



Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc.

Executive Director Report

2005-2006

This past year was a year of considerable expectations and sadness as to what would be done to support First Nations Strategies by the federal government. The month of November in the last days of the Liberal government appeared to be a turning point with new directions.

Before November, work progressed along with considerable cooperation and support of government and work by the national organization, the AFN, with input from all regions in the country. A series of commitments by the Prime Minister were made to invest over five billion dollars in additional funding toward a series of First Nations priorities detailed in a wide array of documents developed in partnership with the Premiers and Prime Minister in Kelowna, British Columbia on November 24 & 25, 2006. Just days before the first Ministers meeting in Kelowna, a settlement package for residential schools survivors was also announced.

A federal election was then held and the Conservative party was elected with a minority government leader, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and new Minister of Indian Affairs, Jim Prentice. Between November and March, the transition period for the new government left all political parties and First Nations in the dark as to the future plan and objectives of the new Harper Government. It became clear that the Conservative Party did not accept the Liberal agenda and began to work on their own strategy to address First Nation issues. Many had expectations that the Conservatives would support the Kelowna meeting targets. First Nations hoped that the Conservatives would act to address priority issues, create policies and make expenditures to address the serious funding gaps in programs and services provided to First Nations across Canada.

Instead, the Conservative government was silent on any whether it intended to address First Nations issues and concerns but it did assure all Canadians their agenda would be detailed on the upcoming Speech from the

Throne which details the specific government priorities and focus. However, the April Speech from the Throne made little or no mention of First Nation issues or concerns or any federal response.

Over the year, our member Chiefs met 7 times and the APC Executive committee members met 7 times as well. The Chiefs adopted 22 resolutions which are posted on the APC website. The website was revamped and updated over the year to provide current relevant information to First Nation communities across the region. A new calendar of events and a new format and search feature in the website allows the public to access all information posted to the website.

Our member Chiefs have continued to pursue the critical priorities of the communities and to secure the various commitments of government to improve conditions in all communities. The Chiefs focused on key priorities identified by all the communities. They included housing, health, education, economic development and social reform. These big issues continue to be the focus but all issues are only addressed as they emerge at various times through the All Chiefs forums and concerns raised by individual Chiefs and communities.

The Chiefs of the APC Executive conducted joint sessions with regional officials of the Dept. of Indian Affairs and Health Canada to more clearly focus attention on regional issues, concerns and priorities of the Chiefs. Additionally, the joint sessions provided an opportunity for federal officials to detail the wide array of initiatives or priorities of the new government. These sessions also allow for informal discussions to occur on a wide range of issues, and concerns and it allows regional staff to hear directly from Chiefs, the various issues facing communities. The process is based on information exchange and discussions on potential ways to work or pursue various issues affecting communities. Some issues that have emerged from discussions include reporting, government



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accountability, health services and funding gaps as well as communications issues and concerns.

In housing, efforts were made early in the year to inform all communities of funding and the process to access various new initiatives put forth by DIAND and CMHC. APC hosted a regional workshop in May and a regional Housing technician meetings was held in June which focused on getting more detailed information to all First Nations in the region. Concerns were raised by the housing technicians that related to the interim allocations and Ministerial Loan Guarantee eligibility. A key objective was to ensure allocations were provided sooner so communities could plan and make decisions before winter construction. Many issues emerged as ideas toward new approaches for dealing with housing and housing delays. First Nation organizations felt a better approach was needed to achieve better results for communities housing.

In health, the various committees that operated under the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Atlantic Health Board (MMAHB) collapsed from seventeen into three. The three joint FNIHB and First Nation committees met regularly to discuss various health related issues/programs. This change was intended to help integrate the work of all health staff in all health areas and promote necessary improvements in

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policy, program design and delivery. The increasing lack of time and the new programs being introduced provided considerable strain on all participants of all committees. In December, the MMAHAB and all directors of FINHB Atlantic held a joint session to review and update all work being done on all initiatives in the region. The volume of information and wide range of activities clearly demonstrated the need for all to focus on specific priorities and results. Critical issues related to the new programs and ongoing reviews. Reductions in Non-Insured Health Benefits continue to be barriers to real improvements in health at the community level. Health Canada is increasing the level of expertise to run new programs will limit growth of needed First Nation human resources and funding needed at the community level. New money comes with the new rules and criteria which limits how and what communities can direct health expenditures.

A serious issue which emerged was the growing cost of NIHB services being paid by communities and not by FNIHB. New policies and directions have forced First Nations to request reimbursement for cost previously covered by FNIHB. The range of services and ineligible costs and new barriers created were to be part of the research study started by APC on Prescription drugs. The study was well underway by the end of the fiscal year and was to be completed by the end of the summer. The regional health conference in January was another

successful event that allowed Chiefs and communities to recognize the contributions and work done by our people in the region in the area of health. APC staff continued to work on the nursing policy project to provide tools need to improve nursing practices across the region one community at a time.

As part of a national and regional process, APC staff were involved with First Nations and provinces to create provincial health blueprints in three Atlantic Provinces. The blueprints clearly reconfirmed First Nation priorities and areas of the focus to address First Nations' needs in communities.

In regards to education, APC continues to be involved in the area of curriculum development and treaty education. Treaty education and intercultural forum continue to be the way to further treaty dialogue. APC produced a new educational tool called 'Meeting our Nations,' a Treaty video that was completed this year and provided to all Chiefs and communities. The video is a key new tool to help raise awareness and understanding. Treaty Education sessions were also held in partnership with Eastlink and Rogers cable which have increased visibility and awareness of treaty issues to the wider general public.

Demonstrating the success and results of federal investments after the Marshall decisions was a key focus of efforts of the APC fisheries staff this year. We saw an enhancement of revenues and jobs and access provided to communities. APC staff and Chiefs made various presentations to senior government officials, politicians and Ministers in an effort to continue to secure ongoing support and investment in our communities. The evolution and implementation of our regional economic rebuilding strategy continues to be very visible and changes are being made in all the communities. There are six elements of the strategy and the need for continued investment is a key to continued progress and positive outlook for communities. The training education and development of the Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Officers Network (AAEDN) members continued this year as well. This training initiative is supported financially by ACOA and the network by DIAND. The long term

objective is to have all AAEDN members fully certified economic development officers (via CANDO) and can more fully support the work of their communities and the regional strategy. The Regional Project Review Committee (RPRC) got a new name this year and it is now called the Regional Program Management Advisory Committee (RPMAC) and focuses on the delivery of the new DIAND programs to support economic development and business projects from communities and business people.

APC fisheries staff continued to build on creating the network of First Nation coordinators through coordinating various workshops over the year. The development of a Fisheries Information system, as a best practice between communities has been the focus of efforts to ensure there is a safe and successful fishery for various communities.

Pathfinders/ANCAP staff continued to provide advice and support to communities to access new programs and opportunities regarding energy and energy use. Our staff were involved with various communities to make plans a reality and to help communities to connect to appropriate funding on programs.

This year APC also began work on assisting Residential schools survivors and raising awareness about the alternative dispute resolution process put forward by government. APC staff focused on providing accurate information to survivors in various sessions in communities. After November, the focus was to explain the settlement deal reached. Our staff spent their time getting information to all survivors in a timely manner and creating a network of contacts so information or updates could be provided on an on-going basis.

With regard to social reform, the development of a social data network continued over the year. Critical partnerships were established with provinces and communities to support efforts. By the end of the year the system was ready to move forward to implementation in pilot communities. In the implementation, various issues related to data privacy, security and First nation level training were identified and needed to be addressed so the project could be completed and the network could be used at the First Nations level.

In community planning, APC continued to advocate on its importance as well as advocate for new First Nations to get involved in the process. DIAND and Dalhousie University continued to provide support and training to communities involved in the development of plans and the implementation.

More details and updates on any of APC's priorities and initiatives can be found on APC's website at www.apcfn.ca or by contacting our office at 1-877-667-4007.



above: John G. Paul, Reg Crosby and Chief Susan Levi-Peters

left: Earl Commanda (AFN) and John G. Paul, Nelson Solomon (UNBI)



Health Report

Executive Summary: APC Annual Health Report 2005-2006

The Mi'kmaq/Maliseet Atlantic Health Board (MMAHB) was created to ensure that all First Nations people in the Atlantic region have a health status that is comparable to all Canadians. MMAHB was designed to improve the health status of Atlantic First Nations through co-management of federal health programs and services. Co-management is defined here as an open, fair and respectful discussion, collaborative planning and decision-making related to Atlantic First Nations health programs and services. This will require the identification of shared priorities and overall strategic objectives for the effective delivery of regional health services.

MMAHB Meeting Dates

May 16th, 2005 Location: Dartmouth, NS
 August 31st, 2005 Location: Moncton, NB
 November 30th, 2005 Location: Dartmouth, NS

A fourth MMAHB meeting was scheduled for February 13th, 2006. Due to conflicting schedules this last meeting was not able to be scheduled in this fiscal year.

APC Joint Health Meeting

December 1st & 2nd, 2005 Location: Dartmouth, NS

A special assembly was called for, with the APC Executive Chiefs, MMAHB Chiefs, and Health Canada Directors to discuss the following issues.

1. HC Program Directives Updates
2. HC Accountability-Program Budgets
3. Program Workplan Development FN Involvement
4. Program Evaluation/ Performance Indicators
5. Health Canada Strategic Plans
6. Emergency Planning
7. National / Regional Frameworks
8. NIHB Program
9. Upstream Investments-New Programs
10. Communications
11. Aboriginal Health Blueprints

Child & Youth Committee

The Child & Youth Committee (CYC) was created as part of the health committee restructuring activities. The Child & Youth committee is the amalgamation of the Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Aboriginal Headstart, Injury Prevention, Maternal Child Health and Health Careers. The purpose of the committee is as follows:

1. To work in collaboration and partnership with the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Innu and Inuit people of the Atlantic Region to identify effective approaches to the delivery of Children & Youth programs.
2. To support community health programs, special projects and initiatives.

Meeting Date:

May 3rd, 2005 Location: Dartmouth, NS
 November 9th-10th, 2005 Location: Lennox/ Abgeweit, PEI
 January 20th, 2006 Location: Dartmouth, NS

Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

June 28th, 2005 Location: Moncton, NB
 November 22nd, 2005 Location: Moncton, NB

General Child & Youth Committee Activities:

5 Face to face meetings held since the start of the committee February 2005 and 2 conference calls. Sub committees have been struck to do proposal reviews as required.

The Terms of Reference have been revised to include the Maternal Child Health (MCH) program. Health Careers is going to change into the Health Human Resources Initiative and will no longer hold a seat on the C&Y committee. Barbara Broom, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Mental Health Child and Youth have been invited to join the committee (June 2006).

Maternal Child Health:

- a) Overview of program provided to committee October 2005;
- b) January 2006 committee developed criteria for proposal review;
- c) April 2006 feedback from committee was received on the proposal template and the process for the proposal writing workshop;
- d) Proposal writing workshop hosted by APC May 23-24th, 2006 in Moncton;
- e) Call for proposals were sent out May 29th, 2006. Proposals are due by June 30th. MCH proposals to be reviewed by a sub-committee of the HAC Child and Youth;
- f) Awaiting the approval of our workplan and the release of our funds by National.

FASD:

- a) Have received proposal with a value of 1.3M dollars. Awaiting approval of workplan at Headquarters and the releases of our allocation. Last year our allocation was \$467, 810. Proposal review to commence once official notification received in the office that the funding has been released by HQ;

- b) FASD Nurse to start June 15th, 2006. Will also cover the Injury Prevention file.

Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve

Activity in the past 12-18 months has been largely focused upon the Early Learning and Child Care initiative. ELCC funding was distributed as follows:

- a) Funded engagement sessions in September in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ;
- b) In combination with other funds, funds were distributed to AHSOR sites in the region for capital equipment and enhancements; \$455,529.00 was apportioned by a sub-committee of the HAC Child and Youth Committee;
- c) AHSOR/Daycare Conference. Spanning 4 days, the site staff attended workshops including workplanning, curriculum development, special needs, injury prevention and proposal writing;
- d) Supported the development of a self-regulated licensing board for regional First Nation Day Cares and AHSOR sites.

Funding this fiscal year for capital improvements and enhancements, additional training, and continued work to support the licensing initiative is currently pending.

Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program:

Needs Assessment developed by nutritionist was reviewed by the committee May 2006. Needs Assessment district early June. Feedback to be used to build regional workplan and to determine resource needs of the communities related to CPNP and nutrition activities.

Injury Prevention:

Awaiting workplan approval and release of budget, last year received 110K. Most of the funds used to pay for nurse coordinator. Looking at doing a fall call for proposals for small IP unintentional injury focus. Also looking for interested communities to do a surveillance project (fall start).



