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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Some Things Change, But Some Things Do Not!

Working together to improve the lives of the Mi’kmaq on Prince Edward Island, now and in the future: those are not just words, it is what the Mi’kmaq Confederacy of PEI strives to do on a daily basis. From the early days when MCPEI opened its doors twelve years ago with only three employees, to the organization that has five office locations and almost forty staff members, one thing has not changed – the commitment to improve the lives of the Mi’kmaq people.

While our values and goals remain the same, some change is inevitable. Within the past fiscal year we have seen a new Chief of the Lennox Island First Nation, and therefore a new Co-Chair for the MCPEI Board. This year has also seen the retirement of Sandra Gaudet as Executive Director. Sandra’s many valuable contributions to the organization will be of benefit for many years to come and we thank her for her dedicated service. In taking over the role as the new Executive Director for MCPEI, I am grateful for many things. First and foremost, it is an exciting time as we work diligently to advance the outcomes of the Mi’kmaq people that we are so honoured to serve. Also, the first class staff that has been, and continues to be, so hard working, dedicated and caring makes a world of difference and allows MCPEI to function in the professional manner that it does.

As with every year, much progress has been made as we strive to achieve our mission and vision. With respect to intergovernmental affairs; MCPEI, on behalf of the two First Nations, is on the cusp of entering into a comprehensive economic development agreement with the PEI Provincial Government, which represents a tremendous opportunity for the First Nations as they continue their journey toward economic prosperity. This year has also seen the Government of Canada adopt a mandate to negotiate fishing rights with the two Mi’kmaq First Nations of Prince Edward Island. MCPEI has long lobbied the Federal Government to negotiate a livelihood fishery, and while it will be a lengthy and careful negotiation, it is encouraging to see that the process has begun.

The MCPEI Consultation Unit continues to field hundreds of consultation notifications annually from both the Federal and Provincial Governments (the Crown). The Duty to Consult stems from the findings of the Supreme Court of Canada that the Crown is required to deal with the First Nations honourably and to notify and consult with the Aboriginal community when it makes decisions or takes action that could impact on the Aboriginal Community by virtue of a rights based infringement. Through a dedicated effort of communication and education, MCPEI has been able to highlight the legal obligation of government departments to deal directly with the First Nations on matters that could negatively impact on Mi’kmaq Aboriginal or treaty rights. This has given the PEI Mi’kmaq a powerful voice and also has served to generate economic development opportunities.

The Partnership Agreement among the Mi’kmaq Governments, Federal Government and the Provincial Government continues to be an important vehicle to improve outcomes in relation to Health, Education, Economic Development, Justice and Child & Family Services. A tripartite Policy and Planning Forum (PPF) has been established for each sector specific area, and there has been tremendous progress for the PPF’s over the past year. Continued progress in the coming year will serve to greater enhance outcomes for the PEI Mi’kmaq.

Unfortunately, MCPEI has been faced with increasing funding cutbacks over the past few years, and this fiscal year has continued that trend in many respects. However, that will not deter the committed and dedicated staff of MCPEI; it simply means that we will endeavour to do more with less.

So budgets will change, individuals may change, and programs might even change; but what will not change is MCPEI’s unwavering commitment to improve the lives of the Mi’kmaq people.

Yet again, it has been a pleasure to work with MCPEI over the past year in an effort to improve the lives of the Mi’kmaq on PEI, and I look forward to continued progress in the coming year.
A Sincere Thank You

The Board of Directors and staff of MCPEI would like to extend a sincere thank you to Sandra Gaudet, who retired from her position as the MCPEI Executive Director this past year.

Sandra joined the Confederacy in January, 2011 and during her three years as ED she made many valuable contributions to the organization. Her leadership and dedication were extremely positive assets and the structures she put in place will benefit the organization for many years to come.

