

ATLANTIC POLICY CONGRESS FISHERIES AWARDS <u>CREW OF THE YEAR</u> JOSH BROOKS, CHRISTIAN GLOADE (LEFT), JASON JOHNSON(RIGHT) <u>EXEMPLARY CONDUCT AND WORKPLACE SAFETY AWARD</u> MATTIE MARTIN (CENTER)

#### Important Announcements

February 14 - Chief and Council - General Meeting
 February 20 - Heritage Day honouring Rita Joe (MEEC and Millbrook Administration Office CLOSED)
 February 28 - Chief and Council - Consultation and Economic Development Meeting

#### The Eskasoni Crisis Line

Toll Free number 1-855-379-2099 (Mi'kmaw and English)



#### Millbrook Administration Office

Mailing Address

Millbrook Band Administration P.O. Box 634 Truro, NS. B2N 5E5 **Business Hours** 

<u>Monday- Thursday</u> 9:00am-12pm / 1:00pm-4:30pm <u>Friday</u> 9:00am-12pm / 1:00pm-4:00pm

#### Phone Numbers

Band Office 1 (902) 897-9199 <u>Toll Free</u> 1 (800) 693-3112

#### Chief and Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 14th, 2023

Deadline for letter submissions and booking time to see Council is Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Contact the Administrative Assistant to Chief and Council - Suzzanne Penney at Phone: (902) 897-5877 or e-mail: <u>adminassistant@millbrookband.com</u>

Please include your full name, contact information and subject of your request.

The following Chief and Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 14th, 2023.

#### February 2023

February 14 - Chief and Council - General Meeting

**February 20** - Heritage Day honouring Rita Joe (MEEC and Millbrook Administration Office CLOSED)

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#### **Minutes**

For up to date minutes from Chief and Council please check online at: <u>https://www.millbrookband.com/minutes</u>

#### **Booking the Community Hall**

To book the Community Hall please contact Natasha Bernard at (902) 897-9199 Cell: 902 324-9261 e-mail: nbernard@millbrookfn.ca

#### <u>Costs</u>

Organization rental fees: \$200/half day rental and \$300/full day rental charge Band member rental details: Small events, deposit of \$100.00 (will be returned after cleaning) Band members rental: Big events, \$500.00 (Hall must be cleaned w/ tables and chairs put away). Thank you to those who continue to keep the hall clean, neat and tidy.

Please try to book your event early, preferably a minimum of 2 weeks in advance.

#### Website & Facebook Page

Millbrook's Website - <u>www.millbrookband.com</u>. Millbrook's Facebook Page - <u>https://www.facebook.com/MillbrookFirstNation/</u> E-mail: <u>ngloade@millbrookfn.ca</u> to have your information posted online.





## Mi'kmaw Summer Games MILLBROOK! August 20-27, 2023

Watch the NS Mi'kmaw Summer Games Facebook page for more info.

2023 Schedule for Chief and Council Meetings

Month	Days	General Chief and Council Meeting	Days	Economic Development & Project Consultation
February	Tuesday	February 14, 2023	Tuesday	February 28, 2023
March	Tuesday	March 14, 2023	Tuesday	March 28, 2023
April	Wednesday	April 12, 2023 (after Easter)	Tuesday	April 25, 2023
May	Tuesday	May 9, 2023	Wednesday	May 24, 2023 (after Victoria Day)
June	Tuesday	June 13, 2023	Tuesday	June 27, 2023
July	Tuesday	July 11, 2023	Tuesday	July 25, 2023
August	N/A	No Meeting this Month	N/A	Summer Break for Chief and Council
September	Tuesday	September 12, 2023	Tuesday	September 26, 2023
October	Wednesday	October 11, 2023 (after thanksgiving)	Tuesday	October, 24, 2023
November	Tuesday	November 14, 2023	Tuesday	November 28, 2023
December	Tuesday	December 5, 2023	Tuesday	December 12, 2023

#### **Please Note**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - after Easter weekend. Date moved to Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 – after Victoria Day Weekend moved to Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - after Thanksgiving, moved to Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

#### No meetings in the month of August 2023.

December Meetings are pushed one week earlier due to Christmas Break. December meetings are moved to December 5 and December 12, 2023.

#### Social Assistance

Social Assistance Cheques are scheduled for: Thursday, February 9 & 23, 2023.

Available to be picked up at the Millbrook Administration Office. Applications are available at the Reception desk at the Millbrook Administration Office.