Health Conference Award Recipients



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Chief Sandy Googoo and Noreen Copage

Health Careers:

- a) Funding for FY 2006-07 is approximately 90,000;
- b) Letters went out to communities with a deadline of March 31;
- c) Received applications from 13 communities/ organizations;
- d) This involved 42 students;
- e) Within this group there were high school (grade 12) and community college students that we were not able to fund;
- f) Currently we have 23 students that we are sponsoring - total amount \$92,000. We are waiting for information on two more students. The amount could be \$100,000 in total;
- g) The program will eventually move to the Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative which is currently looked after by Leila Gillis and Tryna Booth;
- h) Other initiatives include work with the First Nations Help Desk in the development of a web site www.nativehealthcareers.ca

Primary Health Care & Public Health Care Committee (PHCPHC)

The Primary Health Care & Public Health Care Committee (PHCPHC) was created as part of the health committee restructuring activities. The PHCPHC committee is the amalgamation of the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative, Home & Community Care, Environment Health, Nursing, Immunization, NIHB, E-Health and CDC. The purpose of the committee is the following:

1. To work in collaboration and partnership with the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Innu and Inuit people of the Atlantic Region to identify effective approaches to the delivery of Primary Health Care & Public Health Care programs;

2. To support community health programs, special projects and initiatives.

Meeting Date:

May 16th, 2005 Location: Truro, NS
 October 13th & 14th, 2005 Location: Elsipogtog, NB
 January 30th, 2006-06-27 Location: Fredericton, NB

PHCPHC General Activities Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative

September 2005 – Evaluation & Planning Workshop

- Approximately 70 community health workers attended to review past 5 years of the initiative and to make recommendations for the next 5 years
- Summary report/recommendations presented to MMAHB and approved
 - Diabetes Community Consultants Annual Community Health Workers Diabetes Education Workshop
 - Staffing Regional Nutritionist.....Regional Physical Activity Specialist
 - Diabetes Retreat – cultural diabetes education for diabetics/pre-diabetics
 - Capacity Building – Community Health Workers (Pilot Project through National Office)
- Summary report sent to participants

November 2005 – Community Health Worker's Diabetes Education Workshop

- Approximately 70 participants – CHNs, HCNs, CHRs, Nutritionists, HDs
- Variety of educational topics – Capacity Building, Nutrition, Diabetes Mental Wellness, Pharmacology, Heart Health
- Very positive feedback
- Planning underway for November 2006 workshop

Conference Attendance

- Canadian Diabetes Association Conference - Sponsored 4 DCCs + 3 CHNs
- National Aboriginal Diabetes Association Conference – Sponsored 1 DCC + 1 teacher from Membertou to attend and provide presentation; 1 CHN

Home & Community Care

- Funding extended 2005 – 2010 @ \$90M nationally resulting in community funding remaining the same
- \$71K for Nursing Retention – provided to communities
- \$165K – Regional HCC Manager
- Challenges remain trying to integrate HCC & INAC Adult Care program
- National Evaluation of Long Term Care – MB/Quebec
- Continuing Care Survey Research completed nationally with aim to identify gaps, learn about level of implementation & funding, institutions On-Reserve, policy development

Chief Stewart Paul



Environmental Health

- Food Handling & Safety Courses available through FNIHB
- 1 day; on demand; -no community cost – developing testing for certification recognition
- National Basic Course – full day training; \$30 – supplies & materials
- Day Care Training Package – on demand; no cost; test completed at end of course for certification
- Eel Ground videos shared with committee – Indoor Air Quality/West – Nile
- Community Based Water Monitor's Training
- Draft – 'Environmental Health Elements – Risk Categorization and Priorities' – identifies services available through Environmental Health

Communicable Disease Control/Emergency Preparedness

- Templates provided to communities for year end CDC/Emergency Planning reports
- 4 All Hazards Emergency Planning Preparedness workshops held
- CDC Nurse Manager & Public Health Emergency Nurse Coordinator hired – build better relationships with local public health departments and support to communities. Aim to hire addition PHEN based in Fredericton
- Staffing transition of Immunization Coordinator and TB/HIV Coordinator from Nursing & Wellness Directorate to CDC/Emergency Preparedness
- Funding to UNSI, UNBI, CMM, & MCPEI to hire Community Health Emergency Planners to support communities in the development of Emergency Health Plans
- Continued efforts to work with INAC who is to have the lead for Emergency Planning



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FNIHB Nursing

- CNS, Youth Mental Health staffed
- Additional staffing as identified through Child & Youth Committee
- Nursing Policy Project – completed; disks provided to communities; follow up focus groups underway

NIHB

- Presentations provided related to
 - Methadone travel
 - Prescription Drug Abuse & Misuse Project
 - NIHB data – review aggregate data for each community
 - Prevention & promotion education
 - Ottawa NIHB – reviewing data of high users/prescribers
 - \$ to hire additional pharmacist to work in team environment and work with communities

Presentations Provided

- Nursing Policy Project
- Occupational Therapy Project
- Aboriginal Blueprint
- NB Kidney Symposium Summary
- INAC Emergency Planning
- FNIHB Strategic Planning

Future Plans

- Update from eHealth Solutions & Pandemic Planning
- NS Kidney Symposium

Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee was created as part of the health committee restructuring activities. The Wellness committee is the amalgamation of the Addictions, Brighter Futures, Building Health Communities, Tobacco Strategy, National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Strategy and Residential Schools. The purpose of the committee is as follows:

1. To work in collaboration and partnership with the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Innu and Inuit people of the Atlantic Region to identify effective approaches to the delivery of Wellness programs;
2. To support community health programs, special projects and initiatives.

Meeting Dates:

June 27th 2005	Location: Dartmouth, NS
September 19th, 2005	Location: Moncton, NB
December 1st, 2005	Location: Truro, NS
February 21st, 2006	Location: Moncton, NB

Atlantic Co-Chairs Committee:

With the formation of the three committees (wellness, primary public and child & youth) and Co-Chairs Committee was established to ensure ongoing communication between the committees/ programs and projects. One meeting was held March 1st, 2006 in Dartmouth, NS.

2006 Annual Mi'kmaq Maliseet Atlantic Health Conference

The 2006 Annual Mi'kmaq/ Maliseet Health Conference was held on January 26th-27th, 2005 at the Delta Fredericton in Fredericton, NB. This year's conference was a huge success with over 400 participants attending. Participants came from all sectors of the health spectrum to attend this event. This year's theme was "Healing, Helping, Holding, Honoring Future Generations"

This year's conference occurred over a two-day span and was broken down into 22 small concurrent workshops and two full group sessions. The following workshops were held during the conference:

- Adult Health Psychology (Large Plenary)
- Chronic Care – Alzheimer, Arthritis, MS, Kidney Disease (Large Plenary)
- Influenza to Pandemic Influenza
- Healthy Eating for Elders
- NAYSPS & Home & Community Care
- Atlantic Diabetes Program
- Elder Abuse
- Residential School
- Culturally Appropriate Palliative Care
- Elder Injury Prevention
- Healthy Medication Use
- Caregiver Boundary Setting
- Elders' Involvement in Community Health
- Elders' Mental Health
- Elders' Grieving
- Cancer Care
- Menopause
- Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Nursing Policy
- Healthy Living For Elders
- Environmental Health

Honoring Our People Banquet

Each year the health conference organizes a banquet that honors individuals for their dedication and hard work in the field of health. This year we provided three different awards.

- Appreciation Awards,
- Chief Michael Augustine Awards,
- Elders Awards.

This year's recipients of the Chief Michael Augustine Award were:

1. Chief Candace Paul, St. Mary's First Nation,
2. Nelson Solomon, Union of New Brunswick,
3. Sally Johnson, Union of Nova Scotia.

(l to r) Vicki Augustine, Chief Candace Paul and Chief Noah Augustine

FNITCS Smoke Free Policies-Planning & Implementation Project

Project Activities:

- Researched and compiled existing First Nations and Inuit non-smoking policies from across Canada;
- Developed and rolled out a questionnaire to assist in the evaluation of the effectiveness of existing policies;
- Developed workshop materials;
- Coordinated and delivered two non-smoking policy workshops in the Atlantic:
 - October 11th & 12th, 2006 Halifax, NS
 - October 18th & 19th, 2005 St. Mary's First Nation, NB;
- Developed and prepared a workbook on policy development for each workshop participant; and
- Prepared an evaluation of the project, with information gathered on an on-going basis, as a component of the final report.

APC Prescription Drug Project:

To assist the Atlantic First Nations capturing data and creating community based recommendations related to prescription drugs and the NIHB program.

Project Activities:

- Compare the NIHB DBL to other public drug plans across the country;
- Review recent additions to and deletions from the DBL over the past 2-4 years;
- Review the process for additions and deletions from the DBL;
- National P & T Committee,
- NIHB review process for acceptance of P & T recommendations,
- Quantify the amount of money spent by bands for medications and non-funded health services;
- To identify the various sources for payments by first nations;
- To identify those specific payments that are benefits under the NIHB DBL;
- Provide NIHB Navigation Services to FN on critical cases identified;





Health Report Continued



Elder Margaret Labillois

Occupational Therapy Project

Project between Dalhousie University - Occupational Therapy Department and APC. Plans are to conduct a research study that will help determine community needs in this area. Proposal to the Atlantic Aboriginal Health Regional Group is almost completed and plans are to submit it by the end of June, 2006. Mr. Reg Urbanowski – Associate Professor, is the main contact person at Dalhousie University.

Cultural Competency Project

Funding was received for a project through APC for developing a Culture Competency Project. An Elder's Advisory Committee was formed and three meetings were held – March, May and June, 2006. The project will produce a draft Orientation Manual for new employees, a Series of Pamphlets that teach about different cultural practices, and a Mi'kmaq & Maliseet Resource Guide. It is planned to seek further funding to finalize all these documents and have copies available for distribution to interested parties through APC Web Site and Mail.

APC Prescription Drug Project (cont'd):

- Develop data collection tool for communities to collect prescription drug (pharmacy) expense information on a regular and ongoing basis;
- Develop a survey tools to capture the community members general experiences with NIHB services;
- Analysis of each FN community NIHB service quality survey;
- Make recommendations to decrease the amount paid by First Nations now and for the future.

APC also participated in two forums that were designed to assist communities in developing interventions for the escalating misuse/abuse of prescription drugs within the first nation communities.

November 8th & 9th, 2005	Unamaki Prescription Drug Forum
March 28th & 29th, 2006	UNBI Prescription Drug Forum

Mi'kmaq Health Research Group (MHRG)

Several meeting were held throughout the year. Focus was on completing the Longitudinal Health Survey. Fred Wein and Charolette Loppie provided updates of the translated data. At year end the MHRG provided support of the draft report. Plans for the new fiscal year, is a group refocus that includes revising the Terms of Reference to potentially open the membership to all Mi'kmaq/Maliseet of the Atlantic. Dalhousie University wishes to enhance admission of Aboriginal Students into the Health Science Field. They have recently established a committee for this purpose and hope to keep MHRG involved to help provide direction.



Injury Prevention

Attended a National Injury Prevention Conference held at the Westin Halifax in November. Attended as a participant and presenting in a workshop entitled Aboriginal Suicide - Wholistic Understanding. An abstract of my presentation was submitted for approval by the conference planning committee.

Elders Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy and Raymond Tremblay

Health Integration Initiative: Nursing Policy Project

The Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations has been working on a Collaborative Nursing Policy Project under the Health Integration Initiative. Deborah Vandewater, RN, MN, GNC has the Project Coordinator. The project began January 2005 and was completed in March 2006.

The purpose of the project was to develop a Framework of Policies, Clinical Guidelines and other tools First Nations' Community Health Registered Nurses to better meet needs of First Nations through:

- Support and supervision for RN's by their band employers;
- The maintenance of RN competencies and,
- Clear direction for profession decision making.
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Community Health Nurses;
- To formalize how First Nations' employed RNs relate to FNIHB and provincial/ regional nursing staff through a collaborative process with First Nation Inuit Health Branch the Provincial regulatory bodies (CRNNS/NANB) and the Provincial Departments;
- Evaluation of project & products.

Two Policy Manual Guidelines were created for First Nations Band Employed Registered Nurses. (Nova Scotia & New Brunswick) The policy manuals covered address the following Areas:

- Professional Responsibility and Accountability
- Professional Practice
- Health Protection
- Health Promotion
- Administration
- Human Resources

National/ Regional Aboriginal Health Blueprint Framework

Each Province/Territory was tasked with the development of a regional submission that was feed into the National Aboriginal Health Blueprint. In the Atlantic Region each of the provinces developed a regional submission.

1. Nova Scotia Regional Submission
"Providing Health Care, Achieving Health"
- New Brunswick Submission
"New Brunswick Agenda for Restoring & Improving First Nations' Health"
- PEI Submission
"National Blueprint on Aboriginal Health, Summary of Engagement Process PEI"



Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Education Initiative

The purpose of the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Education Initiative (ATREI) is to raise awareness and understanding of the Covenant Chain of Treaties and to facilitate discussions on issues related to the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy Treaties. The following is an overview of the ATREI activities for the period of April 2005 to March 2006 fiscal year.

This year, the APC staff has successfully completed 31 information sessions on Treaties these presentation were held mainly at schools, universities, and First Nation communities.

Intercultural Forums

The ATREI held three successful Intercultural Forums which were held at Elsipogtog NB, Listuguj, Quebec and Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia.

These forums were reported in the Mi'kmaq-Maliseet Nations News in the following issues; "Cross Cultural Forum Held in Elsipogtog FN" July 05, "Bringing Together Friends & Neighbors" December, 05, and "Treaty Workshop Held in Tatamagouche" October, 05.

The purpose of these forums is to build bridges between First Nation and non-First Nation communities. The Intercultural forums provide an opportunity to create a better understanding between the two cultures.

