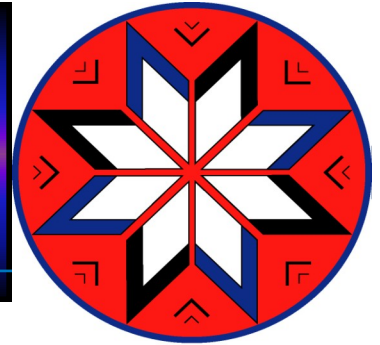


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## WELCOME NEW CHIEFS

The Mi'kmaq • Nova Scotia • Canada Tripartite Forum would like to extend its warmest welcomes to four recently elected Chiefs. Fall and winter elections wielded some big changes to Tripartite.

Andrea Paul is the newly elected Chief of Pictou Landing First Nation. Tripartite would like to thank outgoing Chief, Aileen Francis, for her years of service.

In Bear River, Frank Meuse was elected Chief in December and assumed the role previously held by Carol Thompson. Tripartite would also like to thank Carol Thompson for her work over the years. Frank actually returns to

Tripartite as he has served as Chief in the past.

Roderick Googoo was elected Chief in Waycobah last fall during a bi-election, which was held as former Chief, Morley Googoo, was elected as AFN Regional Chief.

Janette Peterson joins Tripartite after being elected in Annapolis Valley First Nation. She replaces Brian Toney, whom Tripartite would like to thank for his involvement in previous years.

Welcome to the Tripartite



*(Above) Chief Andrea Paul, Pictou Landing First Nation.*

Forum, Andrea, Roderick and Janette! And welcome back, Frank!

## ANNAPOLIS VALLEY UPDATE

After a five-year hiatus, Annapolis Valley First Nation returned to the Tripartite Forum officially on January 11, 2012. The band departed from the forum on January 23, 2007.

Annapolis Valley council and community recognize

the benefits of being a Tripartite member. The previous council had also began the process to have the band re-join Tripartite and now the circle is complete.

The Tripartite Forum would like to welcome back Annapolis Valley First

Nation and welcome newly elected Chief Janette Peterson. With the return of Annapolis Valley, Tripartite again works with all of Nova Scotia's Mi'kmaq communities!

Welcome back to the Tripartite Forum, Annapolis Valley First Nation!

## BRIDGING THE GAP

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Membertou Trade Convention Centre hosted groups of physical activity practitioners from Mi'kmaw communities, regional municipalities, non-governmental organizations and The Province of Nova Scotia. *Bridging the Gap* was the first time that such a large and diverse group of people met to discuss issues and solutions, share resources and network about promoting of physical activity and recreation.

The goal of *Bridging the Gap* was to facilitate relationship-building among delegates, share resources and strengthen physical activity support networking opportunities. With over 70 delegates from across the province, the discussions and learning opportunities were well received.

Physical activity and recreation practitioners discussed current barriers and policies with each other. Topics included identifying and ways of addressing barriers together as delegates shared details of their various programs and initiatives.

Provincial and municipal practitioners presented their programs and developed a greater appreciation for initiatives taking place in Mi'kmaw communities. Many NS communities have already developed working groups and now Recreation Nova Scotia is working with the Tripartite Forum Sport and Recreation Committee to offer First Nation sessions at the annual conference. Discussion is currently underway as to how we can keep the momentum going.

The feedback from the two day session was very positive. *Bridging the Gap* was a great first step in connecting Mi'kmaw communities to potential partners and we are hoping to keep the ball rolling. For further information, please contact Matt Pryde at (902) 426-9162.

*-Matthew Pryde, First Nations  
Inuit Health Atlantic Region*

## IMPORTANT DUE DATES

All Tripartite Forum committees are asked to note the following due dates for work plans and annual report write-ups:

- Committee Work Plans for 2012-13 due on Thursday, March 1, 2012.
- Annual Report 2011-12 write-ups due on Friday, March 30, 2012.

The 2011-12 Work Plans and 2010-11 Annual Report are both available at [tripartiteforum.com](http://tripartiteforum.com).

## PROJECT FUND REPORT

In 2011-12, the committee funded 12 projects for a total of \$328,680.77. The remaining budget for the fiscal year is \$1,684.83.

The Project Fund Committee will meet on Friday, January 27, at the Office of Aboriginal Affairs in Halifax to review the submitted proposals from the January 9 deadline and discuss ideas for the 2012-13 fiscal year. The next due date

for project submissions will be decided at the January 27 meeting and updates will follow.

