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July 23 to August 5, 2021

St. Andrews Seniors' Trip

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St. Mary's First Nation 21st Annual Pow-Wow

We are pleased to announce this year's Pow-Wow will take place on **Saturday, September 18, 2021**. The Pow-Wow will be held next to the St. Mary's First Nation Ball Field with a feast held at Maqiyahtimok.

Grand Entry will be at 12 p.m. (Noon)

There will be a break for supper from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The flags will be retired at 8 p.m. followed by a giveaway.

Stay tuned for additional information as details are worked out.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Celia Wilson at +1 (506) 458-9511 or via email at celiawilson@smfn.ca

Woliwon,

St. Mary's First Nation Pow-Wow Committee

WOLASTOQEY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

SENTINEL™

What is the Sentinel Alert System?

The Sentinel Alert System allows emergency responders to efficiently communicate timely information to registered community members. Utilizing the latest technical advancements in text messaging (SMS), E-mail, landline telephone, and social media (Facebook and Twitter), the Sentinel Alert System provides the capability to reach thousands of individuals within minutes.

What type of alerts will be broadcasted to registered community members?

Community members will be the first to know when an emergency event occurs via SMS, E-mail, landline phone, and social media (Facebook, Twitter) of COVID-19 updates, amber alerts, severe weather notifications, and more.

How do community members register for the Sentinel Alert System?

Community members can register for the service by doing any of the following:

- Send an E-mail to sentinel@wolastoqey.ca providing the following information:
  - Full name
  - Landline phone number
  - Cellphone number (SMS)
  - Home address including city, province, and postal code
  - If you have a Facebook, please include your name as it appears on your profile, or the URL (web address) to your public profile
  - If you have a Twitter account, please include your Twitter handle
- Visit the St Mary's First Nation Band office to request and fill out a Sentinel Alert System sign-up sheet

All information that is provided in the registration process will be kept confidential and will never be shared with other parties.

Note: Community members that sign up for the Sentinel Alert System will be entered into a private draw for a chance to win a one-of-four 72-hour survival kit valued at $250.00.

The anticipated start date for the Sentinel Alert System is August 23, 2021

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Vaccination Certificate Requests

For anyone seeking their official COVID-19 certificate of vaccination from the Department of Public Health, please call the health centre and leave your details. BJ will follow up with you regarding this.

This document will likely be important for future travel abroad.

SMFN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

REPORT CARD AWARDS

High Honors are marks of 84-100 or all marks of threes with a minimum of 2 fours--$100

Honors are marks of 72-83 or all marks of threes with no more than 2 twos---$50

Achievement award K-2 will be----$25

Maliseet language highest honor per grade --- $50

No Report Cards Will Be Accepted after July 29th

You can drop off report cards at the Education Department 3rd Floor 150 Cliffe St

Fax 1-506-459-2216

Email bobbijonash@smfn.ca

For more information, please call 459-2219

Thank you

Have a great summer

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July 20, 2021

Summary of July 15-16 Economic Development and Chief and Council Meeting

Chief and Council held a meeting on July 15-16 with representatives from all St. Mary's First Nation Economic Development entities including Retail Sales, St. Mary's Entertainment Centre, as well as band administration.

The priority for this meeting was discussing the future of Economic Development. This was a non-voting session and was intended to serve as an opportunity for brainstorming and a general assembly of the current Economic Development team. A non-voting general session was also held by Chief and Council in the morning prior to Economic Development discussions.

Sakom Polchies welcomed all in attendance to the meeting, noting this was one of the first in-person meetings able to take place outside of private council meetings in recent months.

An updated band communications strategy was issued, with emphasis on more timely release of information to community members and expanded communications channels.

Congratulatory notice was given about the new Governor General of Canada, Mary Simon, first indigenous person to hold the office. Calls were made for support of Simon in her new role.

There was a discussion held around drug activity within the community in recent weeks with broad support for stronger executive decision making around the topic. There are currently scheduled discussions around a new policing agreement with the Fredericton City Police. Chief Polchies noted there is no need for this new policing agreement to be finished before the band's action plan is developed. Chief and Council stated while it cannot handle direct law enforcement tasks such as raids or arrests other efforts can and will be evaluated and implemented.

A report was issued by Retail Sales on its situation following the province's notice of intent to withdraw from the Tax-Revenue Sharing Agreement (TRSA) ahead of schedule. Retail businesses will be affected negatively if this is not resolved. Reduced sales due to COVID-19 are recovering. Retail Sales remains solvent, but some businesses are currently unprofitable. Loss of the TRSA would likely require changes to current business strategies to remain profitable in the long term.