Information Kiosk

In addition, a vital part of creating awareness in terms of treaties is the information kiosk. The information kiosk provides an opportunity for people to pick up information whether it may be posters or information packages. This year, the information kiosks were situated at 13 different locations and distributed approximately 1000 Treaty information packages and 500 posters. Typically, these information kiosks are set up at powwows and conferences.

Review of Activities 2005-2006

The ATREI has had another successful and busy year in delivering information sessions to First Nations and the general public, with the main audience being students of junior high, high school and university level. Listed below is a brief overview of activities undertaken:

- 29 sessions have been conducted
- 3 Intercultural forums
- 13 Information kiosks
- Distributed approximately 1000 information packages

- Distributed approximately 500 treaty posters
- Submitted 6 articles to the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet Nation News
- Submitted ATREI status reports dated, April to August 2005, September to January 2006 and February to March 2006

"Meeting of Nations" Video Project

Background

The purpose of the treaty video project is to promote understanding of the Treaty Relationship to student as well as the general public. The video project is intended to educate; treaties are documents that are still valid, to debunk myths; treaties are not archaic.

This project was overseen by the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs and Indian and Northern Affairs, Atlantic Negotiations Team; hence a project team was created to provide input during all stages of the proposal and the development of the creative treatment and narration for script.

Project Team

- Cheryl Knockwood, Senior Policy Analyst, APC
- Norah Ward, Policy Analyst, APC
- Georgianna Barlow, Policy Analyst, APC
- Jennifer Bellman, Communications Officer, Atlantic Team, INAC
- Darrah Beaver, Claims Analyst, Atlantic Team, INAC
- Melissa Yu Schott, Communications, Atlantic Team, INAC

The APC contracted Greg Hancock, Director/Producer, Figments of Imagination, to implement the video project which involved writing the creative treatment & the narration for the script in association with Bear Paw Productions, Director/Interviewer came on board to assist with this project.

Figments of Imagination Inc. – Greg Hancock, Producer, has a 20 year experience in television, video and film production, including numerous projects involving partnership between First Nation, Inuit groups, governments and NGO

Bear Paw Productions – Brian Francis, Producer, specializes in the promotion of First Nations culture through music and television. A First Nations owned and operated Production Company. Bear Paw Productions has produced a First Nations documentary series called Eastern Tide.

Phase I - 2004 – 2005

- Provided names/contacts that will give input into the development of creative treatment & script;
- Project team compiled key messaging for video treatment;

- Project team met on June 10th, 2004 - creative treatment meeting for script;
- Project team provided background information for content of treatment;
- Project team provided a list of potential interviewees for video;
- Project team met on October 7th, 2004 – approval for creative treatment;
- Project team met on October 27th – finalize creative treatment;
- Draft video script was dispatched to reviewers outside the Project team for input & comments;
- Video script finalized – Project team reviewed and submitted recommendations and edits;

Phase II - 2005 – 2006

- Pre-interviews conducted with key experts via telephone;
- Taping conducted as follows:
 - Membertou Corporate office, Halifax – July 25 & 26, 2005
 - Lennox Island, Cultural Centre, PEI – July 27, 2005
 - Union of NB Indian office, Fredericton, NB July 29, 2005
 - Canadian Museum of Civilization, Ottawa – August 2, 2005
- Project team reviewed narration/interviews;
- Draft narration/interviews dispatched to reviewers outside the Project team;
- The narration, Bernie Francis (Narrator) for the Meeting of Nations took place in various locations around the Halifax Regional Municipality-December 2005;
- Review of rough cut of video; also provided to outside reviewers-February 2005;
- Two copies of the final program on DVD were provided on March 2006.
- The Atlantic Policy Congress has copyright of "Meeting of Nations" video;



Treaty Rights Education Continued

Raising Awareness on EastLink Television

Norah Ward, APC

The Aboriginal & Treaty Rights Education Initiative, provided by the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs, recently hosted a one hour live call-in show on EastLink Television called “Mi’kmaq Treaty Relations . . . Looking Forward” on March 15th, 2006.

The show was hosted by Georgianna Barlow, APC, an experience, she says she’ll never forget “raising awareness about First Nations and issues surrounding the socio-economic conditions on reserves is something that is not well know” the show provided an opportunity to share that information to the viewing audience through out Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Also during this show, Ted Nolan provided a very important message to the viewing audience, encouraging youth to achieve their educational goals and on the flip side, Ted Nolan stressed the importance of non-First Nations to education themselves about First Nations people and culture “we have emotions, we have feelings and we have hurts and wants like everyone else” stated Mr. Nolan.

“Mi’kmaq Treaty Relations . . . Looking Forward” was joined by youth guest, Jaime Battiste, Lecturer at Cape Breton University and Mimiges Tomer, St. Thomas University, BA, each eloquently explaining the importance of educating the public and provided key insights into the importance of education for First Nation youth and

current conditions on reserve with respect to unemployment, underemployment and how these issues need to be seriously addressed.

In a report recently published by the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs, indicates that the First Nation population is growing faster compared to the rest of Atlantic region.

Jaime Battiste explained that statistically, First Nation people are “living below the poverty line” and that what we have gained so far from treaties . . . has provided economic opportunities on reserves.”

“Economic development and education go hand in hand . . . if used in conjunction with treaty rights, there are a lot of things that could be done” explained Mimiges Tomer, in terms of providing more economic stability in First Nation communities.

This show also provided an opportunity for viewer to call in and ask questions or make comments. One such person called in to highlight his concerns over the many misconceptions; that First Nations are well off and recommended that it should be “part of government to ease tension between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal so negotiation can be taken seriously” stated a Francis, a caller during the show. Bruce Wildsmith, Lead Negotiator, Kwilmuk Maw-Klusuaqn, also provided insight into the implementation



Georgianna Barlow, Jaime Battiste and Mimiges Tomer at the EastLink studio in Truro, Nova Scotia.

of the constitutionally protected rights for the Mi’kmaq in Nova Scotia.

“The fundamental principal everyone recognizes at the table is the process is about reconciliation. Reconciliation is an important goal . . . to put these rights into a modern context” stated Bruce Wildsmith.

We are living during interesting times and we are Looking Forward to reconciling Mi’kmaq Treaty Relations for our future generations.



Gros Morne National Park staff – Cheryl Knockwood, Senior Policy Analyst and Norah Ward gave a presentation to Parks Canada staff during their orientation and training session on June 23, 2005. Maggie John, Aboriginal Affairs Coordinator, PC organized the cultural awareness component of this training.



Treaty Rights Education Continued



right: Chief Jeff Tomah from Woodstock, NB

far right: Norah Ward, APC, presents a Mi' kmaq basket to Ted Nolan, Head Coach for the Moncton Wildcats, in appreciation for his contribution in raising awareness on EastLink Television on March 15th, 2006.



Aboriginal & Treaty Rights Education Initiative Summary of Information sessions April 2005 to March 2006

Location	Date	# of participants
St. Thomas University, F'ton, NB	April 1, 2005	20
Lockeport Regional High School, NS	April 7, 2005	25
Bear River First Nation, NS	May 4, 2005	40
L'nui'si Conference, St.FX, Antogonish, NS	May 20, 2005	20
Victoria High School, Perth Andover, NB	June 3, 2005	150
Nova Womens' Prison, Truro, NS	June 21, 2005	25
Elsipogtog First Nation, NB	June 15 & 16, 2005	58
Gros Morne National Park, NL	June 23, 2005	23
Cross Cultural Education, Potlotek, NS	September 15, 2005	18
Conservation Council of NB, F'ton, NB	September 17, 2005	12
Dalhousie University, Hfx, NS	October 18, 2005	35
Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea School, Hfx, NS	October 19, 2005	20
St.Mary's University, Hfx, NS	October 19, 2005	20
Sugarloaf Senior High School, Campbellton, NB	October 25, 2005	60
Alaqsitew Gitpu School, Listuguj, QC	October 25, 2005	30
Alaqsitew Gitpu School, Listuguj, QC	October 25, 2005	25
Sugarloaf Senior High School, Campbellton, NB	October 26, 2005	70
Wejgwapniag School, Gesgapegiag, QC	October 26, 2005	22
Listuguj Migmag Government, Listuguj, QC	October 27, 2005	15
University of New Brunswick, F'ton, NB	October 31, 2005	20
Aboriginal Rights Coalition, Hfx, NS	November 7, 2005	25
St. Thomas University, F'ton, NB	November 7, 2005	12
Sir John A. Macdonald High School, Hfx, NS	January 19, 2005	70
Clean Nova Scotia, Dartmouth, NS	February 7, 2006	25
Morell High School, PEI	February 27, 2005	30
MAWIW Youth Conference, F'ton, NB	March 6, 2005	30
Rogers Television, F'ton, NB	March 6, 2005	N/A
Eastlink Television, Truro, NS	March 15, 2006	N/A
Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS	March 23, 2006	25



Annual Report on Economic Development

Update on the Strategy on Rebuilding the Atlantic Aboriginal Economy

The concept of the Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Developers Network (AAEDN) was developed in 2000 at a regional conference on rebuilding the Atlantic Aboriginal economy. At this conference, First Nations chiefs, the public and private sectors and other key stakeholders developed a strategy and action plan for the region. By 2001, AAEDN had been endorsed by the Atlantic Chiefs to implement the strategy.

Since that time, AAEDN has been instrumental to ensuring that progress is made on the strategy, building skills and knowledge among economic development officers in the Atlantic region, and developing a network of economic development professionals in the region. Secretariat support has been provided by the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat Inc., the policy, research, and advocacy secretariat for 33 Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy communities in Atlantic Canada.

As AAEDN continues to establish itself as a forum for Aboriginal economic development professionals from Aboriginal communities, an important part of this process is to look at a vision for AAEDN. To catalyze this process, AAEDN members undertook a visioning discussion.

AAEDN Visioning Process

The AAEDN visioning process took place on March 30, 2006 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The purpose of the process was to develop and clarify a long term vision for AAEDN. John Paul, Executive Director of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Inc., and Todd Hoskins, Chief Executive Officer for Ulnooweg Development Group Inc., provided a context and a framework for the discussions. As well, participants received an overview of the Community Economic Advisory Team Ontario (CEATO) and the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Economic Development Commission so that they could be aware of other regional structures and approaches and as a tool to foster the discussions for the day.

right: (L to R) — Cheryl Knockwood, Penny Polchies (Ulnooweg), Oasoeg Milliea (APC), and Cheryl Keats (DIAND)

far right: (L to R) – Oasoeg Milliea (APC), AFN Regional Chief for NS/Nfld. Rick Simon, Chief Terry Paul (Membertou), Cheryl Keats (DIAND), Matt McGuire (Lennox Island), Cheryl Knockwood (APC) & Todd Hoskin (above) from Ulnooweg

In small groups, economic development officers discussed the vision with the following questions to prompt discussions:

- 1) What is our future vision for AAEDN, e.g.
 - a. How do we picture the organization in 10 years when we are functioning at our optimum?
 - b. What is AAEDN's role in the future? How will it carry out its work?
- 2) What is AAEDN's current role and how does it complement current First Nation provincial economic development initiatives?
- 3) Are AAEDN's Terms of Reference still relevant or do they need modification?

Plenary discussions also took place to further explore a vision for AAEDN.

AAEDN Vision

The vision for AAEDN is inextricably linked with the building of the Aboriginal economy in the Atlantic region. At this session, the economic development officers began the discussion of how AAEDN should play a role in this context both in the present and in the future. A good beginning was made, but the visioning process is dynamic and will need further discussions and input from other key players such as the Aboriginal leadership. The discussion is also complex as there are many factors to consider about AAEDN and its role in the context of a quickly changing Aboriginal economic development landscape, and in the context of the self-government process.

Next Steps

Currently, AAEDN works under the umbrella of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs and its work can be supported in this format. At this point in the visioning process, there is agreement on the aforementioned areas outlined in this document. However, more time is needed to think about and discuss whether having AAEDN function under the umbrella of the Atlantic

Policy Congress will continue to be the best approach.

As Aboriginal people move towards self-determination, there will be a need for our own institutions and AAEDN could be the avenue by which to practice self-government in the economic arena. However, setting up an independent organization will require more administration, with the impact that it will require a greater portion of the economic development funds for the region to be used on maintaining the infrastructure of the organization. It will also require that AAEDN's terms of reference be revised.

In its current format, these costs can be minimal as AAEDN is part of an existing infrastructure. A further exploration on the cost-benefit of developing a separate organization is needed, as well as the optimal position of AAEDN in the context of self-government.

This discussion requires the input of the Aboriginal leadership regionally and nationally, as well as that of other key players. The first step in undertaking this discussion will be to seek this input from the Aboriginal leadership.

- 1) Develop a plan on financial sustainability of AAEDN.
 - a) Organize AAEDN Imp. Committee which includes AAEDN members and federal agencies to discuss options and next steps.
 - b) Review and get input and Direction for AAEDN.
- 2) Organize a full 2-day AAEDN meeting to develop a plan on organizational sustainability.
 - a) Have AAEDN Imp Com develop options paper to review organizational structural options: Stand alone vs. current process to be tabled with AAEDN and Chiefs.
- 3) Organize an AAEDN Economic Summit with purpose of doing a 5 year renewal of the Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy.





