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TRIPARTITE FORUM

Annual Report 2004/05

Working and Learning Together in Partnership





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The 2004-2005 Tripartite Forum Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of our former Executive Chair, Alex Denny. Without his leadership, vision and commitment to the Mi'kmaq People, the Tripartite Forum would not be where it is today.

Wela'lin Alex!



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Native
Leader



Mission Statement of the Tripartite Forum:

Committed to working and learning together in partnership,
in a manner that respects the needs of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq.

Vision Statement of the Tripartite Forum:

Building a foundation for prosperous and vibrant Mi'kmaw
communities through partnership, commitment and respect.

Value Statements of the Tripartite Forum:

Commitment

We are committed to working in open-minded relationships where all
parties strive to reach the organization's vision.

Partnership

We will work together in good faith to build a strong and healthy
Mi'kmaw community that will benefit all Nova Scotians.

Respect

We develop our relationships based on mutual trust and respect,
where we learn and grow together.



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A Message from the Executive Chair



It was both a happy and a sad task for me to take over the role of Executive Chair for the Mi'kmaq•Nova Scotia•Canada Tripartite Forum earlier this year. It was a happy task, as I was honoured that the Nova Scotia Chiefs put my name forward and selected me to take on this position. It was a sad task as the Chair's position became vacant with the death of a great Mi'kmaw leader – Alex Denny.

Although I have only been the Executive Chair for a short time, I am no stranger to the work of the Tripartite Forum. In fact, I have been connected to the Tripartite Forum since the early 1990s when I sat as a working committee co-chair. My work since then has kept me up to date with the activities and progress of the Forum, and from time to time has brought me back to the table.

With a full slate of seven working committees in place, the Tripartite Forum is moving forward on a number of work areas. Early in 2005, the Health Working Committee was handed the task to coordinate Nova Scotia's submission to the National Aboriginal Health Blueprint. It was because of the relationships already in place through the Tripartite Forum that this process quickly took shape, and Nova Scotia took the lead of jurisdictions across Canada to gather and begin processing information. This is just one example of the benefit to all Nova Scotians of the work of the Tripartite Forum.

In 2004, the Tripartite Forum adopted three value statements – depicting Respect, Commitment and Partnership as vital pieces of the Forum. As we move forward, these three values are cornerstones to our success. Success in both strengthening our relationships and in the work being done on behalf of all Nova Scotians, especially the Mi'kmaq.

I look forward to the exciting future of the Mi'kmaq•Nova Scotia•Canada Tripartite Forum and the role each of us can play.

Rick Simon





A message from

The Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq



Great progress was made this year in the Mi'kmaq•Nova Scotia•Canada Tripartite Forum. It was with great sadness that we saw this year the passing of a great Mi'kmaw leader and the Executive Chair of the Tripartite Forum – Alex Denny. It was also with great enthusiasm that we saw Rick Simon of Indian Brook take on the role of Executive Chair – and become the second Mi'kmaq to hold that position.

Mi'kmaq representation and participation in the Tripartite Forum is significant. Whether it be the work of our Chiefs or the Mi'kmaw community members on the working committees, the results are something that all Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq can take great pride.

The Nova Scotia Government



Once again, it's time to celebrate the Tripartite Forum and the work being done on behalf of the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia. The partnership of the Mi'kmaq, Nova Scotia and Canada, reflected through the work of the Forum's seven committees, is an ever present example of what people of good will can achieve. A highlight this year was the Health Working Committee's preparation of the Nova Scotia Aboriginal Health Blueprint. Providing Healthcare, Achieving Health will become the new focus of the Health Working Committee's ongoing collaborative work in the future. The second annual General Assembly at Bear River First nation in mid-June was an opportunity for all participants to review the work underway and plan for the future. With better communications and a greater public appreciation of its work, The Tripartite Forum partnership will continue to inspire government to government relations across the country.

The Government of Canada



The Government of Canada is pleased to continue working collaboratively within the Mi'kmaq•Nova Scotia•Canada Tripartite Forum to address areas of mutual interest. This forum, a true partnership of the Mi'kmaq, the Government of Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia, continues to prove itself to be an outstanding medium which has enabled us to work together on the issues that matter most to the Mi'kmaq people of Nova Scotia. The Tripartite Forum is part of a dynamic process to achieve lasting impacts in bettering the lives of Mi'kmaq people. The Government of Canada looks forward to the continued work that lies ahead for the Tripartite Forum in 2005-2006.