For more information on the Project Fund Committee, please contact Project Fund Manager, Robyn Crowe, at (902) 895-6385 or [robyn@tripartiteforum.com](mailto:robyn@tripartiteforum.com).

*-Robyn Crowe,  
Project Fund Manager*

## AGA 2012

The Tripartite Forum Annual General Assembly 2012 is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 31, and Friday, June 1, 2012. The venue is the Old Orchard Inn located in Wolfville, NS. Please make note of these dates.

## NEW CO-CHAIRS

The Tripartite Forum Culture and Heritage and Economic Development Working Committees appointed three new co-chairs to the Culture and Heritage and Economic Development Working Committees and a Mi'kmaw co-chair to Steering.

Yves Bossé is the new federal Culture and Heritage co-chair after serving on the committee as a long-time member. He is the Aboriginal Liaison Advisor with Parks Canada – Atlantic Service Centre.

Lori Benjamin, Senior Economic Development

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's Lands and Economic Development, assumed the role as federal co-chair for the Economic Development.

Rose Julian of Paqtnekek First Nation is now the committee's Mi'kmaw co-chair.

Andrew 'Antle' Denny joins Tripartite as the Steering Committee's Mi'kmaw co-chair. He is Grand Keptin (Captain) of Mi'kmaw Grand Council.

Congratulations on your appointments as co-chairs, Yves, Rose, Lori, and Antle!

## OFFICIALS MEETING

The Tripartite Forum Officials Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 22, 2012. Please make note of this date.

## FAMILY VIOLENCE RESEARCH REPORT

Addressing Mi'kmaq Family Violence research report is the work of Dr. Jane McMillan, PhD, and the Family Violence subcommittee. It's goal is to help Mi'kmaw families and communities understand that it is normal to 'do something' about violence by asking participants to help develop programs that will produce meaningful remedies and consequences that foster intervention and prevention of violence.

The research is a participant-based study directly involving over 150 Aboriginal participants ranging from 16 to 65 years of age. Data was gathered through interviews, focus groups community forums with elders and youth, survivors and abusers, community and cultural leaders, employed and unemployed people, addicted and non-addicted people, men and women.

The project was funded by the Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program at Dalhousie University, a CIHR-funded program, and by the Mi'kmaq • Nova Scotia • Canada Tripartite Project Fund program.

The subcommittee also produced a 27-page executive summary for readers to gain a basic knowledge of the research findings. It was completed by Tripartite Forum members Leonard Doiron, Patricia Gorham, Adam Gould, and Brenda Tracey.

Anyone interested in downloading a free Portable Document Format (PDF) copy of the research report and executive summary are encouraged to visit the Tripartite Forum homepage at [www.tripartiteforum.com](http://www.tripartiteforum.com).

For more information on the

Addressing Mi'kmaq Family Violence research report, please contact Jane McMillan at [ljmcmill@stfx.ca](mailto:ljmcmill@stfx.ca).

### Addressing Mi'kmaq Family Violence Executive Summary

Family Violence and Aboriginal Communities: Building Our Knowledge and Direction through Community Based Research and Community Forums<sup>o</sup>

May 2011



L. Jane McMillan PhD  
Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Peoples and Sustainable Communities  
St. Francis Xavier University

(Above) Steve Logan of Eastern Woodland Print Communications designed the cover for the Addressing Family Violence Research Report.

# UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

## JANUARY

- Justice on Friday, January 6, at the Community Centre in Potlotek, NS.
- Health on Tuesday, January 17, at the Community Centre in Potlotek, NS.
- Culture and Heritage on Wednesday, January 18, at the Office of Aboriginal Affairs in Halifax, NS.
- Sports and Recreation strategic planning on January 19 and 20 at the Office of Aboriginal Affairs in Halifax, NS.
- Social on January 26 at the Glooscap Heritage Centre in Millbrook, NS.
- Project Fund on January 27 at the Office of Aboriginal Affairs in Halifax, NS.
- Steering on Tuesday, January 31, in Truro, NS.

## FEBRUARY

- Economic Development on Thursday, February 9, at the NS Museum of Industry in Stellarton, NS.
- Education on Tuesday, February 21, in Membertou, NS.
- Health on Wednesday, February 29, in Truro, NS.

## MARCH

- Justice on March 20.
- Officials on March 22.
- Sports and Recreation on March 29 in Membertou, NS.

**All Tripartite Forum Working Committee meetings are open to the public. If you wish to attend and/or have a topic added to the agenda, contact Denise and/or Sam. All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Visit [www.tripartiteforum.com/calendar](http://www.tripartiteforum.com/calendar) for more information.**

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