Update on Residential School File

Executive Summary of Indian Residential School activities by APC April-August 2006

This report is intended to highlight the current activities undertaken by the Atlantic Policy Congress with the Indian Residential school issue for former students of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School, boarding schools, convents and Indian Day schools.

The APC has had a very productive quarter in giving information sessions to communities since April of 2006 totaling 18 sessions to approximately 300 survivors and the general public.

Background

In November of 2004, the 35 Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy Chiefs mandated the Atlantic Policy Congress to provide outreach and information to Atlantic survivors so that they would be aware of the latest issues and negotiations taking place. The goal of the APC is to organize, facilitate and encourage dialogue on options that are available for Indian Residential school survivors, one being the Alternative Dispute Resolution Process.

The APC is currently in its second year of delivering information sessions to Mi'kmaq and Maliseet survivors and the general public on the Indian Residential school issue in Canada.

Sessions Completed

Below is a list of information sessions completed since April of 2006:

- Membertou First Nation, N.S. - May 26th
- Debert, N.S. - May 27th
- Eskasoni First Nation, N.S.-June 13th
- Chapel Island First Nation, N.S.-June 14th
- Eskasoni First Nation, N.S.-June 15th
- Woodstock First Nation, N.B.-June 20th
- Eskasoni First Nation, N.S.-June 30th
- Woodstock First Nation, N.S.-July 3rd
- Eskasoni First Nation, N.S.- July 4th & 5th
- Wagmatcook First Nation, N.S.-July 6th
- Whycocomagh First Nation, N.S.-July 7th
- St. Mary's First Nation, N.B.-July 25th
- Tobique First Nation, N.B.-July 26th
- Elsipogtog First Nation, N.B.-July 27th
- Chapel Island First Nation, N.S.-July 31st
- Millbrook First Nation, N.S.-August 1st & 2nd
- Indian Brook First Nation, August 3rd
- Metepenagjag First Nation, August 10th

Information Kiosk

HEARTS of a Nation Gathering
Listuguj First Nation, Que.- June 21st-23rd

Communications

Monthly Mi'kmaq Maliseet News Articles
Quarterly reports to the Indian Residential School Resolutions Office, Ottawa
Updates to Atlantic Chiefs
Distribution of information through information sessions and mail outs

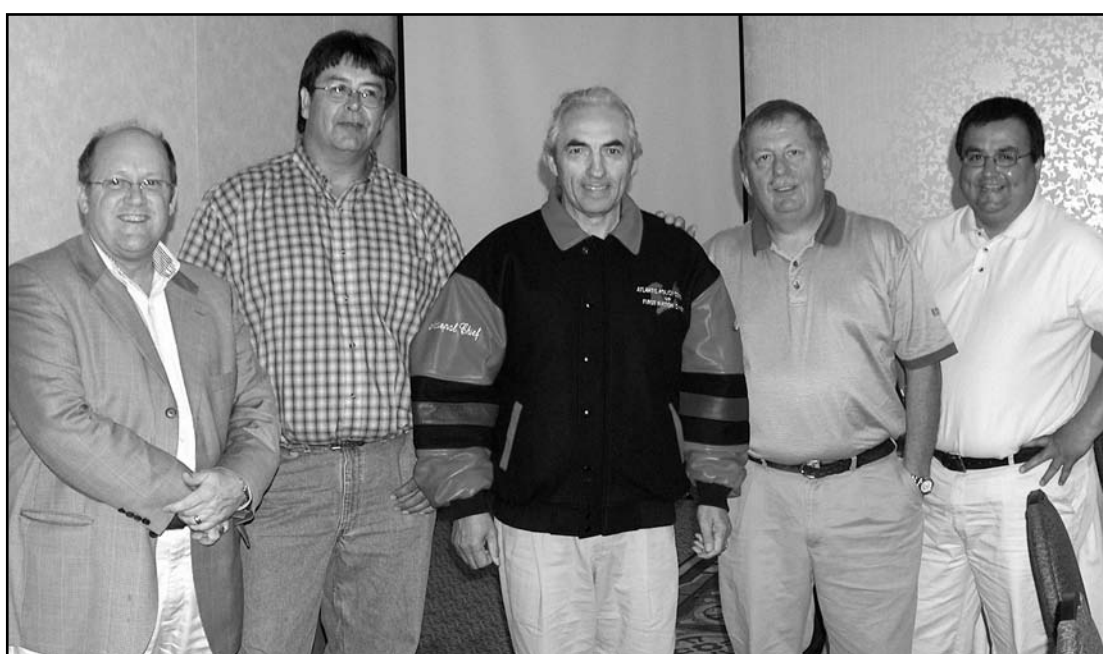
Updates

The Courts in nine jurisdictions will be reviewing the Final Settlement Agreement to ensure that it's fair and just for Indian Residential School survivors in Canada. For survivors who attended the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School, the Ontario courts will be reviewing the Final Settlement Agreement from August 29th to the 31st and will hear objections and concerns. The Atlantic Chiefs passed a resolution at their last meeting in June that since survivors had an opportunity to voice any concerns over the Final Settlement Agreement, this needed to be addressed.



Violet Paul and Georgianna Barlow - APC

right (l to r): Former Indian Affairs Minister Andy Scott, AFN Regional Chief Rick Simon, AFN National Chief Phil Fontaine, Chief Stewart Paul, John G. Paul





On-Reserve Liaison Housing Committee

Final Report: March 31, 2006

The On Reserve Liaison Housing Committee continues to focus on a workplan which addresses the priority areas identified by the Senior Housing Committee. There were three meetings in 2005/06, June, October, and a special meeting in November.

The main focus for this year was the future of ORLC, Housing Allocations, and building First Nation Capacity.

On-Reserve Housing Committee Meeting Summaries

Wagmatcook First Nation Culture and Heritage Center

Wagmatcook, NS
June 15 & 16, 2005

The ORLC held an expanded meeting in June in Wagmatcook. Due to the fact that the subject matter was an increase in housing allocations and how to allocate them, all the Housing Directors in the region were invited to participate. This meeting was held to answer questions surrounding the new anticipated housing allocations. The ORLHC's role as mandated by the Chiefs was to work to finalize the assessment/allocation criteria – which should be simple and fair. Despite this mandate and the fact that some allocation models were developed for discussion, no consensus on a recommended model was made. It was felt that the goal of giving at least one housing unit to each of the bands should be maintained.

Prior to this meeting, the Atlantic Chiefs, via the APC, met with CMHC and INAC officials to discuss some proposed assessment criteria for housing allocations. Two resolutions were passed. The major concern was that all bands would benefit from this new program. The first resolution dealt with the Chiefs concerns regarding the new program criteria. The second resolution dealt with the principle that the Chiefs wanted to still ensure that all bands still received at least one housing unit and then also that the remaining units would be allocated based on the EOI and the new assessment/allocation criteria. It was agreed that the criteria that will be developed by the ORLHC should uphold principles of equity and fairness.

It was agreed in the end that Expressions of Interest would be submitted to CMHC by June 30th, 2005 and then CMHC will notionally allocate each band 1 section 95 housing unit and rest per capita; and then assessment requirements must be fulfilled by CMHC and DIAND. Then allocations would be given to the bands.

Metepenagiag Lodge

Metepenagiag, NB
October 12 & 13, 2005

The ORLC has its regular meeting in Red Bank. This meeting focused on providing updates on Housing, Energuide, Native Inspector Services, National Housing Managers Association, Auditor General's report on safe drinking water, Housing Data Survey.

Overview:

- There were issues regarding training and certification. There was a concern expressed by some members that their training certificates had no value and that some of the training is redundant. Some of the courses depending on what area you are involved in and have to be done over again for other training requirements.
- First Nations in the Atlantic who want to become Energuide delivery agents have to qualify just like any other organization who wishes to get into delivery. The issue of Insurances will not be waived.
- A presentation on Manufactured housing was done and members expressed concerns about the quality of such homes. Members felt it is really up to the industry now to correct the problems or address the issues that First Nations currently face with manufactured housing, i.e., Tobique before engaging in a future relationship with the industry. First Nations outlined their issues in the survey conducted by Mt. Allison University and stated that if the industry wants First Nations to buy more manufactured housing, then they need to improve the product. They need to fix the condemned houses.
- Foundations are a really a problem with both stick built and Manufactured homes. There is not a lot of money available for lot development so it causes people to cut corners on foundations etc. It was agreed that communications needed to be improved between the manufacturer and the First Nation.
- A discussion was held regarding the ORLHC Terms of Reference and that they needed to be changed. It was agreed that a subcommittee would meet to discuss the future role of the ORLHC and develop options for consideration.

Millbrook Band Office- Special Meeting ORLC

Millbrook, NS
November 22, 2005

The Objective of the meeting was to make recommendations on the future role and structure of the ORLC. Listed below are some key areas that were recommended.

Capacity Building

- Disband the technical training subcommittee
- First Nations have more say on training.

Future Structure of the ORLC

- Ideas - ORLHC meet two times a year and hold the regional housing workshop – depending on budget
- Members agree to participate and lead projects on the capacity building side of things.
- Disband the Senior Housing Committee, since they only meet once a year.

Option #1 – 2 OLRHC meetings, 1 regional housing meeting – CMHC paying for one FN rep from each Atlantic band

Option #2 – 2 OLRHC Meetings per year, 1 regional housing meeting – CMHC giving \$500 subsidy to offset costs of sending 1 FN rep to the regional housing meeting

Option #3 – 2 OLRHC Meetings per year, 1 regional housing meeting – everyone that attends pays a registration cost, no travel would be paid for anyone. The registration fee would help offset costs such as the meeting location, coffee/tea etc.

APC agreed to cost out the various options and report back to the Committee.

A Regional Housing Workshop Subcommittee was created to begin work on a regional workshop in 2006-07. Members that volunteered were: Helen Ward-Wakelin, Len O'neill HC, Simon Osmond APC, Pam Gloade CMHC, Darlene Marshall and Oona Cooper INAC.

Workshops, Training and Meetings

Housing Managers Workshop

Delta Beausejour, Moncton, NB
December 7 - 9, 2005

CMHC sponsored a 3 day workshop on 'The Role of the Housing Manager' and 'Policy Making.' This workshop was intended for First Nations' Housing staff who are active in the actual day to day administration of housing in their respective community. Below is a brief description of the two courses.

(a) The Role of the Housing Manager

Learners will learn the importance of effectively managing the design, development and delivery of innovative and sustainable housing programs, projects and activities in their communities. This workshop focuses on building and enhancing the capacity of Housing Managers,



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understanding the housing goals of CMHC, INAC and the community and identifying the skill sets and knowledge required of Housing Managers.

(b) Policy Making

Learners will learn the importance of developing and using effective policies to guide the management of housing programs and related activities. This workshop focuses on identifying areas where policies are needed and how to develop equitable policies that can be applied fairly and supported by community leaders and members.

Some of the comments that came out of the workshop were:

- There were First Nations at different levels; therefore some felt that the course was not useful and some felt it was helpful.
- Some First Nations felt that the outline of the course was not descriptive enough. If the course stated it was an introductory course, many First Nations would not have attended.

Energuide for Houses - Energy Evaluator Training

MacDonald Community Access Center, Moncton, NB
January 30 – February 3, 2006

CMHC and NRCAN had an agreement to provide Energuide for low income houses for both on and off reserve. In order to do this, and to build capacity within the First Nation community, CMHC provided a one week long training course to have First Nation certified energy auditors. The week consisted of:

An overview of Energuide for Houses

- Energy Efficient Retrofit
- Introductions to HOT 2XP Energy Evaluation Software
- Trial House Input
- Overview of Home Visit Procedures
- House Visits
- Blower Door Demonstrations
- Inputting Data
- Developing recommendations on results of test
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The course was the First step in having certified First Nations auditors. The Final step is for First Nations to setup 7 homes to do the energy audits. Once the homes are completed, the instructor compiles the information and results of the participants and sends it off to NRCAN for certification.

Comments:

- Because this was a new course offered to First Nations in the Atlantic, there was a lot of misunderstanding about the process and what was expected of First Nations. Many thought that the course was the only

step to certification and did not know about the 7 homes that needed to be completed before they could be certified.

- Since there were 9 First Nations who did the course and one instructor, there were concerns around timeframes to completing the homes.

Brainstorming Session on Housing

This session was facilitated by a consultant who had expertise in the area of housing – Dewey Smith. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the future role of the ORLHC, and housing in our region. Where do we want to go as a region? Government officials, AFN staff, and regional First Nation housing staff were invited to discuss the various housing interests and the strengths and weaknesses of the current landscape with a view to creating a more efficient approach to the delivery of housing and related programs and services. The complete report will be provided as soon as possible but in the meantime, a brief abstract of the discussion is provided below.

