



Pictou Landing First Nation Newsletter

Week of: Monday December 7, 2020

Boat Harbour Remediation Project Update:

Reclaiming A'se'k

For PLFN Community Members (living on-reserve, off reserve or anyone residing in our community)

What's Our Role in the Environmental Assessment Phase?



Join our **VIRTUAL GRAPHIC FACILITATION SESSION**
On Zoom Friday Dec 11, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm

- We will start with an update from Impact Assessment Agency on the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.
- And then we want to hear from you!
At the meeting, share your future vision of A'se'k and the role of community members in the next steps of the EA process.

Insights shared at the meeting will be captured by a graphic artist.

Things are a little different due to Covid precautions but I still want to offer you a meal for joining the session.

Everyone who registers with and participates will receive a \$20 restaurant gift card!

Gift Card Choices- Sam's Pizza, Subway, Our Turn to Cook



**To register- Email michelle.f.d@plfn.ca
OR message on Facebook Messenger –'Michelle Ann' or comment in the PLFN A'se'k Group on this AD and I will send you instructions on how to download zoom and the meeting link!**

Thank you for your participation in this important environmental process



Update on EA Process:

PLFN has been actively working with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) on the Remediation Project.

The Environmental Impact Statement was submitted by NS Lands which then underwent a conformity review. The review was undertaken by the following regulatory bodies: Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Health Canada (HC), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) Transport Canada (TC) and the Agency (IAAC). There was some additional work identified by the regulators that needed to be addressed which had since been completed and the EIS has been re-submitted. The EIS is currently being reviewed by the Agency. There will be a public comment period which will commence December 18th.

****If anyone from PLFN has any concerns on the potential impacts to treaty rights please submit your concerns to Michelle.f.d@plfn.ca or iaac.boatharbour.aeic@canada.ca.****

We are working with EXP Engineering who reviews all the technical documents and will bring forth any questions or concerns they have which we (PLFN) can bring to the consultation table.

We have scheduled December 17th to “meet the team” via a virtual meeting. This meeting is open to all community members that are interested in attending. Michelle will be sharing the details for this. ****Ahead of this mtg we have a very short survey we would like members to complete (9 questions total). Please check out the A’s’e’k page for the link to the survey.****

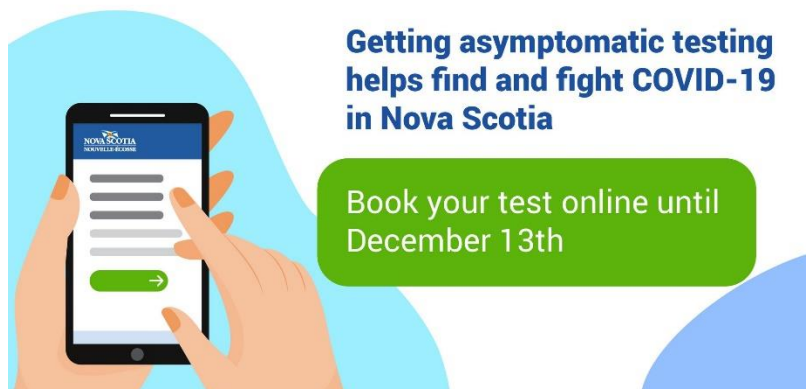
The meeting will answer the survey results and also provide an opportunity to have a Q&A session for any questions you may have. You can also email your question(a) to iaac.boatharbour.aeic@canada.ca or Michelle.f.d@plfn.ca. Please remember that every question is a good question so please don’t be shy to ask your questions. This project is significant and is your input is important and valuable. Please let me know if you need to be included to the Facebook group.

PLFN EMO COVID Update:

Getting tested when you have no symptoms can help Nova Scotia find and fight COVID-19 in our communities. Nova Scotians can now book appointments online for asymptomatic COVID-19 testing:

<https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca>.

When filling out the self-assessment, choose the asymptomatic option and you’ll be directed to make an appointment. Tests can be booked until Dec. 13.



COVID-19 vaccine and Indigenous peoples

The Government of Canada is working to secure safe and effective vaccines to prevent COVID-19. This is key to stopping the spread of COVID-19 and resuming normal life.

Here is what we know so far. We are getting close to having a vaccine in Canada. This page will be updated when new information is available.

Some members of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities will be able to get vaccinated in the first wave of vaccinations

Once a safe COVID-19 vaccine is approved by Health Canada and is available, at-risk groups will be prioritized to receive the vaccine first as it rolls out. This is because there will be a limited supply at the beginning.

Some Indigenous communities or members of those communities will be identified as being at increased risk. They will be among the first groups to receive the vaccine. The vaccine will be free. Visit <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/> for more information.

Employment Opportunities:

There are a few employment opportunities within PLFN. We are currently looking for a Mental Health Support Worker; a Janitor – Fisheries Building; and a Security – Wolf Den. All positions are full time and close on December 16,2020. All jobs are posted on the PLFN website www.plfn.ca; and the PLFN Facebook Page.

Mailing List:

Attention PLFN Community Members if you would like your email added to the PLFN email list, please email Heather at heather.h@plfn.ca and she will add you. Emails will include, urgent notices, newsletters, craft fairs, etc.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church:

Christmas Masses-please note Christmas Eve 9:30 Mass cancelled****

Bishop Kirkpatrick has sent a letter to the priests of the diocese stating that we can have an early Mass at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Due to lack of sufficient interest in the 9:30pm Mass Christmas Eve, it has been cancelled and we will be having a 4pm Mass instead. Therefore, there will be Masses at 4pm AND 6pm. Everyone who has shown interest in the Christmas Eve Masses (*in the calling that has been done so far*) will get another call to ask their preference. Those who have not been called yet will also be given that preference when they are called.

Our schedule of Masses over a four day period is:

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4 pm St. John; 6 pm St. John; 8 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:30 am St. John

Saturday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family

4:00 pm St. John

Sunday, December 27, Feast of the Holy Family

9:30 am St. John; 11:30 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS

The Pictou Landing First Nation Fire Department is holding the Annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday December 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm. They will be judging for Best Decorated House, Best Float, Most Lights, etc!! Be sure to look out your window to see Santa as he passes by!!