Her contribution to the Mi’kmaq people is noteworthy and it is with much appreciation that we wish her all the best in her well earned retirement.
The MCPEI Aboriginal Justice Program had a very busy and rewarding year. Some of the highlights that took place included: our first request for a Gladue Report; the Youth Warrior Training; our Annual Aboriginal Youth Justice Summer Camp; the Atlantic Circle Keeper Workshop; and our 7th Annual Aboriginal Justice Forum. The attendance at these events clearly demonstrates the success of the justice program.

We received our first request from a Judge for a Gladue Report. Two community members and I attended a two-day training session at Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto on how to write Gladue Reports. These reports contain information about the Aboriginal person’s background, as well as recommendations to the court about what might be an appropriate sentence.

We were invited to participate in a three-week experiential training session to co-facilitate the TAPWE Youth Warrior Program. The training was designed by the Native Counseling Services of Alberta to assist Aboriginal people who are caught in the cycle of violence. The training was funded by the NS Department of Justice and provided by the Mi’kmaw Legal Support Network.

We held our Annual Aboriginal Justice Youth Summer Camp in Charlottetown for youth ages 8 to 11 years old. The camp is designed to build confidence and self-esteem while enabling youth to explore their potential. It provides Aboriginal youth with valuable information to make good choices. Partnering with the Adventure Group and the Native Council of PEI, youth have an opportunity to visit the courthouse and learn about the justice system. Other activities that take place during the week include cultural arts & crafts and traditional storytelling.

We held our 4th Atlantic Circle Keeper Workshop in February. The purpose of the training was to bring together representatives of Aboriginal Justice Programs and justice system personnel in the Atlantic Region to develop a resource guide. The guide outlines supports for offenders who come in contact with the law in the Atlantic Region and to share circle recommendations to support the offender, victim(s) and community on their path to healing.

The theme for our 7th Annual Aboriginal Justice Forum this year was “Youth Engagement.” We invited justice personnel to participate in a panel to show how some court cases are referred to the Aboriginal Justice Program and what decisions the courts consider when making these referrals. Workshops were presented by MCPEI Mi’kmaw Family PRIDE Program and the Aboriginal Shield Program.

At this year’s annual meeting, the Aboriginal Justice Program Advisory Committee discussed the different kinds of crime that are happening in our communities and how the justice program can play a role in reducing crime. Some of the suggestions include: educating the community; holding more Circles; learning from success; reporting crime; and networking with other groups.

We continue to educate and consult with law enforcement to increase their knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal justice issues. We’ve held several information sessions with justice personal to keep them up-to-date on the work we are doing and the importance of referring Aboriginal offenders to the program. We provided training to police cadets and correctional offers in training at Holland College. We will continue to build on the positive working relationship with law enforcement.

We collaborated with the Community Legal Information Association of PEI in developing a guide, Planning Ahead, Staying Safe: A Guide for Aboriginal Seniors on PEI. The guide provides information for Elders on planning ahead to prevent abuse. It outlines the different forms of abuse and how to get help.

We partnered with the Atlantic Community Safety Association to host the 26th Annual Atlantic Crime Prevention Conference. The conference provided an exceptional opportunity to gain insight into promising practices, evidence-based programs, experiences, lessons learned and best practices from experts. We presented two workshops at the conference: “Aboriginal Protocols for Youth Toolbox” and “Learning Justice the Fun Way.”

We’ve held several successful Justice Circles for Aboriginals who have chosen to participate in the Aboriginal Justice Program rather than go through mainstream justice. We will continue to provide support and aftercare to ensure our clients have the resources they need on their road to healing.

On behalf of myself and Sarah Jackson, Aboriginal Justice Executive Assistant, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and for making this past year a great success. Your help and support has made a difference; by working together we can make things happen.
This year, the Child and Family Services Program has hosted some great events and delivered many support services to caregivers, children and young people. A few of the highlights are: a new protocol with the PEI Department of Child and Family Services; a completed national program evaluation; a move into the new family resource center in Scotchfort; the expansion of services to include family therapy; and our ongoing partnerships with other programs and services.