- Some of the current problems were discussed re: inspections, social housing, training, data collection/benchmarks, access to land, how we organize ourselves currently versus the future i.e., Institute, homeownership (asset care/control), authority framework. The AFN provided an overview of what is going on nationally in the area of housing.
- APC stated that we need to support a developmental process for Chiefs to have a First Nation Housing Institute for housing and infrastructure which would require a consolidated way of getting there.
- The facilitator suggested that APC take the lead in developing the capacity building strategy in our region perhaps based on a similar model. The effort should be integrated and an assessment of needs of the Housing Managers (look to orgs such as FNBOA, National Managers Association) be conducted.
- CMHC offered assistance in developing a strategy and also some deliverables for eg. on capacity building side.
- The AFN suggested that we need to put more 'meat' on the bones of this idea. It was suggested that we put a proposal together and send it to HQ. The AFN said that they would support us in this effort.
- Some First Nations have been seeking out a relationship with the province for eg. in NB. There is no municipal or provincial involvement. There was a suggestion to involve the province at the table. Most bands have municipal agreements for purchasing water, sewer services etc.
- It was suggested that in terms of training, we need housing managers/staff etc. to be able to become certified perhaps via FNBOA comparable to how the Band Economic Development officers in our region are certified via CANDO
- The biggest area that needs funding currently is 'capacity building.' How can FN better manage the housing programs. The creation of better capacity

building for Housing Managers. We need certified water plant operators.

- The AFN stated that there is a national ORLHC. It involves the AFN, CMHC and INAC. On the water matters, they do have a water management strategy as well that also involves Environment Canada and Health Canada. There is also a table being created for policy change as well as part of the Political Accord. The problem is how to get regional input. What structures exist that can provide input into this process. It is a bilateral process.
- The AFN stated that because they are in a 'new era' – and there is a priority for capacity building – need to reflect the real need – not all the money should be spent on 'bricks and mortar.' The AFN suggested that the technicians develop a strategy and bring it to the Chiefs and seek their support. The AFN would like to take over the capacity building funding/program and he would like to allocate it to the regions. The spent a lot of money and time on data collection. When they have the forum, they are gearing up for the TB submission deadline in the fall. If gov't will be investing new dollars – every region must have a regional plan in place by then. They invite participation in their national technical group – they have models and tools available for use by First Nations. What kinds of regional support needs to be in place to support capacity building? What kinds of training or technical expertise is required? The AFN has been pushing the federal gov't to say this is where funding is required. It was agreed that we need to all agree and come up with a clear path by the fall.

Housing Symposium/Workshop Subcommittee Meeting

A subcommittee was formed to develop ideas for a housing symposium for the fall. Members of the subcommittee are: Oona Cooper INAC, Len O'Neill HC, Pam Gloade CMHC, Simon Osmond APC, Darlene Marshall and Helen Ward. The main theme was on the proposed ideas around the brainstorming session held with INAC, CMHC, HC and First Nations. Ideas/themes for the symposium were:

- Best Practices
- Improving Housing Quality
- Roles & Responsibility of Chief and Council and Community
- Get the First Nation National perspective (Earl)
- First Nation Housing and Public Works Institute
- First Nation Water Management Strategy
- Audience
 - Chief or Council
 - Housing Managers
 - Maintenance Managers
- Location: Moncton, sometime in October.



Pathfinder & Aboriginal and Northern Community Action Program

The Chiefs of Atlantic Policy Congress have, from time to time, taken an active role in setting up forums where First Nations have an opportunity to discuss issues; to generate solutions to issues, and to design a go forward strategy based on these discussion. This is crucial in addressing issues as these strategies can benefit First Nation communities in the Atlantic.

The chiefs have been made aware of the growing concern over climate change due to global warming and the impacts it has on culture, traditional practices and lifestyles of First Nations in the Atlantic.

Meetings & Training

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North Shore Micmac District Council

Helen Ward-Wakelin has taken the Energuide auditors training offered in Moncton, NB. She is also a housing Inspector submitted. Helen felt it was an important part of what she does to acquire a blower door to aid in her completing the Energuide training, also since North Shore also does housing inspection for many homes within NB. Helen submitted an application to access the ANCAP regional discretionary funds to acquire a blower door. Her application was approved and she has received the funding to access the Blower doors. The purchasing of the Blower door by NSMDC was the result of the Energuide training to help in the certification of the nine trained. A little of her application was sent to the region.

UNBI

APC has been in discussions with Union of New Brunswick Indians regarding proposed projects. UNBI has been very interested in obtaining the Muquash project from DNR NB. This is a hydro project that the province was willing to give up to the city of St. John, NB. Also UNBI has been interested in Wind project and geothermal. Proposed wind project sites include St. Basile, Eel River Bar and Fort Folly. We have requested that letters of support from these bands stating that UNBI will be representing them in these projects.

Follow-up Action

- Await letter of Interest for musquash project, wind projects and geothermal.

Update

- Received letter of Interest for Renewable projects project.

Fort Folly

Fort Folly, NB

The Pathfinder met with Chief and Council members to discuss the possibility of alternative energy. A presentation on what ANCAP is about and what roles do the Pathfinder & Regional Coordinator play in the Atlantic. The Chief wanted information on the process to develop a Wind Project. Also Fort Folly was interested in pursuing a community Energy Baseline audit.

Expressed interest

- Wind energy testing.
- Community Energy Planning.

Update

- Received letter of interest for Community Energy baseline audit.

Pictou Landing Health Centre

APC was contacted by Brian Lilley, who wanted APC and INAC regional rep. to meet with Chief on possible

funding opportunity for Pictou Landing's Health Centre project. APC provided Pictou Landing with many possible funding opportunities, through the Green municipal fund, HRDC, Eco-action, etc.

Objectives of Meeting

- To discuss funding possibilities for proposed projects.

Clean Nova Scotia

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

APC met with Clean Nova Scotia to develop curriculum on Climate Change, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. Clean Nova Scotia and APC have developed a draft copy, but a lot of work still needs to be done. The Pathfinder has ceased their working relationship Clean Nova Scotia due to the fact that the majority of information that needed is First Nation's component.

Update

- APC Hired a Maliseet consultant to add in the Maliseet component.
- A draft copy of the Maliseet component will be provided in the coming months.

Community Energy Baseline Audits

APC has been working with Potlotek Way Limited to identify interested communities. All communities have been identified: 4 in NB and 2 in NS. APC also had to visit with some communities who were unsure of what an audit was or what information was required from communities. All 6 baseline audits have been completed and final reports have been submitted to INAC regional coordinator.

Conclusion

- Chapel Island has completed the RETScreen analysis work.
- UPDATE on Maliseet consultation on Curriculum
- The 6 concepts outlined in education module have been translated into Maliseet. English interpretations of these concepts have begun.
- Included the Wolastuk Song with English translation. The 7 Fire Prophecy included.
- In the Medicine Wheel section, couple of wheels are included.
- 'Power' words included so that the spiritual aspect could be explained at a later date.
- Maliseet Tales might be included, sorting of the stories.



Fisheries Report

First Nations Community Support

Atlantic Policy Congress (APC) has provided ongoing support and assistance to all Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy communities whether they have or haven't signed a fisheries agreement. The secretariat has continued to play a pivotal role in supporting First Nations by providing strategic and timely advice to communities while maintaining a good working relationship with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

Community follow-ups by either phone calls or visits have taken place with almost all of the communities with regards to their fisheries. Besides follow-ups, valuable information was frequently sent to Fisheries coordinators so that they would be aware of upcoming meetings, information from those meetings and any other relevant items of importance. Fisheries coordinators in turn have provided APC with valuable information that have helped bring their concerns to the attention of DFO.

The following is a more detailed overview of the work undertaken and the achieved results.

Rawson Report

In 2000, the APC commissioned a study to determine how Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy (MMP) First Nations saw themselves moving into a more permanent role in fish harvesting and management commensurate with their treaty rights. The study took place between the time of the winning Marshall Court decision and before communities signed agreements with DFO. In 2005, the APC decided to re-visit this initial work in order to track progress. The report reflects information collected earlier in 2005 and describes a number of major considerations that First Nations and the Federal Government must face and address together in order for Atlantic First Nations to achieve a thriving and sustainable presence in fisheries harvesting, management and other fisheries related commercial activities. This study can be found in Appendix B.

Fishery Implementation Committee

A Fishery Implementation Committee has been structured in the past year to give advice and expertise on projects and initiatives being undertaken by the APC. The committee is comprised of 12 fishery directors from various First Nation communities in the Atlantic and have helped give input through frequent meetings. They are:

Lina Condo, Gesgapegiag First Nation, QC
Lance Paul, Membertou First Nation, N.S.
Wayne Denny, Pictou Landing First Nation, N.S.
Gina Brooks, St. Mary's First Nation, N.B.
Peggy Brooks, St. Mary's First Nation, N.B.
Mary Jane Peters, Elsipogtog First Nation, N.B.
Chris Milley, Mi'kmaq Confederacy of P.E.I.
Ken Tobin, Eskasoni First Nation, N.S.
Rod Gould, Eskasoni First Nation, N.S.
Roger Sark, Abegweit First Nation, P.E.I.
Perry Francis, Madawaska First Nation, P.E.I.
David Bollivar, Tobique First Nation, N.B.
Max Taylor, facilitator

The Fishery Implementation Committee has met on the following dates:

August 30th, 2005
November 30th, 2005
January 20th, 2006
February 21st, 2006

Fisheries Management Information System

Since September of 2005, the Atlantic Policy Congress and Ulnooweg Development Group have been partnering on the development of a fisheries management information system for Atlantic First Nations fishery operations. A conceptual design has been completed with direct First Nations input coming from fishery managers who serve on the fishery implementation committee.

The fisheries management information system will be a tool to assist First Nation staff to manage every aspect of their operations from vessel maintenance to captain and crew, including the financial operation on a vessel and specie basis. The system will not only allow fishery and financial staff to get a clear picture of costs and revenue but it will also create a financial picture that will show the level of profitability boat by boat as well as by specie and thus, drive decisions that should result in decreased costs and increased revenues. This should lead to increases in the fishery's profit margins and other community benefits.

The APC is currently seeking support from the Atlantic Chiefs on this project and whether their First Nation will utilize the system so that the project can move from the conceptual design stage to full development.

Aboriginal Aquatic Resources and Oceans Management

The Atlantic Policy Congress hosted the workshop entitled, "Building Strategic Alliances Fisheries Workshop" on February 9th and 10th. Over 100 Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy First Nation elders, Chiefs, fishery coordinators, economic development officers and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans attended the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to develop a plan for the First Nation fishery to eventually make it's way to an independent industry for communities in the future with regards to administration, marketing, employment and other vital aspects of business.

Fishery coordinators and Chiefs from across the Atlantic gave many recommendations on how the First Nation fishery should move forward. One such idea was developing a proposed Atlantic First Nation Fishery Association in which the APC would research what an association would look like for First Nations. The APC needs to further research other associations to see how they operate but the important thing to remember is that First Nations are a treaty based fishery, which is a very unique situation so an association must be modeled according to that. The APC have since submitted a successful application to AAROM to begin working on developing the Association.

Fisheries Management Workshop (December 6th, 2005)

APC hosted the first of 3 workshops with DFO entitled Fisheries Management in Dartmouth, N.S. The goals and objectives of this workshop involved examining current management and governance systems being utilized currently in various fisheries operations in order to assist Mi'kmaq Maliseet and Passamaquoddy fishing enterprises to determine aggregate approaches and focus in this region. The goals of the workshop are to provide an opportunity to review successful commercial fishery management and government regimes and develop a communications tool which can be utilized in community level fisheries.

First Nation fishery coordinators, Department of Fisheries & Oceans representatives, the Rawson Group, Ulnooweg, Unamaki Institute of Natural Resources, the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of P.E.I and APC fishery staff were on hand to present to the fisheries coordinators. More on this workshop can be found in appendix A.

Training & Mentoring Workshop (February 16th, 2006)
APC hosted their second workshop in conjunction with DFO entitled Training & Mentoring in Moncton, N.B. The purpose of the workshop is intended to examine and support methodologies for long-term planning for training and mentoring for First Nations.

Service providers such as The New Brunswick and Nova School of Fisheries, the Coady Institute, the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of P.E.I. and Technical Advisors were also on hand to give updates on First Nations training and workshops that have taken place in the past year. More on this workshop can be found in Appendix A.

Best Practices Workshop (March 29th, 2006)

APC hosted its third and final workshop for the fiscal year with DFO in Oromocto First Nation, N.B. The purpose of the workshop is intended to improve practices at the community level for First Nations and share best practices by First Nations.

Presentation were made by Advanced Data Systems, Labrador Innu fishery and Macpherson, Roche Smith and Associates. More on this workshop can be found in Appendix A.

Conclusion

APC will continue to follow up and inform First Nations of any new Initiatives by DFO as well as giving support to communities on issues regarding their fisheries. APC hopes to continue the valuable work in dealing with First Nations and helping them to adjust to the ever sweeping changes to the fishery and to look forward to the future.



Nuclear Waste Management Sessions

Four sessions were held within the Atlantic Region where Mi'kmaq Maliseet and Passamaquoddy people from various age groups were invited to attend and give their opinions and thoughts into the process dealing with nuclear waste management. These meetings allowed for a more in-depth discussion on Nuclear Waste and sparked interest to learn more about this issue. The following is a brief description and an overview of the discussions and recommendations which flowed from the four sessions.

