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Tripartite Forum Welcomes New Executive Chair

Newly elected AFN Regional Chief Morley Googoo is the new Mi'kmaq • Nova Scotia • Canada Tripartite Forum Executive Chair. He replaces Rick Simon who served as Executive Chair since 2004.

In June, Simon relinquished his position as Regional Chief for Nova Scotia/Newfoundland for The Assembly of First Nations to accept a new role as Chief Executive Officer of Indian Brook First Nation. He served nearly six terms in 17 years as Regional Chief. Googoo was elected by Nova Scotia’s and Newfoundland’s Chiefs as the new Regional Chief in May.

Googoo becomes the third Executive Chair in Tripartite history. In his career, he was elected as Waycobah’s chief for 9 consecutive terms. Googoo’s new role became effective on Friday, June 10.

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Tripartite Forum Welcomes New Education Mi’kmaq Co-chair

After nearly two years without a Mi’kmaq co-chair, the Tripartite Forum Education Working Committee has appointed its new representative. Ann Cheryl Denny of Eskasoni assumes the new role and joins fellow co-chairs, Candy Palmater and Karen Martin, along with committee members. She is currently the Aboriginal Services Coordinator for the Unama’ki College at the Mi’kmaq College Institute of Cape Breton University. The Education Committee is dedicated to assisting Mi’kmaq students and educators in early childhood to adult education.

The previous Education Committee co-chair, Leroy Denny, vacated the position following his election as Chief of Eskasoni First Nation.

The Tripartite Forum would like to welcome Ms. Denny to the Tripartite Forum Education Working Committee.
The Tripartite Culture and Heritage Working Committee experienced significant changes over the past few months. Two members have bid their farewells and the Forum wishes them the best with their future plans.

Earlier this year, committee member Robert Ferguson announced that he would be retiring soon and did so in June 2011. Robert enjoyed a wonderful career as a project archaeologist with Parks Canada and dedicated much of his time and work to the Culture and Heritage Committee’s projects such as The Bedford Barrens Petroglyphs Site Protection and the Pjila’i Mi’kma’ki Place Names website. The Tripartite Forum would like to congratulate Robert on his retirement and hope he enjoys the rest and relaxation.

David Burton had served as Federal co-chair for the Culture and Heritage Committee since 2006 and recently resigned his position in June 2011. He is the former Nova Scotia Director for Canadian Heritage and is now the Regional Director, Citizenship and Identity Programs with Canadian Heritage in the Atlantic Region. The Tripartite Forum wishes to thank David for his years of dedicated involvement with the Culture and Heritage Committee and its numerous projects throughout the years.

(Above right) Robert Ferguson; (Right) David Burton at the AGA

The Tripartite Forum held its 8th Annual General Assembly (AGA) at The Inverary Inn Resort on May 11-12 in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, with one of the highest attended assemblies ever. Nearly 100 Forum members and invitees attended the two-day meeting which highlights committee accomplishments and progress.

The AGA hosted a trade show that included reps from various federal and provincial government programs, merchants, post-secondary institutes and Aboriginal organizations. Workshops included presentations on social media (Inverness County C@P Network Society, Mi’kmaw language, Tripartite Project Fund Committee, and Mi’kmawey Debert). Presentations by Tripartite’s Officials Committee and Kwilmu’kw Maw-klusuqnn Negotiation Office were also held.

Prizes were awarded to draw winners including Gord Johnson, Patricia Ellis, Pictou Landing Chief Aileen Francis, Farida Gabbani and Jarvis Googoo. Rick Simon was emcee for the AGA and elder Josephine Peck performed opening prayers.

Overall, the assembly was an enjoyable experience and the AGA committee did an amazing job with planning. See you in 2012!

(Above) Rick Simon speaking at the AGA. (Below) Morning prayer by Josephine Peck

Doctors Nova Scotia extended its Youth Running for Fun program to First Nations schools and communities throughout the province. This year more than 1,100 students from First Nations schools across the province participated in the program, including 800 from grades one to nine at Eskasoni Elementary and Middle School.