In the fall of 2013, a joint protocol between the PEI Department of Child and Family Services and the Mi’kmaq Confederacy of PEI was implemented. This protocol provides direction to PEI Child Protection staff when they are working with children and families living on reserve and also clarifies the obligation of the child protection system to work collaboratively and cooperatively with the Designated Representative as defined in the Child Protection Act.

We were very fortunate this year to have more program space available to us. In April, we moved our offices in Scotchfort into the new Community Family Resource Center. This space has provided us with the much needed room to deliver groups and individual services. The grand opening was held in November and was a great celebration with many in attendance including the National and Regional Chiefs.

We have also been very grateful to Lennox Island Health Center for allowing us to use space in the building adjacent to the Health Center for music and group programming. Having this space has allowed us to further develop the use of music as a form of stress reduction, skill building and healthy communication.

Staff of the PRIDE Program delivered many different programs for people of all ages this year. Some examples of these are: the Morell breakfast group; the Mt. Stewart afterschool program; “Roots of Empathy” at Mt. Stewart; Rocky Point play group; Rocky Point youth group; Boys Councils in Mt. Stewart, Morell and Hernwood; Girls Circles in Morell and Westisle; men’s group in Scotchfort; women’s groups in Scotchfort and Lennox Island; and a variety of individualized parenting sessions. The services that we provided this past year have been adapted to meet the needs as identified by the participants.

Once again, this year, we partnered with the MCPEI Department of Education and Mt. Stewart School to host the National Day of Healing and Reconciliation. There was a great turnout for the event. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.

During the 2013-14 year, we partnered with the MCPEI Health Program to host a Family Violence Frontline Workers Gathering. This was a very successful event with over 40 participants. There were many great workshops and presenters. The keynote presentation and training was provided by Dr. Cathy Richardson and the topic was “Response Based Practice.”

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library continues to grow and we are very fortunate to have financial support from such organizations as the Journal-Pioneer to allow us to continue to deliver books to preschool children. Last year, five hundred books were mailed out to over 45 children.

We are very fortunate to have such great skilled and dedicated staff working in the PRIDE Program. They are Sarah Ballum, Stacey Bishop, Debbie Langston, Tyler Murphy, Brent Chaisson and Jodi Phillips.
The 2013-2014 fiscal year was a busy and productive time for the Mi'kmaq Confederacy Education Department as we continued to work with First Nations and other partners on activities designed to enhance educational opportunities and outcomes for Mi'kmaq youth attending Band operated and Provincial schools.

A Canada/PEI/Mi'kmaq Education Policy and Planning Forum continued to meet to advance initiatives within a multi-year Strategic Work Plan. This Forum comes out of the Canada/PEI/Mi'kmaq Tripartite Agreement and is made up of representatives of the Provincial and Federal Governments, as well as the Mi'kmaq Confederacy representing the Lennox Island and Abegweit First Nations.

Mi'kmaq Language Arts curricula has been further developed. To date, grades four through nine curricula have been developed with the curricula being used within John J. Sark Memorial School in Lennox Island, as well as PEI Provincial schools. Mi'kmaq Language Arts curricula focuses on the Mi'kmaq language, history, and culture. Throughout the coming year, a committee comprised of Carolyn Sark, Georgina Francis, Judy Clark, Neil Forbes, Tammy MacDonald, Blaine Bernard, Doris Googoo, and Allan Gillis will continue to meet to further develop curriculum and resources.

Angela MacDonald, Mi'kmaq Confederacy Assessment Specialist, has been busy providing educational assessments for First Nation students. In addition, Angela has also been meeting with parents and teachers to provide recommendations and supports associated with the educational assessments. School Success Plans were also supported in both First Nations. These plans were developed by staff at John J. Sark Memorial School and the Abegweit First Nation Early Childhood Learning Centre. Each plan is used as a way of identifying targets to be reached within the school and Centre. As well, they act as a tool to measure whether these targets are being met. Angela has also been providing support to teachers and administrators servicing First Nation learners.