Elsipogtog First Nation

The first day-long Nuclear Waste Management workshop organized by the Atlantic Policy Congress was held in Elsipogtog, New Brunswick, at the Elsipogtog Health Center on June 8th, 2005. We had 9 participants show up all together and we had 13 people present including speakers. The meeting started at 10 a.m. with an opening prayer made by a much respected elder from Elsipogtog First Nation. Opening comments were made by Cheryl Knockwood and Oasoeg Milliea. The main observation at this workshop was that the issue of nuclear waste storage is so complicated and the impacts of the decisions are so great that we must give ourselves the necessary time and resources to examine and analyze the options. Tony Hodge from NWMO was there to give an overview of this subject matter. Simon Osmond from APCFNC discussed other possible sources of energy. There was a lively discussion and many questions were asked. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Many of the participants conveyed the importance of educating ourselves on this issue and the need to adapt ourselves to something even better such as conserving energy. One person commented on how powerful Nuclear waste and how devastating it is on environment. Meantime we must be very cautious. Got to respect nuclear waste, the answers will not come over night.

Another participant expressed how horrified she was by impacts of nuclear energy on first nations in Ontario. She stated she came from a community where she seen the fish from that area, covered with tumors. She said people were getting cancers and dying from it. She raised concerns about how much money they put in front of first nation communities. "You don't get anything for nothing; nuclear waste is a time machine. When looking at the radius for PLGS we will be destroyed in seconds. I don't believe first nations should be looking after that, we should not be taken care of it and as for transportation I think no keep it where it is. Man has tampered with something and now they don't know what to do with it."

An Elder asked if there was a Mi'kmaq name for nuclear waste, and none of the elders could think of none. "Our knowledge is to leave it where it is and stop producing it.

What will happen if there are earthquakes or collapses, who will take care of it, nobody. We are poisoning the earth, our own people use the plants as medicines, and they too will become toxic. We are losing lots of land. Nuclear waste is bad medicine, if you change the life of that spirit. Yet the government continues to make the waste, theories on what to do with the waste, it will change and adopt it bounce back here to deal with this. These are the changes we'll have to live it. Nuclear energy was a mistake that now we are trying to hide it in the earth but we can't because it's alive. Canada wants to bury it but it will come out.

Fredericton

The second day-long Nuclear Waste Management workshop organized by the Atlantic Policy Congress was held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel on June 9th, 2005. We had 8 participants show up all together and we had 12 people present including speakers. The meeting started at 10 a.m. with an opening prayer made by a much respected elder from Tobique First Nation. Opening comments were made from myself, Oasoeg Milliea. Also Tony Hodge from NWMO was there to present on methods of disposal. Nancy Bobbish from the AFN was also present to share the national First Nation input. Simon Osmond from the APCFNC presented on other energy resources. The main observation at this workshop was that many people are concerned about the impacts of nuclear waste on the earth which lead towards broader discussions about energy use and policies within Canada. Many questions were asked. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

One person commented that understanding the full impacts of nuclear waste is complicated but now that he is aware of it he wants to learn more such as what research has been done on uranium and what impacts radiation has on humans and the earth. Concerns were raised about what impacts uranium mining may have on aboriginal lands. As Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy peoples we need to develop and implement policies for future generations.

One person noted that the deadline being imposed of November 2005 was too short considering the information to digest was so complicated and the implications of the recommendations on the earth and future generations are too great. Furthermore he stated that it is because governments and other agencies ask for our input so late in the process that it creates a level of distrust by FN on the agency which is difficult to overcome. Regardless of the shortcoming of this process the issue is much too important to not to address. Participants felt it was their responsibility to step forward and examine this issue. The potential impacts of nuclear waste on the health of all Canadians are so important it must be addressed. The increase in cancers or birth defects due to radiation is unacceptable.

Membertou

The third day-long Nuclear Waste Management workshop organized by the Atlantic Policy Congress was held in Membertou, Nova Scotia, at the Membertou Trade and Convention center on July 12th, 2005. We had 3 participants show up all together and we had 7 people present including speakers. The meeting started at 10 a.m. with an opening prayer made by a much respected elder from Membertou First Nation. Opening comments were made by Cheryl Knockwood and Oasoeg Milliea. Mike Krizanc from NWMO was there to present on the fourth nuclear waste storage option. Nancy Bobbish from the AFN was present to share the national findings and recommendations from First Nations across Canada. Simon Osmond from the APCFNC presented on climate change and renewable energy. The main finding of this workshop was related to the unacceptable long term impacts of nuclear waste on the earth and what we can and should do about limiting our demand on energy. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. An elder stated that NWMO needs to keep these sessions going with first nation communities so it can spark interest with Chiefs, Councils and youths because they will be dealing with this issue in the future. .

Elders and Youth Workshop

The fourth two-day Nuclear Waste Management workshop organized by the Atlantic Policy Congress was held at the Holiday Inn Harbourview in Dartmouth NS on July 27-28th, 2005. We had 24 participants show including 6 presenters. The meeting started at 10 a.m. with an opening prayer made by a much respected elder from Membertou First Nation. Opening comments were made by Cheryl Knockwood and Oasoeg Milliea. Mike Krizanc from NWMO was there to present on the draft recommendation report NWOM may make to Minister of Natural Resources. Norville Getty from the UNBI was present to give overview and recommendations made by UNBI on this issue. Simon Osmond from the APCFNC and Daisy Kidston from Clean Nova Scotia presented on climate change and renewable energy. The main finding of this workshop was related to the unacceptable long term impacts of nuclear waste on the earth and what we can and should do about limiting our demand on energy. Meeting was adjourned on noon the second day.

Norville Getty gave UNBI's analysis on Nuclear Waste Issue. He passed out a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that AFN's recommendations to Seabourne Panel in 1980's were totally ignored. AFN got funding but not enough. Not enough funding is ever provided consistently to have good faith discussions with First Nations. UNBI finally received funding in July 2005 to do community level negotiations and submit report within a month when UNBI has been asking for funds for over 2 years. Concern that disposal sites will be in the traditional territory of aboriginal peoples and this will impact us. His understanding is that discussions have been initiated with



Nuclear Waste Management Sessions continued

aboriginals on potential sites. There will be another opportunity on Aug. 18th for FN in NB to give input into this dialogue at the Metepenagiag Lodge.

Youth expressed importance of thinking long term and to allow room for new information to help in decision making. He also expressed concerned about how our input will be used. He suggested more people need to be aware of this subject and that everyone at meeting inform others of issue and bring information to communities such as newsletters and ongoing workshops.

Elder expressed frustration that our input is sought too late in the game after the substantive decisions will be made. I would like everyone to be aware that we have and advisory committee to look into this issue because we are the people responsible for mother earth and if anything happens to plant mother earth will be affected by it. We need to keep vigilant in providing information to our people. We would like for NWMO and government to be honest with us. We need to set up a task force to keep on their backs and to keep us informed on what they are going to do.

Elder expressed worries about long term impacts on earth. I would like young people to hear more about it. We need to have a youth conference and to keep them informed of this initiative. This should all be going to schools and high schools and let the young people know what is going on because they are ones in 30 years who will neutralize or eliminate nuclear waste. We are really in a dangerous situation and they want to put disposal sites on our traditional lands and it is the same as when they gave us small pox infested blankets. We need to educate our peoples. I really wish there were more young people. If we go to Red Bank want to take youth with us we want o make sure they don't bury this on our traditional lands.

Elder expressed frustration over situation we are in and wondered if we will ever get through this. The decisions we make today and how they are made will have long reaching impacts. We have a right/obligation to say no and say we don't want nuclear waste in our territories.

Native people input may not have mattered to them but it matters to us. We look at things holistically and they don't. The say they care about future generations but I don't think they mind too much about passing it on. Their recommendation is based on a best case scenario. Why did they need an Act to act responsibly with the waste. They should have done this in beginning. The nuclear waste destroys and to create waste that will impact future generations is totally irresponsible of us. In NB Point Lepreau decision to refurbish is scheduled for this week. We have to sit here and face it and talk about it and teach other people about it and we can't ignore it anymore.

Elder thanked APCFNC for having these sessions and has caused her to reevaluate her relationship to energy. And she agrees with other elder that we are in an awful mess and she is determined to do something about it. We can all make a change personally in how we live our lives.

Youth expressed shock of impacts of nuclear energy and waste. How am I going to explain this situation and issue to my children? She stated "I wish I was educated more to say more. We should start educating our youth and the elders could share their knowledge about these issues."

Another Elder stated that the ramifications of what is discussed here today will impact the long term. Every time society tries to make life easier for us instead it makes it worse. "They force us to be dependent on that energy. But what we have to do is make decisions that are best for us and I am not prepared to mortgage my kids need for my needs right now. This is cultural genocide to make us dependent on that energy. We have to be more vigilant on protecting our culture."

A youth stated that we have to be proactive instead of reactive and she liked that "UNBI is going to all communities and it is important that this informed is shared at all age levels of our communities and we must continue the dialogue and we should set the pace."

Recommendations

- Recommend as Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy people we must re-take control and stop being dependent on nuclear energy.
- Recommend as First Nations we lobby both Federal and Provincial governments to develop an energy policy based on sound environmental choices.
- Recommend we maintain elders/ youth focused dialogue on this issue.
- Recommend that NWMO have a national dialogue with all aboriginal groups involved in nuclear waste dialogue sessions across Canada to come up with recommendations on nuclear fuel waste storage issues.
- Recommend NWMO and APCFNC continues to educate our people and our leaders on this issue.
- Recommend NWMO provide greater funding for training to aboriginal peoples to examine the full implications of nuclear waste and nuclear energy on the health of peoples and the earth.
- Recommend NWMO maintains dialogue with First Nation in Atlantic on this issue and more resources, input and time is given to ensure First Nation Voice is expressed within this dialogue.
- Recommend more funding be allocated from Canada and NWMO to research impacts and possible beneficial uses of nuclear waste.
- Recommend that the option involving consequential decision making by NWMO is more responsible since it allows for the unknown in development of science and technology.
- Recommend that APCFNC send final report directly to Minister of Natural Resources outlining our recommendations to ensure our voice is heard.
- Recommend that NWMO provides ongoing funded dialogue with aboriginals on this issue with long term funding from the Nuclear industry mandated by legislation;
- Recommend that NWMO provides for an accountable aboriginal seat on the NWMO advisory committee; and staff more aboriginals.

- Recommend when NWMO puts security in place around nuclear energy/waste sites that aboriginal peoples be considered for employment in security and environmental monitoring.
- Recommend NWMO fund an Atlantic based youth conference to keep them informed of this initiative.
- Recommend that NWMO fund the development of curriculum on Nuclear energy and waste because they, in 30 years, will neutralize or eliminate and be responsible for storing nuclear waste.
- Recommend that APCFNC adopts this position and lobbies other provincial and federal government of our position.
- Recommend that APCFNC takes a position publicly on the refurbishment of Point Lepreau.
- Recommend that APCFNC continue dialogue on this issue.
- Recommended that Canada stop exporting nuclear fuel to other countries.
- Recommended to find the real cost of nuclear fuel on billing.
- Recommended that NWMO send off final recommendations to Aboriginal's first to see if the right ones are being recommended by them.
- Recommended that NWMO phase out power plants now instead of doubling the amount of waste since NWMO are still trying to figure out what NWMO are going to do with the current waste.
- Recommended that NWMO be put under great public scrutiny via media attention

Elders Teachings Roundtables

The elders shared teaching related to the importance of prayer and positive thinking on all things on earth. Gwen Bear shared teachings of water and the healing properties of prayer. It was felt by the group that Uranium was to powerful an energy not meant to be used by man and this is apparent when we look at the impacts nuclear energy and its waste will have on the earth. The radiation is deadly and the waste generated from trying to harness this energy is deadly not only for this generation but also for future generations. It was felt by the group that the power of prayer may be instrumental in reducing the negative impacts the waste may have on the earth and all of us who are dependent on it now and in the future.

Child's perspective (age 7)

"Nuclear Waste is in a big house. It takes 7-10 years for it to cool down. Whenever people go near it they will die so that is why the use robots to lift it up. Nuclear waste goes to this place it gets stronger and stronger and then it will become at nuclear bomb. It is very dangerous."

Note

The sharing of the feedback from these sessions is not to be construed as consultation under s 35(1). The main theme in these sessions is the need for First Nations to have more time and dollars to continue with this dialogue in the following years.



First Nation Data Network

(Social Data Network)

Annual Report 2005-2006

Historically Mi'kmaq and Maliseet people share collective responsibility for the social well-being and welfare of all citizens within the Nation and First Nations - "social services" were not legislated and regulations for assessing individual eligibility did not exist. First Nation citizens in need of support were able to depend on the assistance of others in their community, based on a common understanding of obligation to 'share the wealth' in a flexible and reciprocal manner. Today, many First Nations communities are challenged with trying to resolve the problems of high unemployment rates, increased long term dependency on social assistance and many other competing social, health and economic issues.

The longer term vision of First Nation authorities over the realm of social services remains a priority with the Atlantic Chiefs. Authority is a key component to the way in which many communities wish to reform their programming and service delivery. For example, integration and reinvestment will require a restructure of financial arrangements and authorities; and an active case management approach will require common - or regional element for law-making, policy development, assessment and reporting.

The Social Data Network project started in June 2004 as a result of a proposal submitted by the Atlantic Policy Congress (APC) in January 2004 under the Social Development Program Management Infrastructure Initiative of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

The team members are: Gerald Cloud (APC Developer), Adam Augustine (APC Chief Informatics Officer), Violet Paul (APC Senior Policy Analyst) and Wanda Paul (APC Project assistant). APC's goal is to develop a suite of tools to assist in data collection and reporting in First Nation communities.

