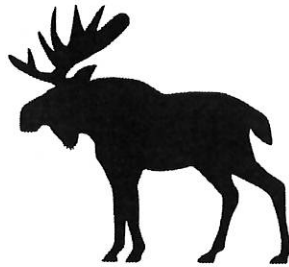


UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK... Oct 2017-volume 18



Hello to all Band Members,

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

We have signed on for another fishing year with Annapolis valley First Nation. Chief Gerry handles all business in regards to the leasing of a license, boat, the crew etc. While Councillor Carol Ann Potter continues to hold the Commercial Fisheries Portfolio, Chief Gerry continues to update us. **Important** - we have not signed any agreements and our treaty rights have not been affected including the claim of the Mi'kmaq to Aboriginal Title.

FOOD FISHERIES

Community Members who requested tags received one to fish their lobster for their own consumption. We had one Community Members fish multiple tags and they provided Lobster to Community Events such as the AGA. As always for more information, or to request your tag in person please contact Councillor Fred Robar-Harlow, portfolio holder of the Food Fisheries.

AGA

This year our AGA was held August 29, 2017. It was attended by 26 Band Members, 4 Council Members, 2 Youth, 2 Children, 6 Non Band Members, 2 Presenters and Guest - Friends of Ferrell. Michelle Merrimick from CMHC gave a presentation in regards to housing allocations, funding arrangements etc. Michelle Richards from ulnooweg presented an overview of the Band Finances for the past several years. A special thanks to Councillor Fred and the Food Fishers for providing, cooking and giving lobster to any who were in attendance at the Assembly.

GRAND PRE

It was a great celebration and it was good to see our Community Members participate in the activities. It was really awesome to see our Band Members host the Grand Entry with the other three Communities.

NORWAY TRADES MISSION

This was a great eye opening experience. I was able to learn about their University System, Aquaculture, Clean and Green Environment. I gained a great deal of knowledge on this trip.

BEAR/MOOSE HUNT/HARVESTER'S GATHERING

Both the Bear and Community Moose hunt were well attended by Band and Community Members. We were happy to have so many Youth attend both of these events this year and it was an honor to be able to attend the Moose hunt from September 25th to 29th. The Harvester's Gathering is October 22 to 26 - please join us and participate in the feasts and teachings while enjoying and improving Community Unity.

WINDMILLS

We continue to own shares with the other 12 First Nation Communities for the Whynot and Amherst Windmills. We have started to see Revenue from these windmills but the money is being reinvested to paying down the debt as quickly as possible. We hope to have the loans paid off in 9 years rather than 20. This means 11ish years of receiving dividends in the Community large enough to make a difference.

ELECTION

Sarah Rose has been hired to complete the election process for our Community. Nominations have been posted already. Important dates to remember are as follows: Nomination Meeting - October 19, 2017. 4-7 PM - Cultural Center

Election Day - November 30, 2017 - Cultural Center

Start of New Term - December 7, 2017

If you have any questions regarding elections please contact Sarah Rose at (506) 471-4795 or by email at sarharose@hotmail.com

FUNDRAISING

The Band Office Staff remain busy fundraising for the Youth Special Initiative Fund. Please show our Youth your support when they come around. Nova Scotia Power is making a donation to the Bear River First Nation and the Chief and Council have decided the YSIF is the best place for this money to go.

ASH HAVEN

The Ash Haven Road extension continues to move forward. The future road placement has been agreed upon. Scopes of Work were given to forestry workers for the cutting and removal of wood. We hope to have this work started soon so the engineers can complete their first phase of the road work.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 8

August 29

September 5

Regular Council Meetings are generally the first Tuesday of every month. If you would like to have an item added to the agenda please feel free to contact me or another Council Member before a scheduled meeting. Requests in writing with as much information as possible are best and will help speed the process. Please note, we have been very busy and sometimes we are unable to meet. Please note we do our best to reschedule.

OTHER MEETINGS

August 9 & 10 - Grand Pre (scheduled for four days)

August 12-19 - Trades Mission - Norway with Minister Keith Colwell

August 21 - Summer Games Grand Opening - Wagmatkook - this was fun and exciting and hopefully next year we will have athletes participating.

August 28 - AVFN Fisheries Meeting - Office

August 29 - AGA - Cultural Center

Sept 6 - CMM - Truro

Sept 8 - MFCS

Sept 19 - Ulnooweg

Sept 12-15 - Tripartite - Membertou

Sept 20 - MK

Sept 21 - KMKNO

Sept 21 - Ulnooweg AGA, Truro

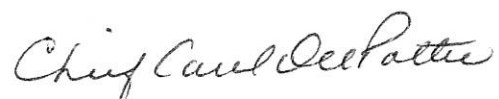
Please know when I am at meetings I am dealing with the higher levels of Government such as the Premier, Ministers and other Organizations such as KMKNO, MK, MFCS, CMM, Tripartite, DFO etc. I have and will continue to fight to protect our Environment, Resources, Future Generations, Fishing, Hunting, Roads, Schools, and Treaties etc. At times I have Dr. Sherry Pictou join me for some of my meetings as an advisor.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Again, I can be reached at the Band Office by email at carolbrfn@eastlink.ca. You can also contact your other Council Members; Councilor Fred Robar-Harlow - brfnfred@eastlink.ca, Councilor Frank Meuse - frankbrfn@eastlink.ca, Councilor Carol Ann Potter - capbrfn@eastlink.ca.

Wishing you all a safe and successful fall for hunting and gathering!

Sincerely,


Chief Carol Dee Potter