Adam Joyce, our Transitions Coordinator has been visiting schools that service Mi'kmaq youth to offer support. A Resource Guide for Teachers has also been promoted as it provides teachers with activities that can be used within a classroom to complement a general knowledge of Mi'kmaq culture, traditions, and Spirituality. Adam has also been involved with the advancing of activities within work plans of a Provincial Mi'kmaq Transition Working Group. This group consists of educators from the First Nations; public school Principals and teachers; PEI English Language School Board; post-secondary institutions; PEI Department of Education and Early Childhood Development; and the PEI Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning.

First Nation Band operated early childhood and education programs were also supported. An Ooka Island Early Years Reading Program has continued. Licences and materials for this reading program were secured. As well, Education and the Family PRIDE Programs of the Mi'kmaq Confederacy continue to partner with others to enroll preschool-aged children in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Software and other electronic learning tools have also been purchased to assist elementary school students at John J. Sark Memorial School as well as preschool learners attending the Lennox Island Daycare and the Early Years Centre in Scotchfort. A computer lab within the Abegweit First Nation Community Resource Centre has also been established.

Protocols designed to address sharing of information between First Nations and the English Language School Board are being developed. Other protocols to formalize procedures are also being developed. It is anticipated these protocols will be ratified by the Province and First Nations in September 2014.

Other initiatives include: the planning of an annual Connecting Aboriginal Cultures event at the University of Prince Edward Island; contracting services of a Literacy Coach to provide in-service and professional development to staff of John J. Sark Memorial School; and the planning and hosting of the 2014 Atlantic Native Teachers Education Conference, bringing together approximately 350 educators servicing First Nation learners throughout the Atlantic provinces.

Education staff of the Mi'kmaq Confederacy will continue to work with various partners representing the Lennox Island and Abegweit First Nations, the Governments of Canada and Prince Edward Island, staff within MCPEI, as well as other organizations that are committed to improving educational outcomes and success of Mi'kmaq learners within Prince Edward Island. Wela'lin to all.
Mi’kmaq Confederacy Health Program

In 2013-2014, the Mi’kmaq Confederacy Health Program’s goals are to keep up-to-date with the needs of our community. As in previous years, the Health team is working hard to establish greater relationships among provincial health authorities and First Nations’ health services on PEI.

As Director of Health, I continue to work collaboratively with the Health Policy Planning Forum, keeping in mind the health of our communities, seeking equitable, transparent and accountable health services. I have recently been appointed to the PEI Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Council to provide advice on the Mental Health and Addictions strategy for the Island.

The Health Program Team will continue their work in achieving greater health outcomes for PEI Mi’kmaq First Nations. In the spirit of working together with the First Nation communities, Health PEI, and First Nations Health Branch, we are collaborating in many ways:

Health Policy Planning Forum

The HPPF working groups are discussing: Mental Health and Addictions; Healthy Weights in Children; Home Care; Oral Health; and, recently added, eHealth. These tripartite groups are reviewing ways to create efficiencies for community Health Services and looking at better ways to collaborate.

Getting Prepared

In response to the Auditor General’s report, EMO PEI and MCPEI are collaborating to enhance relationships with the communities to ensure readiness. Tanya Augustine, after just starting her role in Health Emergency Management, was able to successfully mobilize with the Lennox Island Emergency Team when the community was faced with days of power outages from a winter storm.

Health Promotion

The Health Program Staff welcomes Mia Wuertz-court to the team! In February, she was hired to fill in for Leeanne Yeo at Lennox Island. When Leeanné returns, Mia will be working with Abegweit three days per week.

The IRS Program

The Cultural Support Provider, Alma MacDougall, continues to reach out to the Residential School Survivors and their families, offering support. This past year, Alma has become a champion of providing cultural Awareness and Sensitivity workshops. This year, we have enhanced the program and Alma will now be officially offering support as a Resolution Health Support Worker for PEI.

