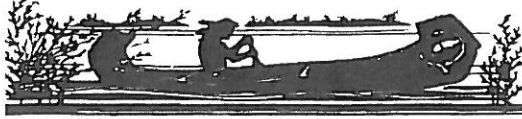


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NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

BOOZHOO to all of our family, friends, and members! What a tremendously busy year we have had! Please find below updates on some of the current programs and projects that our First Nation has been working on.

ELDERS COUNCIL

Our Elders Council has been very active during the spring and summer of 2013 with monthly meetings and a number of visits to the construction site of our new Community Cultural Centre. The Annual Elders Gathering & Pow Wow was a huge success this year, with many positive comments and feedback regarding our beautiful building and grounds. It is thought at this time, that we will host these two events together again, next year. There were many tired yet happy smiles on our Elders faces!

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTRE

The construction of our new Community Cultural Centre overlooking the Roundhouse is completed. Work has begun on the landscaping outside the Complex, and it is hoped that the weather holds out for the contractors. Details regarding the use of the complex will be developed and shared with the membership prior to the official opening. Again, it is anticipated that our Elders will be able to reserve a room and have use of this Centre during the warmer months of May-September. We have compiled a list of interested Elders. Please contact Councillor Irma Churchill if you are interested in staying at the Complex next spring/summer.

FIRST NATION WEBSITE

Due to unforeseen technical problems, the launching of our web-site has been delayed. We are anticipating the remaining "glitches" to be fixed in the near future for all to enjoy. Thank you for your patience! We still anticipate that this communication tool will better assist our members in learning more about the First Nation and its initiatives and to be better informed. As communication issues are always an on-going problem for any organization, we hope to alleviate deficiencies via this website.

MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT

We thank all who showed interest and applied for this position. A warm welcome goes out to Michael Ignace who was the successful applicant.

EVENTS & CLASSES

Our staff have been extremely busy this fall with numerous projects on the go. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, expressed interest was shown for activities such as: cultural and/or traditional teaching, Ojibway language, regalia, and drum making classes. We are pleased to say that all of the above classes or projects are underway. For more details, please speak to either Marcia Pedri, Wendi Ignace or Danielle Morrison.

FLOOD CLAIM NEGOTIATIONS

As reported to the membership in our last Newsletter our negotiations are moving ahead in a very positive manner. As we are nearing the close of this stage of negotiations, we are confident that all studies and reports are completed and successfully represent our First Nation.

As the membership is aware, the previous Federal Negotiator, John Hay, had sent a letter to the First Nation stating that he expected to present an offer to us in the late spring/early summer of 2013. We were then notified by the current Federal Negotiator, John Scime, that the three year timeline had been extended. For those interested in where we are at in terms of timelines, please read the passage quoted by Federal Negotiator John Scime. *“As you will recall from the attached letter from my predecessor Mr. Hay, Canada had expected to present an offer to the LDMLFN in the spring of 2013. We have discussed during the course of our recent meetings between LDMLFN, the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and AANDC, that this is no longer possible due to delays experienced largely as a result of Canada changing negotiators. In recent discussions at the table, both I and Mr. John Nolan of MAA reconfirmed our commitment to working with the LDMLFN toward reaching an agreement in principle in a timely manner. If all goes well, we expect an offer will be possible by the end of this calendar year.”* John Scime, Negotiator, Specific Claims Branch – AANDC

As stated on a number of occasions, these types of negotiations are very time consuming and confidential in nature. We remain steadfast in our goal to have ours successfully completed this year. Please remember that once an offer of settlement is put on the table, it will go through the Referendum Process for Acceptance and Approval by our Membership. Chi Miigwetch for your patience.

LDMLFN CAPITAL PLANNING STUDY

The Final Report of our Capital Planning Study has now been accepted and signed off by AANDC. We are pleased to announce that the initial road-line has been laid out and cut so that the surveying of lots for Phase One housing can commence in the near future.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The AGM will be held at the First Nation's Administration Office @ 690 Mountain Road on Friday November 29th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It was decided to go with the same venue as last year. The meeting will be in the form of an OPEN HOUSE where our members can drop in, meet and speak with Staff, Chief and Council, Auditors, and other presenters at their own convenience throughout the day.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Our Christmas Gift Cards will be mailed out from **December 6th – 11th 2013**. In order to help ensure everyone receives their gift card, please call the administration office to update your current contact information or remind any relatives that may have moved, to please do so.

For those who would like to pick up their gift card from the office, please call ahead of time and make arrangements with either Mike or Danielle to hold onto them at the front desk.

*Please note that the First Nation will not be responsible for lost or stolen cards or cards sent to an old address and not received or returned. If an individual(s) thinks there may be a problem or cause for concern, they may wish to pick up the Christmas gift card in person as replacement cards **will not** be issued.*



Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation
Cordially Invites You to Our

“Christmas Get-Together-Feast”

Sunday December 8th
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

And

“An Afternoon with Santa”

Saturday December 7th
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Victoria Inn Ballroom

RSVP with Danielle @ 807-622-9835 ext 232