#### **ATTENTION SOCIAL CLIENTS: Nova Scotia Power Bills**

It has come to the Social department's attention that some clients are having problems submitting Power bills for payment to the social department in a timely manner. Any social client can call NSPC at 1-800-428-6230 and request that they email me (<u>mphillips@millbrookfn.ca</u>) a current copy of your power bill for payment. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Millbrook's Newsletter Deadline - Monday, February 20th, 2023

#### The deadline is the 20th of each month.

Send your content to: ngloade@millbrookfn.ca,

Be sure to include ALL relevant information (including the who, what, when, where, why and how to find out more) and be sure to submit it in advance of the event date (the earlier you share the better).

#### Please ensure it's in an editable format.

#### Millbrook Early Education Centre

- February we have a parent Tot for the 3-4 year olds from 1-2pm call Millbrook Early Education Centre to sign up or email <u>susan.marshall88@hotmail.com</u>
- Library visits with the P3 & P4 classes are continuing throughout February!
- Millbrook Early Education Centre closed February 20th for Heritage Day

#### Short Term Contract Opportunity – Litigation Support Research

Millbrook First Nation is seeking a part time contractor to research historical records on St. Mary's Elementary School. We are looking for someone who has familiarity with RG10 Holdings of the National Archives of Canada. Strong organizational skills and attention to details are essential. If you are interested, please email <u>smartin@millbrookfn.ca</u>.

#### Housing Repairs Announcement

Please be advised that any housing repairs must be approved by the Housing Department before any work is started, if you wish to receive reimbursement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by phone or email.

Lorne Paul Director of Housing <u>lpaul@millbrookfn.ca</u> Work: (902) 897-9199 Cell: (902) 890-4863 Or

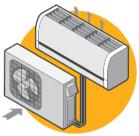
Chantel Langille Housing Project Officer <u>clangille@millbrookfn.ca</u>



#### Heat Pump Cleaning

Please contact Eshaan at EcoLogic Heat Pump Solutions Ltd for a deep heat pump cleaning. Eshaan can be contacted by phone at 902-957-0661 to schedule an appointment, at no cost to the Millbrook First Nation home owner.

#### Home Insurance



Millbrook First Nation's insurance covers the structural costs of CMHC houses and band-owned homes on reserve. Please note that the contents inside the homes, including the appliances, are not insured by the First Nation. It is important to protect your belongings and one way to do that is to consider purchasing home insurance for the contents of your home. This became apparent after the recent flooding of basements that occurred in Millbrook's communities last year. If Millbrook members are interested in home contents insurance, they will be responsible and it will not be covered by the First Nation. Questions? Please reach out to Millbrook's housing department.

#### **Housing Inspections**

The Housing Department has been working collaboratively with other organizations and government agencies with the hopes of obtaining funding for housing repairs. In order to be eligible for the housing repairs, housing inspections will be mandatory for the funding.

Those who contact the Housing Department to be added to the list will be first priority, but it's mandatory for all houses to be inspected. Anyone who doesn't answer the door for their scheduled appointment will be dropped down to the end of the list.

Please contact Krista Paul at <u>kpaul@millbrookfn.ca</u> or by phone at 902-890-2518 to be added to the housing inspection list, if you need to reschedule your appointment or if you have any questions.

#### Millbrook R.E.C.C. Family Skate - Sunday Mornings

Sunday morning ice times at the R.E.C.C. starts at 8:00-9:00am, February 5, 12, 19, & 26.



#### Millbrook's Security Services

Millbrook's security team is responsible for keeping Millbrook's community safe and secure. They work around the clock and are on call 24 hours a day. Their duties include patrolling the neighbourhoods of Millbrook and Cole Harbour because having a physical presence in the community is a deterrent for minor damage or other unsavoury activities. They are trained to identify unusual activity and pay attention to detail to reduce risks to the community. In addition, they observe and report suspicious activity that may be criminal.

If a community member is in danger or witnesses criminal activity, it is important that they call 911 or the local Millbrook or Cole Harbour, Sheet Harbour detachment of the RCMP. Please note that the security team cannot report incidents on your behalf.