MCPEI Healthy Weights Project
Collaborating with UPEI

With the support of both PEI Mi’kmaq Chiefs, the HSIF Healthy Weights Project Coordinator, Tricia Smith, has been collaborating with UPEI looking at the means of Food Security and Nutrition in a “Food is Medicine” project. Stay tuned.
The Integrated Resource Management (IRM) Program is responsible for the management and implementation of Mi’kmaq Confederacy programs and projects related to strengthening PEI Mi’kmaq First Nations fisheries and resource management capacity, in addition to advancing First Nations’ involvement in natural resources.

The major program in our division continues to be the Aboriginal Aquatic Oceans Resource Management Program (AAROM), a Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) sponsored project. Its major goal is to build capacity in fisheries and watershed management issues. This program supports the vast majority of the projects in which we are involved. The Atlantic Integrated Fisheries Initiative (AICFI) program is part of our group, and provides direct support to the Fisheries program in each First Nation.

Some of the year’s highlights:

- A report was prepared on how to best utilize Abegweit’s new crab boat throughout the year.

- Through one-on-one mapping and interview sessions, we continued a land use program that records Aboriginal use of the lands and waterways in PEI for resource harvest. This allows us to look at proposed development projects and ensure that they will not impact Mi’kmaq First Nations in any way. The information is used in consultations with other Governments.

- These are a few of the key aspects to our program. There are many other facets which we would be more than happy to discuss. If you have any questions, would like copies of any of the reports, or are interested in participating in any of our projects, please contact us.

- We continued a study on the health safety of lobsters consumed by First Nation members in PEI in conjunction with Health Canada and Aquatic Science and Health Services.

- In fisheries, we collaborated with the North Shore District Mi’kmaq Council from New Brunswick, and the MCPEI Employment program to present year 2 of an essential skills program to 16 fishers from Lennox Island First Nation and 10 from Abegweit First Nation.

- Climate Change is impacting First Nation communities through storm surge, erosion, change in diversity of species, and change in fishing seasons. We continue to work with government organizations to work on methods of adaptation to deal with these issues. We received funding this year, as part of a three year program, to develop adaptation strategies for the First Nations on PEI. We also partnered in a project identifying at-risk infrastructure on reserves, and in communities and other areas of Band interests. We also partnered in developing a visualization tool that shows the impact of sea level rise and storm surges in PEI.

- Aquaculture is a new opportunity that the Mi’kmaq First Nations are interested in pursuing. This year we developed an Aquaculture Strategy for the Bands. We will work with them to move aquaculture forward.
Recently here on secondment to the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI (MCPEI) in October 2013, what a fabulous whirlwind experience it has been! At the risk of repeating myself to all I have told before, I am thoroughly enjoying this position! And it is not only that all of the people of the Confederacy and the communities are terrific, warm, friendly, engaging and talented but the work is fascinating and for someone (me!) who relishes both change and challenges, there are no shortages of either here! For this annual report I will work to highlight as many of the topics, projects, committees, and programs I have encountered, engaged and contributed.

My tenure began as Chief Matilda’s proxy at the AFN’s Chiefs Committee Meeting for Economic Development in Moncton New Brunswick. Serendipity, or my good fortune, this resonates as one of the meetings with the biggest impact for me personally and for me professionally as the Economic Development officer for the Confederacy. To have attended with such esteemed members of Canada’s First Nations community leaders was truly equal parts thrilling and educational. It was the perfect segue to the invitation as an executive member to the AAEDN (Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Network) team, a network of hardworking and experienced economic development personnel from across Atlantic Canada. Here I have enjoyed the camaraderie of talented individuals but, more importantly, have gleaned valuable information regarding the exploration and development of economic development opportunities across Atlantic Canada.

I would be remiss to continue without mentioning the working partnerships created within the Mi’kmaq Confederacy and the two First Nations as a whole, and if I begin to mention names I will miss someone so suffice it to say that across the spectrum of MCPEI staff and directors, the extension of knowledge and experience extended to me has been invaluable! Specifically, within our special circle of economic development, however, I have the great pleasure of working with two very experienced economic development officers in Danny Sark and Mike Randall. Danny and I had met previously in my Innovation PEI Days when I was the craft development officer and it was with great pleasure to learn he would be a colleague within my role at MCPEI.