Objectives

The first phase of the social data network project was originally focused on data collection, and deploying a set of online case management tools. In preparation in rolling out phase I and working with the communities we discovered we needed to deploy tools in steps, as most communities are not prepared to take on such endeavors or didn't understand the ramifications of such a network.

As a result of working with other organizations and listening to the feedback of the first nation communities, the SDN project is evolving to be the core platform which is now transitioning to the First Nation Data Network (FNDN) project. The principles and ideas behind the FNDN are the same as the SDN, however our new name will allow us to later expand to other realms and continue building partnerships. (e.g. Health, Education, Housing)

We have also converted the project to an open source model to allow for maximal growth and to help aid in reducing the cost of development in the future and to open up the door for additional partnerships.

Project Overview

During the planning of the pilot we have decided to start off with two communities (instead of the 5 as originally planned) and assess their needs directly and to take note of the workflow and operations. Early on in the second phase of the project we started the process of examining certain data elements and making sure that FNDN at least fill the void and meet the expectations of the communities. The current infrastructure was taken into consideration in order to support the migration of historical data and deployment of new tools.

Since each community collects data differently we have selected certain types of data that we plan to use to assist

in measure performance. The types of performance indicators are yet to be determine, but as they are defined we will incorporating these reports within the FNDN and be available for all participating communities.

We also opened up a working relationship with the province of Nova Scotia & New Brunswick to help aid us in the development of the FNDN. The departments of community services in the province of NS & NB have been working with our team at APC by sharing their experiences and expertise to aid in the development of our initial prototype as well as expression interest in collaboration technology.

Accomplishments and Moving Forward (2006 - 2007)

Over the past 2 years APC, in conjunction with Chief and communities, has developed the fundamental components of the new system.

- Case Management assessment tool
- Social policy manuals
- Online discussion forums

We are also finalizing our testing with the community discussion forums and are in preparation to role out to the first communities. We expect participation of discussion forums to be at a minimal; however the forums will give us the opportunity to open up general dialogue with our communities allowing more communities to get involved.

APC has also been working with the latest in software development tools and database platform, (Visual Studio 2005 & SQL Server 2005). With this release of the new .NET platform we have been able to take advantage of the latest techniques and security practices.



above: Catherine Innes and Adam Augustine (APC)

left: Chief Roderick Gould Jr. (Abegweit), Chief Darlene Bernard (Lennox Island), Chief Joanna Bernard (Madawaska)

Community Planning

The Community Planning Steering Committee has been meeting on a regular basis to finalize the Terms of Reference, Membership and Workplan items for 2006-08. The purpose of the committee is to advise on the community planning process. The committee meets regularly with the government, First Nations and trainees to enhance community and institutional capacity. It is hoped that this committee will promote partnership and collaboration.

The membership for the Steering Committee consists of two representatives from DIAND, two representatives from Dalhousie, four First Nations Planners, four APC Chiefs, Health Canada, Aboriginal Business Canada, and other members as necessary depending on the topic and expertise. Violet Paul, Senior Policy Analyst from APC is the permanent Chair.

Roles have been defined for each party, which forms part of the Terms of Reference for the committee. APC is the body that is responsible for coordination of the committee meetings as well as raising awareness of the importance of Community Planning. Also the APC will provide regular updates to the All Chiefs Forum.

The Role of INAC is to provide financial support to First Nations, and coordinate the attendance of the federal government agencies at the Steering Committee Meetings on a as needed basis.

The role of the planners is more directed towards engaging the communities and promotion of community planning within their communities. They also are responsible for coordinating and developing individual community plans.

The Role of Dalhousie up to this date was to provide support to First Nations the development of Community Planning Models and other planning tools within First Nations. This role has changed significantly and what role they will play in the future has not been fully assessed.

Some of the workplan items that have been identified are as follows; identify barriers to the implementation of community planning and work on solutions; the creation of a MOU with other government departments of the use of plans, continuity of community planning conferences, management frameworks, mutual learning sessions on various First Nations/Government related issues and the development of a comprehensive accreditation program for First Nations planners

No other meetings with the Community Planning Steering Committee are scheduled until the fall of 2006. This will allow time for the finalization of the workplan for the years 2006-2008, the role and duties of the Community Development Advisor, and options to community planning accreditation models to be review by the Steering Committee.

Please contact Violet Paul, if you require further information and have any questions at violet.paul@apcnc.ca, or call her cell at 902-750-0008.



2005-2006 Financial Statements

Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc. and all the information in this annual report are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Executive Committee on behalf of the First Nations of Atlantic Canada.

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Financial statements are not precise since they include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. When alternative accounting methods exist, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances, in order to ensure that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

The congress maintains systems of internal accounting and administrative controls of high quality, consistent with reasonable cost. Such systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and the assets of the congress are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The congress is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements. The congress carries out this responsibility principally through its Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee, composed of First Nation members, reviews the congress' financial statements and recommends their approval to the First Nations. The Executive Committee meets periodically with management, as well as the external auditors, to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues, to satisfy themselves that each party is properly discharging their responsibilities, and to review the annual report, the financial statements and the external auditor's report. The Executive Committee reports its findings to the First Nations for consideration when approving the financial statements for issuance to the members. The Executive Committee also considers, for review and approval by the First Nations, the engagement of the external auditors.

The financial statements have been audited by Grant Thornton LLP in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards on behalf of the members. Grant Thornton LLP has full and free access to the Executive Committee.

Executive Director



Auditors' Report

Grant Thornton

To the Members of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc.

We have audited the balance sheet of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc. as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations, surplus and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the congress' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc. as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Truro, Nova Scotia
May 17, 2006

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Chartered Accountants

Statement of Operations

Year Ended March 31	2006	2005
Revenues		
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 2,017,052	\$ 1,944,077
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	236,400	138,642
Health and Welfare Canada	910,340	457,389
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency	145,443	168,158
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	102,423	52,984
Environment Canada	-	16,500
Nuclear Waste Management Organization	50,000	23,722
Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada	170,819	40,000
Dalhousie University	66,502	65,849
Assembly of First Nations	20,000	27,302
HST recoverable (Note 2)	197,283	141,227
Miscellaneous	32,799	18,350
Interest	431	2,334
	3,949,492	3,096,534
Expenditures		
Administration	634,544	532,934
All Chiefs Forums	192,850	159,317
Executive	105,930	84,633
C.M.H.C. Housing	157,984	52,984
Social	224,039	271,424
Treaty Education Initiative	371,886	274,539
Health	833,895	371,889
Fisheries	236,870	176,310
Economic	392,370	465,770
Environmental and Pathfinders	110,571	109,343
Community Planning	344,397	309,650
EDO Certification	161,735	121,325
Residential Schools	183,080	41,622
Nuclear Waste	53,477	39,482
Traditional Youth Conference	15,094	-
	4,018,722	3,011,222
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses before depreciation	(69,230)	85,312
Depreciation	59,518	25,692
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses	\$ (128,748)	\$ 59,620

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Statement of Surplus

Year Ended March 31, 2006	Unrestricted	Investment in Capital Assets	Legal Defence Fund Reserve	Total 2006	Total 2005
Beginning of year	\$ 134,490	\$ 139,352	\$ 15,499	\$ 289,341	\$ 217,049
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses	(69,230)	(59,518)	-	(128,748)	59,620
Contributions	-	-	27,359	27,359	12,672
Interfund transfers (net)	(50,585)	50,585	-	-	-
End of year	\$ 14,675	\$ 130,419	\$ 42,858	\$ 187,952	\$ 289,341

See accompanying notes to the financial statements





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Balance Sheet

<i>March 31</i>	2006	2005
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 121,095
Restricted cash (Note 3)	42,858	15,499
Prepaid expenses	2,617	-
Receivables (Note 4)	733,419	585,341
	<u>778,894</u>	<u>721,935</u>
Furniture and equipment, at cost (net of accumulated amortization of \$107,122; 2005 - \$108,881)	130,419	139,352
	<u>\$ 909,313</u>	<u>\$ 861,287</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Bank indebtedness (Note 5)	\$ 129,914	\$ -
Payables and accruals	376,147	344,044
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	215,300	227,902
	<u>721,361</u>	<u>571,946</u>
Surplus (Page 4)		
Unrestricted	14,675	134,490
Investment in capital assets	130,419	139,352
Legal Defence Fund reserve	42,858	15,499
	<u>187,952</u>	<u>289,341</u>
	<u>\$ 909,313</u>	<u>\$ 861,287</u>

Commitments and contingent liability (Notes 7 and 9)

On Behalf of the Executive Committee

Co-Chair

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Statement of Cash Flows

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		
Cash flows from operating activities (Note 2)		
Cash receipts from revenue	\$ 3,788,812	\$ 2,945,708
Cash paid for expenditures	(4,039,821)	(2,904,128)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(251,009)	41,580
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	121,095	79,515
(Bank indebtedness), cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ (129,914)	\$ 121,095

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

March 31, 2006

1. Nature of operations

The Atlantic Policy Congress (APC) of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc. is a policy research organization that analyzes and develops culturally relevant alternatives to Federal policies that impact on the Mi'kmaq/Maliseet and Passamaquoddy First Nation communities and peoples.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Change in accounting policy

During the year, the congress adopted the CICA accounting standards for not for profit organizations with respect to the acquisition and amortization of capital assets. The impact on current year's excess of expenses over revenue is a increase of \$8,974. The change was adopted retroactively and for the 2005 fiscal year resulted in an increase in revenue over expenses of \$22,012.

Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of the contingent liability at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those reported.

Revenue recognition

The congress follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions and investment income are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amounts to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Capital assets

The investment in capital asset fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses related to the council's capital assets.

Rates and bases of depreciation applied to write-off the cost of capital assets over their estimated useful lives are as follows:

Computer hardware and software	20% to 30%, declining balance
Office equipment	20% to 30%, declining balance

Statement of cash flows

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances with banks and financial institutions. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Cash flows from operating activities on the statement of cash flows reconciles cash receipts from total revenues, changes in the accounts receivable and deferred revenue balances as well as cash paid for expenditures from total expenditures, changes in prepaids, and payables and accruals balances.

Financial instruments

The Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc.'s financial instruments consist of restricted cash, receivables, bank indebtedness, payables and accruals and deferred revenue. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc. is not exposed to significant interest, currency, or credit risk arising from financial instruments. The fair market values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values.

Overhead allocations and project transfers

The congress allocates administrative overhead costs incurred to the various projects undertaken during the year based on estimated costs incurred by each project.

Transfers are made among various programs when in management's opinion, certain revenues or expenses incurred in one program relate to another program.

Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

The congress includes with its expenses the recoverable portion of HST. A rebate is then filed for the recoverable HST and recorded as revenue in the administration statement of operations in the period it is receivable.

3. Restricted cash

Cash held in the Legal Defence Fund is subject to internal restrictions and is not available for unrestricted purposes without the approval of the Executive Committee.



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4. Receivables

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 306,108	\$ 221,915
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	42,470	15,500
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency	-	168,158
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	-	5,000
Environment Canada	-	4,000
Health and Welfare Canada	140,503	-
Nuclear Waste Management Organization	-	8,722
Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada	17,082	21,064
Dalhousie University	15,777	16,278
Assembly of First Nations	10,014	12,302
Sundry	1,102	598
HST recoverable	200,363	94,000
Staff and committee advances	-	17,804
	<u>\$ 733,419</u>	<u>\$ 585,341</u>

5. Bank indebtedness

The congress has an agreement for an operating line of credit of \$200,000, which expires August 1, 2006. There was no balance outstanding at March 31, 2006. As security, the congress has provided a general security agreement over all assets, assignment of certain receivables and revenues.

6. Deferred revenue

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 133,948	\$ 143,503
Health and Welfare Canada	70,500	78,857
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency	10,852	-
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	-	5,542
	<u>\$ 215,300</u>	<u>\$ 227,902</u>

7. Commitments

Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc. has entered into agreements to lease its premises and office equipment for various periods until 2008. Minimum rent payable for premises and equipment in aggregate for each of the next two fiscal years are as follows:

2007	\$ 26,515
2008	\$ 1,356

8. Remuneration of senior staff

The Executive Committee of the congress has established the rates and levels of compensation of senior staff as follows:

Executive Director's salary	\$ 115,870
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9. Contingent liability

The Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc. has entered into contribution agreements with various government departments on both the provincial and federal level. Funding received under these agreements are subject to repayment if the congress fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the agreements.

10. Pension plan

The congress has a defined contribution pension savings plan for its employees. The assets of the plan are held separately from those of the congress in independently administered funds.

Contributions paid and expensed by the congress in the current year amounted to \$49,502 (2005 - \$43,334).