<u>Millbrook Bylaw & Security</u> <u>Contact Information</u>

<u>By-law Officer</u> - Cell (902) 899-5240 e-mail: <u>afrancis@millbrookfn.ca</u> <u>Millbrook Security</u> - Cell (902) 956-0114 e-mail: <u>security@millbrookfn.ca</u> <u>Cole Harbour Security</u> - Cell 902-240-0993 <u>Sheet Harbour Security</u> - Cell 902-885-2219

#### <u>Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup></u> <u>Nova Scotia Heritage Day</u>

Nova Scotia Heritage Day is an annual reminder of our storied past and an opportunity to honour the remarkable people, places and events that have contributed to this province's unique heritage. Nova Scotia's honoree for 2023 is Rita Joe (née Rita Bernard), PC, CM, born in 1932 in Whycocomagh, NS; died in 2007 in Sydney, NS.

Often referred to as the poet laureate of the Mi'kmaq, and by some others as the "gentle warrior" or the "warrior poet," Rita Joe wrote powerful poetry that spoke about Indigenous identity and the legacy of residential schools in Canada. Her works continue to influence Indigenous and non-Indigenous writers and artists alike.

In honor of Heritage Day, the MEEC and Millbrook's Administration Office will be CLOSED on February 20.

#### 2023 Honouree: Rita Joe

https://heritageday.novascotia.ca/content/past-and-future-honourees

<u>Poem 14</u>

Our home is this country. Across the windswept hills With snow on fields. The cold air.

I like to think of our native life, Curious, free; And look at the stars Sending icy messages. My eyes see the cold face of the moon Cast his net over the bay.

It seems We are like the moon -Born, Grow slowly, Then fade away, to reappear again In a never-ending cycle,

> Our lives go on Until we are old and wise. Then end. We are no more, Except we leave A heritage that never dies.

> > - Rita Joe

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#### Poem 14

Kiknu na ula maqmikew Ta'n asoqmisk wju'sn kmtnji'jl Aq wastewik maqmikew Aq tekik wju'sn.

Kesatm na telite'tm L'nueymk, Paqlite'tm, mu kelninukw koqoey; Aq ankamkik kloqoejk Wejkwakitmui'tij klusuaqn. Nemitaq ekel na tepknuset tekik wsiskw Elapekismatl wta'piml samqwan-iktuk.

Teli-ankamkuk Nkutey nike' kinu tepknuset Wejwskwijnuulti'kw, Pawikuti'kw, Tujiw keska'ykw, tujiw apaji-ne'ita'ykw Kutey nike' mu pessipketenukek iapjiweyey.

Mimajuaqnminu siawiaq Mi'soqo kikisu'a'ti'kw aq nestuo'lti'kw. Na nuku' kaqiaq. Mu na nuku'eimukkw, Pasik naqtimu'k L'nu' qamiksuti ta'n mu nepknukw.

- Rita Joe

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#### **Congrats New Bus Drivers!**

Millbrook's Administration Office extends congratulations to three band members who recently completed bus driver training for Millbrook Educational Services.

The successful candidates, Todd Martin, Carlene MacDonald and Mary Anne Martin have received their class 2B licenses from Access Nova Scotia and driver certifications from Commercial Safety College. This is made possible through a partnership between Millbrook First Nation and the Mi'kmaq Employment Training Secretariat.

"We want to invest in our community while supporting our students' needs. It's a success story all around," said Art Stevens, Director of Educational Services for Millbrook First Nation. "All candidates

passed their exam with flying colours and several have been able to cover shifts."

In 2022, Millbrook Educational Services identified the need for more bus drivers to service the community as alternates.

"Two of our senior drivers have been working for over 20 years. It's good to have them covered and to give them some relief," said Stevens.

Candidates are required to receive positive letters of recommendation from the community and undergo an intense 3-week training program. Through the support of Chief and Council, Educational Services covered tuition and equipment at no cost to band members.

As an added benefit, the certification has allowed the successful candidates to improve their capacity for employment. So far, the new



candidates to improve their capacity for employment. So far, the new *Todd Martin & Mary A. Martin* drivers have shadowed experienced drivers on Millbrook's Early Education Centre bus routes. All three have expressed their desire to contribute in Millbrook.



#### "TAKING THE BUS COURSE WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY; I WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND IT. IT'S A GREAT SKILL TO HAVE." - CARLENE MACDONALD

"IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS THAT RELY ON THE BUSES," - TODD MARTIN.

"I LOVE THAT I CAN BE PART OF GETTING OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL SAFELY. IT'S AN HONOUR TO BE A PART OF THEIR EDUCATION JOURNEY." - MARY A. MARTIN

Millbrook Administration would like to thank our current bus drivers Chris Stevens, Vincent Sylliboy, Nolan Martin and Mike Gillis, and Bus Monitors Jennifer Wilmot and Mike Fields for being of vital service to our community. Thanks also to Amy Gloade, Native Employment and Training Officer, for her continued commitment to supporting our band members.

