities. Stay tuned for more details!

Abegweit Striped Bass

Abegweit First Nation is one of eight Atlantic First Nations participating in a pilot project to establish a sustainable Striped Bass commercial fishery and tourism experience. The first season came to a close on October 31st, 2025.

Under the pilot project, the commercial fishery provides Abegweit with an annual quota of 5,000 striped bass, sustainably harvested through modern techniques such as rod and reel and box nets. This year the commercial fishery was softly launched and concluded with the following accomplishments:

- The Abegweit Striped Bass Brand was established creating an authentic brand for the product and tourism experience. The brand emphasizes storytelling, cultural and traditional authenticity, and the connection between community, environment, and heritage.
- Several small focus groups were held throughout the season to help shape the tourism experience, identify resource requirements, and explore opportunities to share cultural knowledge and traditions.
- Joe Knockwood led traditional rod and reel fishing practices, mentoring a small team of community members, and participants from the SPF program.
- A partnership was formed with MR Seafood, allowing the Abegweit Striped Bass product to be sold through their storefront in Charlottetown. This partnership allows Abegweit to sell the product to the public and interested restaurants, developing market exposure. Work is underway to develop a logo that will support the Abegweit Bass product.

The first season of the pilot project was a great success, implementing foundational elements for a long-term sustainable fishery. Work will continue over the winter months to continue developing this great opportunity for Abegweit Striped Bass in 2026!

