



The Abegweit Update

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Chief's Update

Hello everyone I just wanted to update you on community projects before I start my vacation. I am very pleased with the collaboration process with DFO and the benefits for our community. The NRD will continue to work with crews to ensure a successful and safe season. I will be updated as usual on a need to know bases because I need to know. We have secured funding for our 12 unit housing complex. Secured funding for our Tourism project (Santas old place). The new Health Center (pictures below) will be breaking ground soon and we will be expanding the daycare this summer to accommodate our growth. The design phase of the new Gymnasium has begun and I am very pleased with the youth involvement. The excitement in their voices is why I am proud of the Abegweit First Nation and motivates me to keep going forward. The community is ready to support the settlement agreement for Hog Island soon as a vote is arranged. The future looks bright and we are moving in a good direction in every aspect.

Chief Gould



Hog Island Community Sessions



The Chief held 3 community information sessions to update the Abegweit First Nation members on the Hog Island Settlement process and to answer any questions. Two in-person sessions and one virtual session was held to inform community members.

March Break Youth Engagement



Chief Gould, Mary Ellen, and Councillor Sheri Bernard demonstrating on the process of band business to the leaders of tomorrow. The youth were asked to provide their ideas/drawings for the design phase of the new gymnasium coming with the Community Recreation Centre.

Economic Development Update

Abegweit is planning for the construction of an Active Transportation Centre and Cultural Grounds to be 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, snowshoes, etc. to be used on multi-use pathways that will connect to the Confederation trail system. Rental access to kayaks and canoes will also offer access to the Hillsborough River through a floating dock/boardwalk 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. Stay tuned for exciting updates!





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Health Updates



Women's Group Sessions are a big hit with the women of Abegweit.



Elder Bingo is always a success!



Girls in Sports Retreat was hosted in Halifax in early March. There was a great turnout and the girls had a lot of fun!



Spring has arrived! The greenhouse has been thriving and things have been starting to pop with the temperature warming up!



Housing Workshop



Abegweit held a one day Housing Workshop at the Abegweit Connects building and approximately 30 community members attended the session.

The day was filled with presentations on - Heat Pump and HRV Maintenance, Mold Prevention and Remediation, Energy Efficiency, Plumbing and Filter Maintenance and Fire Home Safety. A big thank you goes out to everyone that organized and presented during the session.



Service PEI had their mobile Service PEI Clinic on site at the Abegweit Connects building for community members. The service allows members to easily access any services they needed from Service PEI - such as license renewals, Health cards, etc.

Chief's Fishery Advisory Committee



The Chief brought together his Fishery Advisory Committee for an update and to discuss various topics. Presentations on snow crab, lobster, and possible impacts of US Tariffs on Fisheries were discussed and great information was shared for the committee to continue to lead Abegweit to success in the future.