A list of action items was made by council over the course of the meetings; list as follows:

1. Investigate use of ground-penetrating radar at Old Reserve to identify any culturally significant or potential burial sites under the lot.
2. Creation of a standalone economic development committee which reports to Chief and Council but acts more independently than current structure allows.
3. Evaluate prospective demolition of the former taxi stand on band property off Union Street. Consider what businesses would benefit most from the lot given the prime retail space it occupies.
4. Drafting and taking suggestions on what businesses could fill in the two empty retail spaces (One at Cliffe Street and one at Two Nations Crossing). Suggestion was made for Subways, being evaluated.
5. Designate and appoint a lead for the band's cannabis enterprise to promote future development of the area.

6. Develop a Youth Strategy and Assign a Coordinator to help facilitate its implementation.

St. Mary's Entertainment Centre and Retail Sales both contributed a list of updates which helped inform the Chief and Council in their decision to form the list of action items above. A summary of these updates is below.

SMEC:

- An additional $500k in funding was secured for renovations to the dining area and restaurant.
- Intent from management is to increase frequency of bingo from current 5-day schedule to 7-day schedule by mid-August. With COVID restrictions being lifted in the coming days, bingo hall capacity can be expanded to around 600 patrons. Desire to have busses (2 per week) and SMEC Shuttle return in the coming weeks.
- Smoking v. Non-Smoking debate continues, however the current policy against smoking inside the entertainment centre will remain in place for the immediate future.
- The installation of natural gas infrastructure was successful, with an operating credit being awarded for the switchover.
- The first wave of renovations has been completed; all gambling machines now located in Hall B.

Retail Sales:

- Retail Sales is evaluating business options to fill the empty retail space at Two Nations and Cliffe locations. Current propositions include researching the feasibility of placing a Subway at one of the locations.
- The proposed Starbucks franchise is still being investigated, but Starbucks corporate office was not keen on the proposed Two Nations Crossing location due to traffic in the area being below the threshold they use to approve new franchises. Choice

locations are likely the properties held by the band along Union Street, but this would either require the closure of the Wolastoq Wharf or the demolition and replacement of the old Loyal Taxi building or relocation of Fisheries.

- Retail's Cannabis file needs additional support and investigation into viability for expansion. Call made for newly forged Economic Development Committee to identify leads for this.
- Discussion has been held around the addition of beer and/or wine sales to the supermarket. May help offset some of the losses at the supermarket, no application submitted to NB Liquor (ANBL) yet, only foreseeable issue is criticism over the proximity to the existing ANBL location on Union Street. (However, this should not be an issue given the proximity of Sobeys Brookside and Sobeys Regent Street to existing ANBL locations.)
- Earth Medicine has been a highly lucrative enterprise for the band, bringing in profits which are being considered for the construction of an Elders' home.
- There is an ongoing discussion with an external consulting firm which is evaluating the most profitable business ventures for the band. A report is due from the firm by March 2022.
- Wolastoq Wharf discussed as a venture which may need a review or relocation, as it occupies prime retail space and cannot sustain profitability.

The next Chief and Council meeting will be held on July 26, 2021. As always, if community members have any input on anything above or have other concerns, feel free to reach out to your Chief and Council at the Band Office (506-458-9511 or toll-free at 888-445-6644.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEWS RELEASE

OneFeather launches dedicated Indigenous banking solutions with OneFeather APP and OneFeather PAY card.

July 5, 2021 – The OneFeather APP is a ground-breaking Indigenous innovation offering a dedicated Indigenous banking solution for First Nations Peoples, Métis, and Inuit. Paired with the new contactless OneFeather PAY card and 1FTs (OneFeather Tokens), OneFeather continues to remove the systemic barriers Indigenous Peoples face.

In Canada, 15 per cent of the Indigenous population is not served by a bank. Furthermore, 44 per cent of Indigenous Peoples live on reserve, which makes it difficult for Nation members to access traditional financial institutions and government services.

“The launch of OneFeather APP couldn’t come at a better time”, says Lawrence Lewis, CEO and founder of OneFeather. “Indigenous communities, families, and young adults living on-reserve have been at a considerable disadvantage with banking accessibility and its associated costs.”

OneFeather is decolonizing the financial sector by offering a banking solution for Indigenous Peoples in Canada – whether they are on-reserve or off-reserve. The OneFeather APP enables users to link a pre-existing bank account to load their OneFeather PAY card. OneFeather APP is also a banking solution for urban dwellers, such as young adults who have travelled off-reserve to live, work, or attend post-secondary institutions. Cash gifts can be transferred between family members now, while living allowances and tuition will be transferable from Nation bands through the APP in the future.

