



# The Abegweit Update

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KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED

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## CHIEF'S MESSAGE



I'd like to take a moment to thank you, my community, for your ongoing resolve as we continue to face the pandemic situation together.

We, your administration and leadership, have been working hard to address the unique issues that have come up in dealing with COVID-19 and we will keep doing so. We will also continue to keep you and your family's wellbeing and safety in our hearts and minds in all that we do.

I know that it has been a challenging few months since the pandemic began, but I'd like to remind you all that is not over yet. So please remain conscious of the health and wellbeing of yourselves, your families, and all others as we continue forward together.

## EMO UPDATE



Your EMO Team has been diligently working to keep the community safe throughout the pandemic and all other areas.

The team also continues to lead the country as we update our plans to better suit our community and our unique needs during these unprecedented times.

We are also ready for the upcoming hurricane season, including adding pandemic measures into our safety plans during this time. We were ready as the most recent storm system bypassed us and we will continue to be ready as future systems take their course.

## 2020 BLUEBERRY SEASON



This year's crop has been affected by frost in June, but we're hoping for a successful harvest starting August 20th, due to recent spraying.

For community members interested, please leave your name at the Band office. Due to COVID restrictions, rakers must be over the age of 12 and from Rocky Point, Morell, or Scotchfort.

Like 2019, rakers will be paid \$4/flat, requiring daily signatures for flat counts. Individual's raking records will go to the Band office on Wednesday mornings and payments will be available from 12:30-2pm that day, require signatures for pickup.

This year, Darcy Sock will be managing the field, Preston Peters will be operating the harvester, and John and Mike Bernard will be transporting to the plant where strict COVID-19 rules are in place.

COVID-19 practices that will be in place this year include daily sign in and sign out, questions (on travel, symptoms, and contact with persons who have traveled or displayed symptoms). Also, as the transport team, John and Mike will be required to wear gloves and masks while loading trucks.

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION

We are excited to see that the roadwork is starting in our community. With some of the equipment arriving yesterday afternoon, we can expect to see work crews and heavy machinery at work in our community for approximately 2-3 weeks while this work is completed, weather permitting.

During this time, we'd like to remind everyone to be safety-minded as we all keep eye on our children, pets, and families.