On June 15, a celebration was held in Eskasoni to mark the milestone for both groups. In addition to Eskasoni, First Nations schools taking part in the running program to date have been Chief Allison Bernard Memorial High School, Membertou Elementary, Pictou Landing School, Potletkekewey School, We’koqma’q Mi’kmaw School and also The Paqtnkek Community Centre.

-Kim Bottomly, Doctors Nova Scotia

(Left) Dr. John Chiasson, President of Doctors Nova Scotia, distributing finisher’s prizes to students at Eskasoni Elementary and Middle School on June 15 to celebrate their participation in the Youth Running for Fun program.

(Photo courtesy of Doctors Nova Scotia)
**Project Fund Update**

The Project Fund Committee was very busy this spring and summer and received numerous funding proposals for a diverse group of events and programs. To date, 12 proposals were received and 10 were approved.

In April, five proposals were received and all were approved. The five proposals included Mawiomi 2011 ($50,000.00), On-reserve daycare licensing research ($10,000.00), Pjila’si Mi’kma’ki and MAPS administrative support ($35,000.00), Kluskap Cave historical designation ($12,574.00), and First Nations Active Measures Pilot Projects (Phase II) ($45,100.00). Proposals were submitted by the Social and Culture and Heritage Working Committees. The meeting was held at The Confederacy of Mainland Mi’kmaq boardroom in Truro, NS.

At the Project Fund’s second meeting on June 29 in Membertou, seven proposals from the Social, Sports and Recreation, and Education Working Committees were submitted and five were approved. Doctors Nova Scotia Running for Youth Program ($13,000) enters its second year while the Healthy Living project ($12,000.00) was approved, along with Options for On-Reserve Daycare Licensing ($7,205.21), Mi’kmaq Language Tool Kits ($24,854.76), Curriculum Development Collaboration for training early childhood educators ($33,066.00), and the Aboriginal Sports Summit ($60,500.00).

Anyone interested in project funding information may contact Robyn Siteman, Project Fund Manager, at robyn@tripartiteforum.com.

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**Mawiomi 2011: Halifax International Pow-Wow**

*Membertou 400,* the largest pow-wow in Atlantic Canada to date, hosted an estimated 80,000 people from Thursday, June 24, to Sunday, June 27, 2010, in Port Royal and Halifax. Following the incredible success of Membertou 400, Halifax played host to *Mawiomi 2011: Halifax International Pow-Wow* from Friday, July 1, to Sunday, July 3, 2011. The pow-wow was again held at The Halifax Common.

Halifax’s random weather held-up for the three day celebration where visitors enjoyed sunshine, traditional drumming, singing, and dancing competitions. The free family event featured a vendor marketplace where traditional and modern First Nations crafts and products were sold, pow-wow competitions in drumming and dancing for all ages, and an interactive village with teepees, craft-making, story-telling, medicines and games. A new addition to this year’s events was *Dinner In a Teepee* with local chief Ray Bear. At night, the teepees, a prominent feature of Membertou 400, again illuminated The Common with beautiful and vibrant colours that delighted passers-by.


(Above) Project Fund Committee members discuss submitted funding proposals.

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(Above) Grand Entry of Mawiomi 2011.

**Office Closures**

Tripartite Forum office will be closed on the following date for holiday:

- Monday, September 5, for Labour Day.

Tripartite will be open on Tuesday, September 6, for regular business hours.
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Upcoming Meetings and Events

July

- Justice Committee on Thursday, July 14, at The Confederacy of Mainland Mi’kmaq boardroom in Truro, NS.

August

- Project Fund Committee on Thursday, August 11, at The Confederacy of Mainland Mi’kmaq boardroom in Truro, NS.
- Sports & Recreation on Thursday, August 25, in Wagmatcook, NS.

September

- Economic Development on Thursday, September 15.
- Education on Tuesday, September 20, at The Confederacy of Mainland Mi’kmaq Boardroom in Truro, NS.
- Culture and Heritage on Wednesday, September 21 in Pictou Landing, NS.
- Social on Thursday, September 22, at The Glooscap Heritage Centre in Truro, NS.
- Steering on Tuesday, September 27, in Indian Brook, NS.
- Health on Thursday, September 29.

All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. For more information, please visit the Tripartite Forum website calendar at www.tripartiteforum.com/calendar.

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.

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