Creating a OneFeather account in the APP is easy – individuals verify their identity by submitting a selfie and providing additional information through the APP. With verification, users can obtain the OneFeather PAY card – a reloadable payment card which can be used anywhere major credit cards are accepted.

OneFeather PAY card also provides users with an Indigenous-only rewards system by allowing users to collect OneFeather Tokens (1FTs) – which can be collected through more ways than just transactions. Users will eventually be able to exchange 1FTs for a wide range of benefits, including status card renewal service fees and merchandise in a future digital Indigenous marketplace.

1FTs are transferable- Indigenous members can send their 1FTs to their Indigenous friends and family, who can exchange them for the same services and rewards. Everyone, Indigenous

and non-Indigenous, can earn 1FTs, however, 1FTs can only be redeemed for and by Indigenous Peoples. Non-Indigenous people can transfer their 1FTs to Indigenous Peoples or donate them back to OneFeather.

The 1FT Rewards program is funded by the OneFeather Box of Treasures Foundation, a non-profit founded by OneFeather to give back to Indigenous communities. Every time a person uses their OneFeather PAY card, they are contributing to the OneFeather Box of Treasures. "The real measure of our wealth is not by what we keep, but what we give back," said Lewis. "It is an extension of our culture in the fintech space."

To celebrate the launch of the OneFeather APP, OneFeather is giving back to the Indigenous community. Lewis and OneFeather have committed to helping Maxwell Johnson and his granddaughter, who were arrested by police in a Vancouver Bank of Montreal while attempting to open a bank account in January 2020. In collaboration and funded by Indigenomics Institute and Raven Capital Partners, OneFeather will be gifting Johnson and his granddaughter pre-loaded OneFeather PAY cards and 1FTs for a scholarship and in honour of lived experience.

Additionally, OneFeather is partnering with Empowered Startups to provide seed funding for Indigenous entrepreneurial students and alumni in a pilot project, and giving away pre-loaded cards and 1FTs throughout promotions this summer.

OneFeather has worked in collaboration with BlocPal International Inc. in developing the OneFeather APP. BlocPal provides a "simple, fast, and secure digital transaction platform that allows anyone to transact in their currency or asset of choice." BlocPal operates in India, Mexico, Canada, the U.S., and parts of Europe. BlocPal already works with over 50,000 retailers and provides services for millions of people.

OneFeather APP will soon be a one-stop shop solution integrating OneFeather's digital voting solution for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit elections and voting events, supporting Indigenous businesses, and offering online status card services, whereby First Nations members can renew, replace, or apply for their status card.

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For more information visit: https://www.onefeather.ca/

Media Kit: https://www.onefeather.ca/home/media-kit

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July 20, 2021

Reminder of Limitation on Operating Hours for Cannabis Dispensaries in Our Community

It has come to the attention of Chief and Council that there have been some community member-owned dispensaries operating beyond the hours previously agreed upon.

This notice is a reminder to any dispensary operating on-reserve, the latest such a business is to be open within our community is **10 p.m. (22h00)**

We thank you for your understanding and assistance in keeping our community peaceful overnight.

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ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS New Brunswick

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APEGNB Awards and Scholarships Available

The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick (APEGNB) is seeking applicants for the following scholarships:

The Graydon Nicholas Indigenous Scholarship in Engineering

And

The Jocelyne Roy-Vienneau Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship for Women

Both scholarships are valued at $3000 and both will have a recipient at UNB and a recipient at UdeM (4 Total Scholarships)

Deadline for applications is **September 30, 2021**

Prospective Applicants Should Visit https://www.apegnb.com/about-us/awards-scholarships/ for more information.

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Notice Regarding After-Hours Communication with Housing and Band Administration

There has been an increase in after-hours attempts to contact staff from the housing department and other band employees via personal lines of communication (Facebook messages, calls to home and cell phones) in recent months.

As a reminder, outside of regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday) the best way to contact any band staff is to either leave a message with the overnight assistant by calling the Band Office at +1 (506) 458-9511 or sending an email to the appropriate department. There is a public directory of emails available at stmarysfirstnation.com/contact

Should you require emergency assistance with a plumbing, electrical or other time-sensitive issue, please call +1 (506) 458-9511 and the operator will contact the personnel on call.

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Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat
153 Willowdale Drive
Dartmouth, NS B2V 0A5

Subject: Amendment to the *Canada Labour Code*, Part III (Labour Standards) – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Labour Program – Employment and Social Development Canada would like to inform you of a recent change to the *Canada Labour Code*, Part III.