Statement of Operations - Administration

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Revenues		
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 566,217	\$ 550,655
Dalhousie University	66,502	65,849
Assembly of First Nations	-	6,000
HST recoverable	197,283	141,227
Interest	401	2,334
	<u>830,403</u>	<u>766,065</u>
Transfers to Executive	<u>(105,930)</u>	<u>(84,633)</u>
	<u>724,473</u>	<u>681,432</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	22,052	32,730
Advertising and promotional materials	15,508	2,875
Bad debts	-	1,815
Catering	1,744	7,729
Communications	40,969	36,449
Contractors, researchers, technical support	104,167	9,641
Dues and fees	6,773	3,670
Equipment and room rentals	3,258	6,814
Equipment leases	25,248	29,006
Incidentals	4,008	4,631
Insurance	1,673	334
Interest and bank charges	4,973	3,152
Library resources	255	80
Meals	21,133	30,214
Meeting coordinator, facilitator and administrative support	7,037	113
Office supplies and postage	40,193	32,589
Professional fees	47,494	32,336
Rent and facilities	55,619	35,343
Salary and benefits	311,423	321,355
Staff training	-	5,450
Travel	15,913	62,226
	<u>729,440</u>	<u>658,552</u>
Overhead allocations from (to):		
All Chiefs Forum	145,749	73,472
CMHC Housing	(16,198)	(6,076)
Social	(20,380)	(26,837)
Treaty Education Initiative	(33,967)	(25,024)
Health	(50,710)	(39,387)
Fisheries	(21,544)	(16,028)
Economic	(35,670)	(31,750)
Environmental and Pathfinders	(10,052)	(9,168)
Community Planning	(31,309)	(28,150)
EDO Certification	(14,581)	(10,742)
Nuclear Waste	(4,862)	(5,928)
Traditional Youth Conference	(1,372)	-
	<u>634,544</u>	<u>532,934</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 89,929</u>	<u>\$ 148,498</u>



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Statement of Operations - All Chiefs Forums

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Revenues		
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 75,000	\$ 60,000
Health and Welfare Canada	97,850	95,000
Assembly of First Nations	20,000	3,317
Miscellaneous	-	1,000
	<u>192,850</u>	<u>159,317</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	105,477	67,972
Advertising and promotional materials	-	7,022
Catering	28,140	19,442
Communications	236	-
Contractors, researchers, technical support	-	13,125
Dues and fees	477	-
Equipment and room rental	25,945	11,913
Incidentals	31,751	18,504
Meals	58,863	38,206
Meeting coordinator, facilitator and administrative support	3,250	1,608
Office supplies and postage	2,831	630
Travel	81,629	54,367
	<u>338,599</u>	<u>232,789</u>
Transfer to Administration	(145,749)	(73,472)
	<u>192,850</u>	<u>159,317</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ -	\$ -

Statement of Operations - Executive

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Revenues		
Transfer from administration	\$ 105,930	\$ 84,633
Expenses		
Accommodations	31,894	32,323
Catering	2,506	2,669
Communication	11	-
Equipment and room rental	4,495	1,673
Incidentals	8,715	10,183
Meals	13,750	18,148
Office supplies and postage	162	142
Per Diem	14,250	-
Travel	30,147	19,495
	<u>105,930</u>	<u>84,633</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ -	\$ -

Statement of Operations - C.M.H.C. Housing

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Revenues		
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	\$ 102,423	\$ 52,984
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	51,265	-
	<u>153,688</u>	<u>52,984</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	34,216	6,773
Catering	12,864	2,218
Communications	4,000	4,200
Contractors, researchers, technical support	450	5,000
Equipment and room rental	7,647	1,560
Incidentals	5,534	1,559
Meals	18,411	5,153
Meeting coordinator, facilitator and administrative support	1,900	-
Office supplies and postage	-	147

Overhead allocated from administration	16,198	6,076
Per diem	9,750	-
Travel	47,014	20,298
	<u>157,984</u>	<u>52,984</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses	\$ (4,296)	\$ -

Statement of Operations - Social

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Revenues		
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 197,125	\$ 266,250
Expenses		
Accommodations	9,574	17,667
Advertising and promotional materials	303	69
Catering	496	5,467
Communications	4,384	7,118
Meeting coordinator, facilitator and administrative support	-	38
Contractors, researchers, and technical support	5,502	21,250
Dues and fees	222	383
Equipment and room rental	513	5,183
Incidentals	1,424	5,538
Insurance	-	200
Interest and bank charges	2	333
Meals	7,431	11,017
Office supplies and postage	560	530
Overhead allocated from administration	20,380	26,837
Rent and facilities	-	177
Salaries and benefits	150,606	136,237
Travel	22,642	33,380
	<u>224,039</u>	<u>271,424</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ (26,914)	\$ (5,174)

Statement of Operations - Treaty Education Initiative

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Revenues		
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 290,000	\$ 256,500
Miscellaneous	10,295	-
	<u>300,295</u>	<u>256,500</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	12,389	16,164
Advertising and promotional materials	12,749	18,329
Catering	3,904	3,121
Communications	4,117	5,225
Contractors, researchers, and technical support	90,090	27,659
Dues and fees	625	9,058
Equipment and room rental	1,477	2,730
Incidentals	2,443	1,809
Insurance	-	223
Interest and bank charges	-	211
Library resources	-	445
Meals	12,232	10,937
Office supplies and postage	3,435	311
Overhead allocated from administration	33,967	25,024
Per diem	7,050	1,550
Rent and facilities	50	158
Salaries and benefits	153,529	124,987
Staff training	-	750
Travel	33,829	25,848
	<u>371,886</u>	<u>274,539</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ (71,591)	\$ (18,039)



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Statement of Operations - Health

Year Ended March 31, 2006

	Health	Health Initiatives	Total 2006	Total 2005
Revenues				
Health and Welfare Canada	\$ 532,487	\$ 280,003	\$ 812,490	\$ 360,989
Miscellaneous	20,504	-	20,504	15,350
	<u>552,991</u>	<u>280,003</u>	<u>832,994</u>	<u>376,339</u>
Expenses				
Accommodations	75,879	2,733	78,612	34,838
Advertising and promotional materials	10,777	76	10,853	10,586
Catering	49,819	2,858	52,677	25,195
Communications	7,887	10,330	18,217	3,086
Contractors, researchers, and technical support	54,417	150,481	204,898	34,169
Dues and fees	475	300	775	2,397
Equipment and room rental	15,381	1,190	16,571	5,259
Incidentals	15,987	409	16,396	7,632
Insurance	-	-	-	178
Interest and bank charges	16	-	16	169
Meals	41,270	2,344	43,614	19,335
Meeting coordinator, facilitator and administrative support	200	-	200	-
Office supplies and postage	1,821	25,000	26,821	1,528
Overhead allocated from administration	50,710	-	50,710	39,387
Per diem	4,357	-	4,357	-
Rent and facilities	-	-	-	236
Salaries and benefits	98,236	60,686	158,922	120,250
Travel	126,340	23,916	150,256	67,644
	<u>553,572</u>	<u>280,323</u>	<u>833,895</u>	<u>371,889</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses	\$ (581)	\$ (320)	\$ (901)	\$ 4,450

Statement of Operations - Fisheries

Year Ended March 31

	2006	2005
Revenues		
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	\$ 236,400	\$ 138,642
Interest	30	-
	<u>236,430</u>	<u>138,642</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	20,629	37,203
Advertising and promotional materials	6,622	-
Catering	8,647	9,213
Communications	678	1,114
Contractors, researchers, and technical support	17,091	-
Dues and fees	175	108
Equipment and room rental	4,895	6,139
Incidentals	3,715	8,415
Insurance	-	45
Interest and bank charges	-	42
Meals	14,918	22,158
Meeting coordinator, facilitator and administrative support	-	3,701
Office supplies and postage	355	79
Overhead allocated from administration	21,544	16,028
Per diem	265	492
Professional fees	2,500	-
Rent and facilities	-	40
Salaries and benefits	62,393	24,320
Travel	72,443	47,213
	<u>236,870</u>	<u>176,310</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ (440)	\$ (37,668)

Statement of Operations - Economic

Year Ended March 31

	2006	2005
Revenues		
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 375,014	\$ 414,222
Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency	-	50,000
Miscellaneous	-	2,000
	<u>375,014</u>	<u>466,222</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	36,740	26,348
Advertising	698	4,330
Catering	10,194	3,571
Communications	1,350	2,914
Contractors, researchers, and technical support	102,490	252,828
Dues and fees	478	2,752
Equipment and room rental	5,767	2,996
Incidentals	8,329	4,891
Insurance	-	89
Interest and bank charges	-	85
Library resources	-	85
Meals	24,803	14,406
Meeting coordinator, facilitator and administrative support	8,308	3,426
Office supplies and postage	200	64
Overhead allocated from administration	35,670	31,750
Salary and benefits	57,994	55,777
Travel	99,349	59,458
	<u>392,370</u>	<u>465,770</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses	\$ (17,356)	\$ 452

Statement of Operations - Environment and Pathfinders

Year Ended March 31

	2006	2005
Revenues		
Environment Canada	\$ -	\$ 16,500
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	107,688	92,750
	<u>107,688</u>	<u>109,250</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	7,447	5,224
Advertising	-	69
Catering	-	740
Communication	3,373	3,918
Dues and fees	75	22
Meeting coordinator, facilitator and administrative support	1,000	250
Incidentals	1,231	1,211
Insurance	-	89
Interest and bank charges	-	85
Meals	8,831	6,842
Office supplies and postage	10	703
Overhead allocated from administration	10,052	9,168
Rent and facilities	-	79
Salary and benefits	56,647	63,619
Travel	21,905	17,324
	<u>110,571</u>	<u>109,343</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ (2,883)	\$ (93)



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Statement of Operations - Community Planning

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Revenues		
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ <u>341,743</u>	\$ <u>303,700</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	4,100	-
Catering	2,454	-
Contractors, researchers, and technical support	296,000	281,500
Equipment leases	1,980	-
Incidentals	920	-
Meals	2,450	-
Office supplies and postage	47	-
Overhead allocated from administration	31,309	28,150
Travel	5,137	-
	<u>344,397</u>	<u>309,650</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ <u>(2,654)</u>	\$ <u>(5,950)</u>

Statement of Operations - EDO Certification

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Revenues		
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency	\$ <u>145,443</u>	\$ <u>118,158</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	25,108	18,825
Catering	12,510	6,345
Contractors, researchers, and technical support	58,147	-
Dues and fees	1,122	53
Meeting coordinator, facilitator and administrative support	-	46,722
Equipment and room rental	7,058	3,706
Incidentals	4,135	2,565
Meals	13,182	10,552
Office supplies and postage	205	-
Overhead allocated from administration	14,581	10,742
Travel	25,687	21,815
	<u>161,735</u>	<u>121,325</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ <u>(16,292)</u>	\$ <u>(3,167)</u>

Statement of Operations - Residential Schools

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Revenues		
Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada	\$ <u>170,819</u>	\$ <u>40,000</u>
Health and Welfare Canada	-	1,400
	<u>170,819</u>	<u>41,400</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	13,015	8,809
Advertising and promotions	600	-
Catering	6,044	1,650
Communications	2,400	-
Dues and fees	75	-
Equipment leases	2,040	-
Equipment and room rental	1,175	2,100
Incidentals	1,885	2,200
Meals	9,740	4,752
Office supplies and postage	2,100	125
Per diem	3,000	500
Professional fees	2,640	-
Rent	2,400	-

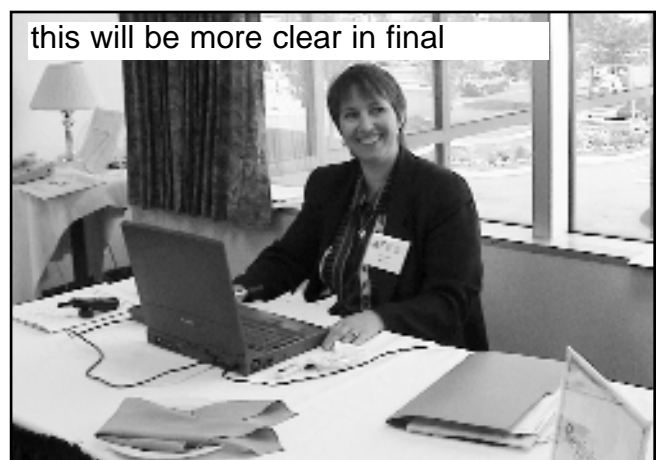
Salary and benefits	102,679	4,139
Travel	<u>33,287</u>	<u>17,347</u>
	<u>183,080</u>	<u>41,622</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ <u>(12,261)</u>	\$ <u>(222)</u>

Statement of Operations - Nuclear Waste

<i>Year Ended March 31</i>	2006	2005
Revenues		
Nuclear Waste Management Organization	\$ <u>50,000</u>	\$ <u>23,722</u>
Assembly of First Nations	-	17,985
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>41,707</u>
Expenses		
Accommodations	5,726	3,330
Catering	2,864	1,281
Communication	306	265
Contractors, researchers, and technical support	-	4,652
Equipment and room rental	1,656	632
Incidentals	861	530
Meals	3,489	2,980
Office supplies and postage	248	525
Overhead allocated from administration	4,862	5,928
Per diem	5,750	250
Salary and benefits	13,995	12,657
Travel	13,720	6,452
	<u>53,477</u>	<u>39,482</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses	\$ <u>(3,477)</u>	\$ <u>2,225</u>

Statement of Operations - Traditional Youth Conference

<i>Year Ended March 31, 2006</i>	
Revenues	
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ <u>13,000</u>
Miscellaneous	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>15,000</u>
Expenses	
Advertising and promotion	3,072
Catering	224
Contractors, researchers, and technical support	7,975
Equipment and room rental	175
Overhead allocated from administration	1,372
Salary and benefits	<u>2,276</u>
	<u>15,094</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ <u>(94)</u>



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Organization Profile

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