And although Mike is relatively new to his position, it is also with great pleasure that I had the opportunity to be on the hiring committee where I learned firsthand of Mike’s extensive experiences in community economic development on PEI.

Now already the fourth paragraph of this annual report and I’m just skimming the surface, so now is the time to begin to list some of the economic development activities I/we are collectively working on here at MCPEI:

• AANDC grant ($40K) for a two-part study for the development of the Bonshaw Lands
• Fundraising initiative (Super Bingo) for Abegweit First Nation
• An Artisan Enterprise, for collaborative training, marketing and sales for PEI Mi’kmaq artists
• A major economic development initiative on Lennox Island in the form of its own Co-op store
• Planning for the 2014 Celebration Zone, Mi’kmaq Craft Demonstration area
• Sponsorship development for 2014, specifically within the Pow wow and Gold Cup tournament
• Planning for a forestry initiative for Abegweit and Tree Trimming Enterprise
• Client one-on-one business development
• Invitation to participate within the Cultural Awareness Educational Programs at MCPEI
• Representative of MCPEI on the Charlottetown Harbor Authority Board

In closing, I leave with you a quote regarding economic development from the Honourable Nick Sibbeston former Premier, Senator, lawyer, and a distinguished member of the Northwest Territories (NWT) Legislative Assembly:

“Economic development is a way forward for all communities, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal alike, to find opportunity and have the ability to capitalize on it, is a good formula. It can be the “one” force that can completely change a community, in a generation.”
Over the past year, Employment Services has continued to deliver an individual-based employment program, focused on the career plans that individuals have designed with their employment counselors. Many individuals have had an opportunity to experience worksites, full and part-time employment, summer work and to enter the educational field of their choice.

This report touches very briefly on the many opportunities, programs and results that the Employment Services team: Betty Gordon; Curtis Reilly; and Faye MacLean, have developed over the past year.

We are continually forming partnerships with private and public sector business and organizations, to create opportunities for individuals to have experiential, education and work experiences. Many of these experiences can be seen on our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/mcpeiemploymentservices), so please visit.

We continue to partner with the provincial government on a number of levels, from finding supportive work environments where individuals can learn valuable work skills, to leveraging additional dollars to support client case plans.

Employment Services continues to meet on the Planning and Partnership Forum to develop a work plan with various levels of government in the ongoing Partnership Agreement. We are hoping to have these meetings continue over the next year to look at Policy between the various levels of government.

Holland College continues to be a valuable partner in developing programs for students over the summer to learn about their various education programs, linking education to employment.

GED programs were operating in both Lennox and Scotchfort during 2103. Scotchfort completed its 6th year this May, with many of the graduates from the program over the years going on to postsecondary training.

Individuals enrolled and completed a wide variety of training and education. Many were able to acquire Skills Development to fund the majority of the costs of their education, with MCPEI Employment Services supplementing the tuition costs not covered through the federal program.

Mi’kmaq Legends performed over the summer in a number of venues, including performing in small halls across the island, to their final performance at the Confederation Centre of the Arts. This project has created ongoing interest from a number of potential partners to have a place in the upcoming PEI 2014 celebrations.

As we look back over the past year, there have been tremendous amounts of new and exciting milestones that individuals have achieved for themselves. And, as we go forward into a new year, we face challenges with changes to the EI system and funding sources. However, our Staff continues to be extremely dedicated and creative in ways to assist individuals with their plans.
Mi’kmaq Confederacy of PEI
The past year has been a positive and productive one as the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI and Parks Canada continued to work together to advance their mutual goals. The mandates of Parks Canada and the MCPEI see them dealing with the presentation and promotion of culture and heritage of PEI Mi'kmaq, also with the management of lands of historical and present day importance to the Mi'kmaq. Therefore, cooperation between the groups is not only desired and beneficial, it is necessary both practically and legally.