On June 3, 2021, amendments to Part III of the *Canada Labour Code* (*Code*) received royal assent to establish the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a general holiday. This amendment will provide all employees in federally regulated workplaces with a new general holiday. The Government of Canada remains committed to reconciliation and ensuring that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools are never forgotten.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation general holiday will be observed on **September 30th of each year**. This new general holiday will come into force on August 3, 2021, which means that federally regulated employees will be entitled to the day off with pay **on September 30, 2021** for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation general holiday will be added to the list of general holidays under section 166 of the *Code*. Effective August 3, 2021, the list of general holidays will read as follows:

New Year's Day	Canada Day	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Labour Day	Remembrance Day
Victoria Day	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Christmas Day
		Boxing Day

In accordance with subsection 193(2) of the *Code*, when the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation falls on a Sunday or Saturday that is a non-working day, employees will be entitled to and shall be granted a holiday with pay on the working day immediately preceding or following the general holiday.

Please note that all general provisions related to general holidays will apply to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

A labour affairs officer from the Labour Program may contact your organization within the coming weeks to discuss this recent amendment. A workplace inspection may also be conducted in the future to ensure compliance with the *Code*'s provisions.

For any immediate questions related to general holiday pay or other labour standards provisions, you may contact the Labour Program at 1-800-641-4049 or consult the website at www.canada.ca.

Sincerely,

Labour Program – Employment and Social Development Canada – Atlantic Region
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www.canada.ca – Jobs, Workplace standards

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB)

Hiring For One Position

Guardian Environmental Technician

Term: Full time position (8-month Contract with Possibility to Renew)

Application Deadline is July 30, 2021

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Wolastoqey Tribal Council

Hiring for Three Positions:

Education Language Coordinator

Education Administration Assistant

Treaty Education Coordinator

All Positions Are for a One-Year Term with Opportunities to Renew

Application Deadline is August 1, 2021

Visit Wolastoqey.ca for more information or check the SMFN community website, Facebook or Twitter (@StMarysFN) to see all job postings.

St. Mary's First Nation/ Chief Harold Sappier Memorial School
Job Competition

Kindergarten Teacher 2021-2022 School Year

Under the general supervision of the Chief Harold Sappier Memorial School Principal the Elementary Teacher is responsible to provide services within the education program with the highest standards consistent with the policies, procedures, rules and regulations for the CHSMES School. The Teacher shall equip each student with a learning environment that fosters good character & a healthy self-image.

Responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Prepare appropriate lesson plans, documents, and instructions
- Apply a disciplined system of learning to the students of CHSMES in a consistent, fair and equitable manner
- Provide supervision over students to protect their health & safety during school hours
- Participate, and assist in planning extra-curricular activities for students
- Act as a role model of leadership for the students consistent with professional standards and code of ethics.
- Encourage students to foster an appreciation for their cultural identity
- Encourage, promote, and implement a team spirit within the CHSMES School System
- Attend all professional development in service programs and/or training
- Encourage each-and-every student to reach the highest level of individual development

Qualifications:

The successful candidate shall possess a minimum of a Bachelor of Education Degree and holds a valid Teacher's license granted under the authority of the Minister of Education of the Province of New Brunswick. The successful candidate must also provide a criminal record check. Previous experience in teaching Kindergarten grade levels would be an asset.

Applications should be forwarded to:
Jan Rouse
Human Resource Administrator
150 Cliffe Street
Fredericton, NB
E3A 0A1
Email: janrouse@smfn.ca

Closing Date for Applications will be on July 30, 2021 @ 4pm

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July 22, 2021

Notice of Drug Bust & Ongoing Drug Strategy Development/Implementation

This evening a drug bust took place in the community off Bear Drive. This is a direct result of community members both expressing concern around an ongoing drug distribution problem within the community and engaging with Chief and Council on the matter.

"Today's bust is just a start to cleaning up our community," said Chief Allan Polchies. "More to come! [We need to] let them know they are ruining lives of families and loved ones and that they are taking the unity out of community."

St. Mary's First Nation Chief and Council has recently begun revising the community drug strategy to tackle the ongoing drug problem. These revisions as well as this evening's bust will be discussed at the next Chief and Council meeting.

We maintain close contact with the Fredericton City Police and are working on a comprehensive policing agreement to increase enforcement actions both on and off reserve to eliminate both sales and distribution networks within these criminal organizations.

Chief and Council remain committed to keep our community safe and healthy. Community members are encouraged to report any illicit activity to the appropriate authorities.

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