#### New Medical Reimbursement Form

The finance department deployed a new form which was effective on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. This form will be required for you to claim eligible reimbursements. The form must be completed in full, with your receipt attached, then delivered or mailed to the Millbrook Health Centre. Incomplete forms will not be submitted to the finance department, so please make sure that it is filled out completely. The form can be accessed online at <u>www.millbrookband.com</u> under Forms, or you can pick one up at the band office or at the Millbrook Health Centre.

#### **Updated Financial Statements**

Millbrook's 2021 audit is complete and the consolidated financial statements are now posted on the website. If anyone would like a presentation or a walkthrough of these statements, please email amakanjuola@millbrookfn.ca and we will make an appointment for you with Millbrook's auditor. Please note that the 2022 audit is expected to be completed by March 2023.

#### **Employment Opportunity - Treaty Entertainment**

Treaty Entertainment in Truro and Cole Harbour are currently recruiting casual and backshift personnel in the positions of Security Personnel, Cashiers and Custodians. Availability for 3 shifts per week and a clear criminal record search is required in all positions. Interested applicants may forward their resume to treatygenmgr@eastlink.ca

#### Mi'kmaw Home Energy Efficiency Project

The Mi'kmaw Home Energy Efficiency Project will be available to all Millbrook Communities. Millbrook is seeking participants to receive energy-efficient upgrades this year. **To enroll with Mi'kmaw Home Energy Efficiency Project, contact Krista Paul at <u>kpaul@millbrookfn.ca</u> before February 15, 2023. Please include your full name, phone number, secondary contact, civic address, postal code, community, Primary heat source, year built, and notes of upcoming renovations.** 

#### Community Engagement Sessions - Food Security

We have three Food Security engagement sessions scheduled for February. Sessions scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2-4pm in Millbrook (Truro), Cole Harbour (Dartmouth) and Sheet Harbour. Locations of sessions: TBD

#### Learning About Energy Efficiency

Date: February 23, 2023
Time: 5:30-7:30pm
Location: Millbrook Community Hall, 72 Church road Millbrook
Snacks & Drinks will be provided.
Door prizes: Tickets to the Halifax Thunderbirds
\$100 gift card to Kent Building Supplies

Presentation to be provided by Energy Efficiency Nova Scotia and Ecology Action Centre. They are partnering with the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq and Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq. General appliance maintenance workshop.





## Earn a Post-Secondary Degree/Diploma in our Community!

Millbrook Band and Cape Breton University are hosting a meeting to see if there is enough interest to offer a post-secondary educational opportunity.

#### February 8, 2023 at 6 PM Millbrook Community Hall Refreshments Provided

To pre-register, please call or text Reanne Sylliboy at 902-957-2712 or email rsyilliboy@millbrookfn.ca







### EATING FOR HEART HEALTH VIRTUAL PROGRAM

EXPLORE WAYS TO EAT A HEART HEALTHY DIET AND COOK WITH THE DIETITIAN

RECIPE KITS WILL BE PROVIDED, LIMTED SPACE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MON, FEBRUARY 13TH



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023



#### COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME



To sign up, contact (902)-895-9468, or email teresafemillbrookhealth.ca



## FOSTERING CONNECTIONS!



**Become a Foster Parent** 

Mi'kmaw Family & Children's Services of Neva Scatia

Please join us for a Foster Care information Session Date: February 15, 2023 Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Millbrook Community Hall

72 Church Street

Presented by MFN Employment & Training Officer (IEO)

# Tech@RBC

Information Session Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)

#### February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 11:00am – 1:00pm & 5:00pm – 7:00pm

This drop-in information session will include the chance to speak with current employees and training staff to provide an understanding of what a day in the life would be like in these roles. If you're interested in learning about work from home careers and are interested in technology this is an event you won't want to miss!

Any questions please reach out to Amy Gloade at agloade@millbrookfn.ca or (902) 897-9199 ext. 122

Millbrook Community Hall 72 Church Rd Millbrook, NS B2N 6N4



#### MILLBROOK WINTER CARNIVAL

### ARCHERY

MILLBROOK GYMNASIUM FEB. 16TH (THURSDAY) 6PM SHARP!

