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Nujignua'tegeg

Migwite'tm'nej 2015

Chief's Message



"At this time of year – with all the activities, and all the money that will be going around – please party responsibly," said Chief Scott Martin.

"It's a busy time of year."

With all the graduations, the first round of the Settlement Agreement Funds going out,

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Even though weather prevented people from marching this year, Migwite'tm'nej still brought people together to remember the 1981 raids.

"Today is a very sad and special day for our community," said Madelien Germain, from the stage in the Bingo Hall. "Some of the men that were brutally abused, beaten ... Some women were also abused, children were abused. And we're remembering all of this today."

Typically, there is a march from the wharf to the bingo hall, where a salmon meal is prepared. However, with threats of a large lightning storm, the decision was made to just gather at the hall.

Councillor, Derek Barnaby spoke. "History has shown that Quebec and Canada have done everything in their power to eliminate us, to stop us from traditional harvesting of our food," he said.

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See a video of Derek Barnaby's speech at the Bingo Hall on June 11 at news.listuguj.ca. (PHOTO: ADAM HODNETT)

NEWS

First PCD Payments

The first Per Capita Distribution (PCD) funds for the settlement agreement went out on Friday, June 19. Approximately 1,100 people received \$14,951.41.

Registered band members as of May 29, 2015 have five years to apply. Minors have five years to apply following their 18th birthday. Payments are expected to be going out for the next 23 years

Anyone who submits a successful application can expect to receive their payment within approximately two weeks.

So far, over 2,000 applications have been processed.

"We're about two thirds there," said Mike Isaac, the Communications Officer for the LMG.

Registered band members over the age of 18 – with two valid government-issue IDs – can fill out an application form at the LMG office.

Applications will be processed in person at the LMG office from now on.

Find the "Per Capita Distribution of Settlement Funds Application Instructions," the "Community Bulletin #1 regarding PCD," and the application form in the online version of this article, or at listuguj.ca.



PCD applications were being accepted at the Bingo Hall. They are all being taken at the LMG from now on. (PHOTO: ADAM HODNETT)

PROFILE

Arrested in 1981



Joyce Metallic and Rene Martin outside their home on June 11. Martin was one of 12 people arrested in the 1981 raid. (PHOTO: ADAM HODNETT)

There are still some in Listuguj who were arrested when the Quebec Provincial Police raided the community in 1981. Rene Martin was one. You can see the police pulling his hair in the opening of Alanis Obomsawin's film, "Incidents at Restigouche."

Rene Martin and his partner Joyce Metallic – now of 43 years – were living in the same house they live in today. Except now it's bigger, and has electricity and running water.

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Migwite'tm'nej 2015 (cont'd)

“They made it illegal for us to fish Salmon, they made it illegal for us to hunt and to provide for our families.”

The raid on June 11, 1981 was over an attempt to limit Listuguj salmon fishermen.

“At the end of the day, when people were going to jail, when people were abused, when people were hurt, our people here in Listuguj got together, and we said ‘enough is enough.’”

People gathered around the bridge in 1981, where the Quebec Provincial Police had set up

a blockade, and were protecting game wardens as they destroyed fishing nets.

“From the process we learned that we need to stay together. Division does not help us in any way,” Barnaby said. “We’ve come to the understand that we are very strong, we’re very powerful. And we recognize our power in our existence today.”

Barnaby concluded by calling on everyone to “never forget 1981, and to be proud of who we are as Mi’gmaq people.”



The crowd listening to Derek Barnaby at the Bingo Hall on June 11. (PHOTO: ADAM HODNETT)

PROFILE (cont'd)

They were in Campbelltown with their two children doing laundry when the bridge was blocked.

Determined to get home, they drove to Matapédia, and made it back to Riverside Drive, where they encountered their first police officer.

“I had my second one in my arms,” said Metallic. “I remember him pointing a gun at us.”

“He pointed the gun and he said, ‘turn around, or I’ll shoot.’”

“Over here, touch one, you might as well touch the whole reserve.” – Rene Martin



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Chief's Message (Cont'd)

and good weather – there are plenty of reasons to celebrate.

Like always, the Chief and the staff at the LMG have a lot on their plate.

Aside from arrangements for all the holidays, and special events, Martin is looking forward to decisions for some major projects.

“I’m hoping that our financial statements are good,” said Martin. “So they can release the freeze on the ministerial guarantee, so that we can build houses.”

Community Events



Firefighter Competition JUNE 27

At the Community Centre from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Family Day JULY 1

A family day event at Qospem (The Lake) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Melissa Girvan JULY 1

As part of Campbellton's Salmon Festival at Kiosk Park from 4:30-6:30

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LMG Closed

The Lisutugj Mi'gmaq Government office will be closed for Canada/Qospem Family Day.

Wednesday – July 1st

Jobs

Five jobs are now posted on the LMG's website. They include: “Director of Economic Development,” “Vessel Captain,” “Chipping Plant Operator,” “Youth Protection Delegate,” and “Casual Teacher Assistant.”

listuguj.ca/jobs

By-law

The LMG will be enforcing the Financial Administration By-law to recover amounts owed. This will impact 5% of the community. A letter will be sent to the individuals affected.

Logo Design

Develop a logo that promotes the long term goal of reducing acts of racism for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate.

New Deadline: June 30

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is the second issue of the Nujignua'tegeg – Listuguj's multi media community newsletter. Our website and social media accounts are now up and running. Check them out for full-length stories, photo galleries, and videos.

We are also looking for community events and

listings. These are free spots for anything in the community or organized by community members and groups. Events, classes, or relevant messages are welcomed.

Email – or post on Facebook – any information you would like to get out to the community.



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