



Membertou Governance Committee hosts Kluscaps Legends Tour



All aboard for Kluscap's Cave and Bird Islands!

This year's Kluscaps Legend Tour was held on July 6 with about 50 participants enjoying the tour. Half the participants hiked to Kluscaps cave while the other half relaxed on the Bird Island Boat Tour, which made a tour of Kluscap's caves. Shaylene Paul chanted a song to honor the occasion. The tour then proceeded to visit Kluscap's canoe, now known as *Bird Islands*.

According to legend, Kluscap was sent by the Creator as a friend for the Mi'kmaw people. He lived at Cape Dauphin, and one day two women laughed at him from the shore. Kluscap jumped from his canoe breaking it into two pieces, creating the Bird Islands. He turned the two women into stone pillars, which now guard his cave.

The cave was Kluscap's last home on Earth before he left to the sky world. He lived there with his Grandmother, the Bear Woman, and a young man, Pine Marten.

Membertou Youth Council breakfast fundraiser



Youth Council members take a break from cooking.

The Membertou Youth Chief & Council (YCC) hosted a fundraiser breakfast on May 14th at the old Seniors' Centre. A net total of \$320.00 was raised!

Funds raised were to support costs for the Youth Social, held during the 2016 Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Summer Games, which featured special guest Ashley Callingbull!

The Membertou YCC was formed in 2012 with this year's being the fourth council. It is a great opportunity for youth to receive mentorship and be involved with the community. Membertou high school students are eligible to be members. The YCC has been involved in many community events and have been attending many national youth events.



Governance Committee meeting on the Environmental Management plan

**Update on Land Code:
Membertou Environmental Management Plan (EMP)**

Several community engagements sessions were held to get input on Membertou Environmental Management Plan from March 9-11, 2015. The draft EMP plan was recently tabled by the Governance Committee and the Membertou Environmental Management Review Committee (EMRC) in June 2016. The EMP is currently undergoing revisions based on feedback from EMRC. A final version of the EMP will be completed in the fall. It will then be presented to Chief and Council for their approval, and then shared with Membertou community members in fall 2016.

**Update on Land Code:
Phase II, Environmental Site Assessment (Background)**

A proposal, developed by STANTEC, to conduct a Phase II of the Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of Caribou Marsh was submitted to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada on July 27, 2016. A Phase II ESA is an investigation that follows from the findings of Phase I, conducted in 2013. When the Phase I ESA reveals actual or potential sources of contamination, a Phase II ESA is undertaken to verify or refute the sources of subsurface contamination identified. This is done by sampling and analyses of soils and groundwater. In Canada, Phase II ESAs are usually conducted in accordance with the Canadian Standards Association environmental protocol.

If you have any questions about the Governance Committee, or wish to learn more about the articles discussed in the newsletter, please contact Cheryl Knockwood, Governance Coordinator, at 902-564-6466 (ext. 2520) or cherylknockwood@membertou.ca.



Wi'kipaltimk a Success!

Community members came out on a rainy day on May 14th to celebrate Spring and honor each other. The **Wi'kipaltimk** was held at the Membertou Heritage Park and was supported by elders, community members, and youth. Plans are underway for next year's 6th annual spring gathering.

Upcoming Events

Governance Committee meetings:
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wallace Bernard Memorial Seniors' Centre

- September 29, 2016
- October 27, 2016
- November 24, 2016
- December 16, 2016

Community members are welcome to attend!

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