CONTACT VERNON GLOADE AT 902-897-7750

#### **2 CATEGORIES ADULT/KIDS**

Take a pic and post on FACEBOOK with hashtag #MFNWinterCarnival2023 for a chance to win cool prizes.

#### Millbrook Winter Carnival

unch & BINGC

## Feb. 13th (Monday) Cole Harbour A-Frame 12pm - 2pm

To Register please contact Sunshine Bernard at 902-895-9468

Take a pic and post on FACEBOOK with hashtag #MFNWinterCarnival2023 for a chance to win cool prizes.



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MILLBROOK WINTER CARNIVAL

## CULTURAL NIGHT

WALTZ, LUSKI & KOJUA COMPETITIONS

FOR EACH CATEGORY:

1ST - \$200 2ND - \$100 3RD - \$75



Contact: Corrina Milliea at 902-899-5689 or Tammy Bernard

#### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15

Millbrook Community Hall 5 pm - 8pm

#MFNWinterCarnival2023

## MILLBROOK WINTER CARNIVAL POOL tournament

SATURDAY, FEB. 18TH DOOLY'S - 50 JUNIPER ST. REGISTRATION 12:00-12:55PM STARTS 1PM SHARP!



Open to Millbrook Community & Band Members. Entry Fee - \$10

To Register contact Natasha Bernard at 902-956-1246 #MFNWinterCarnival2023 1st Prize - \$300 2nd Prize - \$200 3rd Prize - \$100



## Do you want the experience of a lifetime?



## If so, apply to CAMP COURAGE 2023

before March 20th



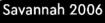
An empowering program that introduces Nova Scotian young women and gender-diverse youth ages 15–19 years to emergency service careers.

Only 24 youth WILL BE SELECTED TO ATTEND THIS FREE CAMP

The camp occurs July 2nd to July 9th

Samantha 2011

Canada







Haley 2013

Contact us at campcourage.ca or Call (902) 701–1405

Join us for story time, songs and play!

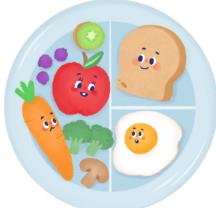
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Children O-17 months Snacks and Refreshments provided February 7, 2023 10-12am Millbrook Seniors Centre





CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN (0-10) ARE INVITED TO MAKE SOME DELICIOUS RECIPES!



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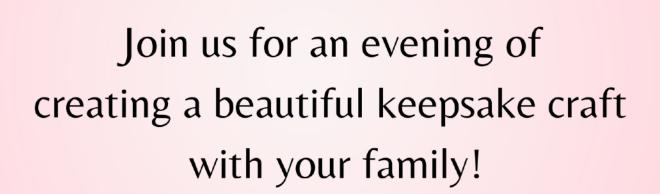
MILLBROOK SENIORS CENTRE FEBRUARY 4TH, 2023 11:00-1:00PM REGISTRATION REQUIRED, LIMITED SPOTS CONTACT TILINA (782) 370-1580



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Valentine's Day

Family Craft



February 10th, 2023 4-6pm Millbrook Seniors Centre Registration required Call/Text: 782-370-1580 Email: tbarkhouseasprey@millbrookhealth.ca





## Parent & Tot

## Drop in for songs, play and story time!

Age: 16-36 months February 21st, 2023 10-12pm Millbrook Seniors Centre Snacks and Refreshments Provided





#### Briefing note

January 20, 2023

For your information

#### Re: Changes to Substance Use Treatment Referrals and Admissions

It has come to our attention this week that some of the regular referral processes for clients has changed.

**Crosby House** is no longer accepting clients directly from incarceration into their care. The changes are as follows:

- Crosby House wants clients to be released for a 2-week period prior to entry
- They want clients to be assessed by a physician and stabilized on all medications for a 2-week period.
- Clients taking benzodiazepines cannot be accepted.

**Harvest House** is no longer accepting clients out of province until further notice, as they are managing a homeless crisis in the Moncton area.

These changes have brought up concerns particularly for those in the provincial corrections system as we do not have accommodation (e.g., safe housing) available to transition clients.

#### Actions:

Met with partners to evaluate all available treatment and admission options, that are accredited, and funded through NIHB. Clients that have a treatment plan that are conducive to care offered by any facility on this national list may be accepted, however, we have not yet determined if some may require this new 2-week transition.

#### https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1576089851792

**NNADAP** supports a national network of 52 residential **treatment centers**, with some 700 **treatment** beds

Prepared by: Ingrid Sheppard

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