In 2013-2014, Parks Canada consulted the Confederacy on a wide variety issues. As well, the Confederacy and Parks Canada have identified keys areas of interest and concern to both groups. Effective communication and consultation; the presentation of Mi'kmaw culture and heritage in Parks Canada sites; culture and heritage projects of mutual interest, are a few of those joint priorities.

On August 15, 2013, a major travelling exhibition, Ni'n na L'nu: The Mi'kmaq of Prince Edward Island, premiered at the Confederation Centre of the Arts in Charlottetown. The exhibition, which brings alive the history and culture of PEI Mi'kmaq for a broad audience, features five stylized wigwams which have an exterior surface designed and covered with images to bring the story of PEI Mi'kmaq alive. Flaps on each exterior surface are lifted to reveal additional stories, pictures and reproduction artifacts. Inside each wigwam is a short audio experience using recorded stories told by PEI Mi'kmaw Elders. The content of the exhibit is considerable while remaining accessible to a broad audience. The exhibit was designed with input from an advisory board as well as community members and Elders. The exhibition is presented by the Mi'kmaq Confederacy with funding from Canadian Heritage's Museums Assistance Program and important technical support from Parks Canada. The exhibition completed a very successful six-month stay at the Confederation Centre in February, 2014. The exhibition will tour widely throughout North America during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The exhibition was awarded a Prince Edward Island Heritage Award in February 2014.

A companion book also titled, Ni'n na L'nu: The Mi'kmaq of Prince Edward Island, published by Acorn Press and co-authored by A.J.B. Johnston and Jesse Francis, was launched along with the exhibition on August 15, 2013. The book has been very well received and towards the end of the period covered by this review, was short-listed for several prestigious awards including the PEI Book Award (non-fiction) and the Atlantic Best-Published Book from the Atlantic Book Awards.

The Confederacy continues to work on the long-term protection and management of Hog Island. As a Mi'kmaq Heritage Landscape, the area is important in so many ways: its Mi'kmaq history, geology, archaeology, ecology and more. The body of knowledge being built for the area will help to manage these precious lands wisely and to engage partners who can assist the Confederacy in the stewardship of this special place.

The Mi'kmaq Confederacy was involved, this year, in the generation of new visitor experience possibilities for Robinsons Island, in Prince Edward Island National Park. Robinsons Island is the site of an important Mi'kmaq archaeological site which was excavated in 1988 by Parks Canada archaeologists.

These are some of the projects and work underway as the relationship between the Confederacy and Parks Canada continues to grow and evolve.

I would like to thank all of those with whom I have been fortunate to work over the past year, especially the members of the travelling exhibition advisory committee, for the professionalism, experience and knowledge they brought to that project.

I look forward to our work together in the coming year.
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the Directors of Mi’kmaq Confederacy of PEI Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Mi’kmaq Confederacy of PEI Inc., which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2014, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management’s Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the organization’s preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mi’kmaq Confederacy of PEI Inc. as at March 31, 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Woodstock, New Brunswick

July 7, 2014

Lenehan McCahin & Associates
Chartered Accountants
Mi’kmaq Confederacy of PEI Inc.
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
as at March 31, 2014

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<th>ASSETS</th>
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<td>Current assets</td>
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<td>Cash and short-term investments (Note 3)</td>
<td>$2,226,696</td>
<td>$1,329,316</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable (Note 4)</td>
<td>189,995</td>
<td>418,261</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses (Note 5)</td>
<td>1,366</td>
<td>20,232</td>
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<td><strong>$2,418,057</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,767,809</strong></td>
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| LIABILITIES |          |              |
| Current Liability |          |              |
| Accounts payable (Note 6) | $569,384 | $461,060 |
| Deferred revenue (Note 7) | 1,448,892 | 962,362 |
| | **2,018,276** | **1,423,422** |

| FUND BALANCES |          |              |
| Accumulated surplus (Note 10) | $399,781 | $344,387 |
| | **$2,418,057** | **$1,767,809** |

APPROVED

Co-chair

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### Mikmaq Confederacy of PEI INC

**Consolidated Statement of Operations**

**Year Ended March 31, 2014**

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<th>2013-14 Budget</th>
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<td>$3,549,618</td>
<td>$2,832,912</td>
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<td>Health Canada</td>
<td>464,541</td>
<td>963,624</td>
<td>631,752</td>
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<td>Service Canada</td>
<td>828,874</td>
<td>787,705</td>
<td>695,228</td>
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<td>General administration</td>
<td>620,807</td>
<td>574,918</td>
<td>571,103</td>
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<td>Other revenue</td>
<td>222,067</td>
<td>366,388</td>
<td>231,523</td>
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<td>Department of Fisheries and Oceans</td>
<td>345,731</td>
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<td>477,570</td>
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<td>Justice program</td>
<td>160,000</td>
<td>230,311</td>
<td>221,444</td>
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<td>Province of PEI</td>
<td>403,140</td>
<td>207,361</td>
<td>147,757</td>
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<td>Sports capacity development</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>50,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenues</strong></td>
<td>6,594,778</td>
<td>6,307,950</td>
<td>6,047,669</td>
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| **Expenditures**     |                |                |                |
| Wages and employer benefits | 1,406,845     | 1,547,757      | 1,583,241      |
| Child and family services | 1,843,849     | 1,358,769      | 1,435,954      |
| ASETS CRF program     | 471,414        | 450,057        | 429,557        |
| Contracted event expenses | -              | 436,080        | 83,525         |
| Miscellaneous and administration | 438,137     | 434,982        | 391,939        |
| Activities and programs | 569,854        | 345,706        | 520,792        |
| Justice program       | 227,811        | 227,955        | 220,873        |
| Professional services | 357,315        | 225,450        | 126,265        |
| ASETS EI program      | 235,677        | 208,217        | 214,499        |
| Province of PEI Skills development | 200,000 | 200,165 | 122,418 |
| Travel, training and workshops | 258,453     | 184,320        | 221,717        |
| Rent                  | 170,000        | 167,947        | 175,006        |
| ASETS program other expenses | 121,783        | 121,783        | 43,287         |
| Supplies, materials and equipment | 125,000     | 121,358        | 211,911        |
| Telephone             | 70,000         | 67,769         | 63,657         |
| Communications and advertising | 97,004     | 56,097         | 98,282         |
| Sports capacity development | 50,000        | 44,272         | 47,745         |
| Electricity and garbage removal | 41,500     | 40,074         | 41,651         |
| Bank charges and insurance | 14,000        | 13,798         | 13,735         |
| Repayable contribution funding | -              | -              | 34,924         |
| **Total Expenditures**| 6,698,642      | 6,252,556      | 6,080,978      |

**Surplus (deficit) for the year**

$\begin{align*}
\text{Surplus (deficit) for the year} & = 6,594,778 - 6,698,642 \\
& = -103,864
\end{align*}$

\[\text{Surplus (deficit) for the year} = (103,864) \quad \text{dollars}\]

\[\text{Surplus (deficit) for the year} = 55,394 \quad \text{dollars}\]

\[\text{Surplus (deficit) for the year} = (33,309) \quad \text{dollars}\]
**Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI INC**

**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

*Year Ended March 31, 2014*

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<td>$ 344,387</td>
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<td>$ 377,696</td>
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<td>Surplus (deficit)</td>
<td>(103,864)</td>
<td>55,394</td>
<td>(33,309)</td>
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<td>Accumulated surplus, end of year</td>
<td>$ 240,523</td>
<td>$ 399,781</td>
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Notes
"The land on which you sleep, is ours; we sprung from it as do the trees, and the grass, and the flowers. It is ours forever, and we will not yield it to any man."

Mi’kmaq Chief