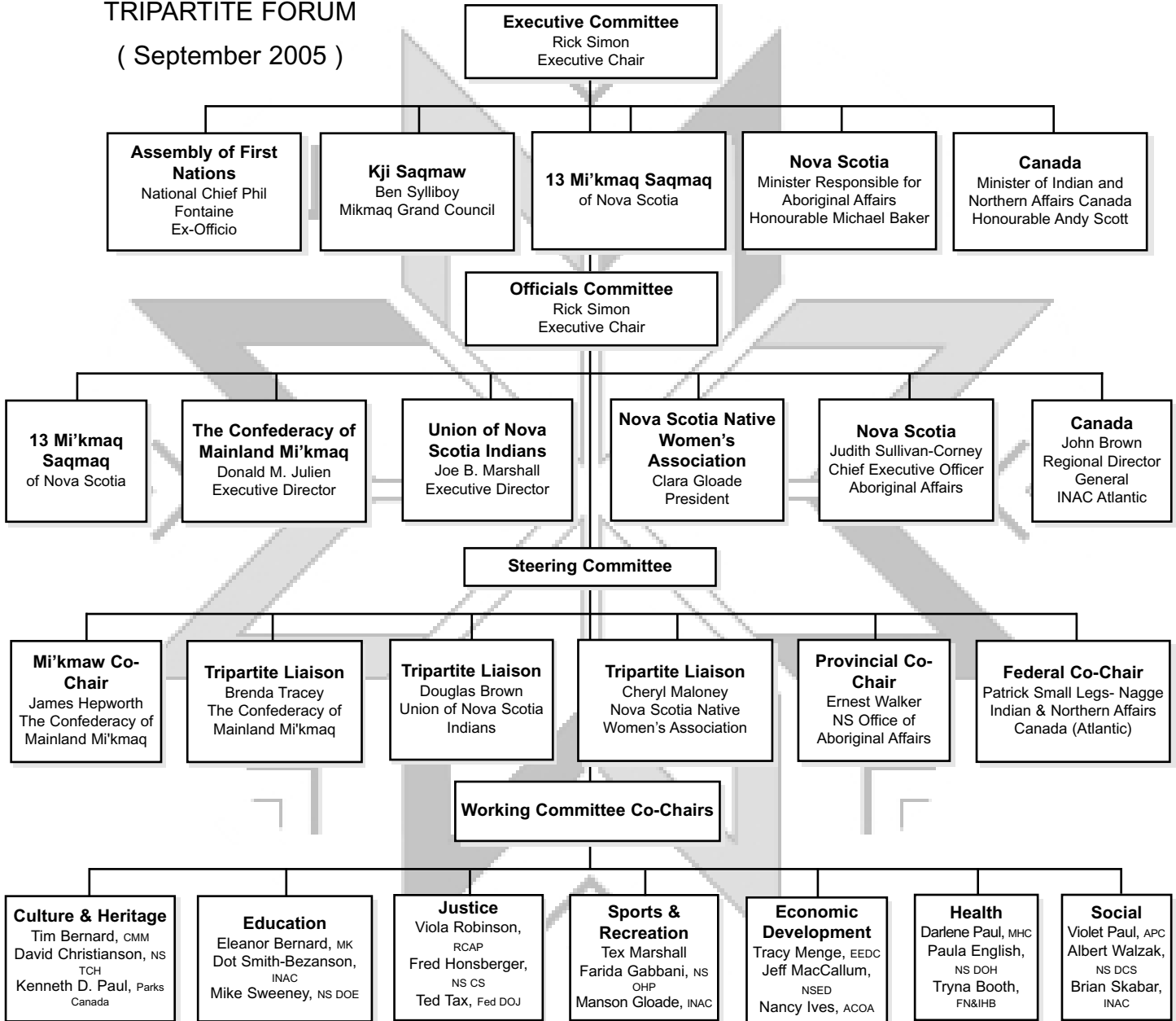


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Organizational Chart

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(September 2005)



KEY		
ACOA: Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency	INAC: Indian & Northern Affairs Canada	NS CS: Nova Scotia Correctional Services
APC: Atlantic Policy Congress	MHC: Membertou Health Centre	NS DOH: Nova Scotia Department of Health
CMM: Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (The)	MK: Mikmaw Kina'matnewey	NS TCH: Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture & Heritage
EEDC: Eskasoni Economic Development Corp.	NS DCS: NS Department of Community Services	NS OHP: Nova Scotia Office of Health Promotion
Fed DOJ: Federal Department of Justice	NS DOE: NS Department of Education	RCAP: Royal Commission on Aboriginal People
FN&IHB: First Nations & Inuit Health Branch	NS ED: Nova Scotia Economic Development	



About Tripartite Forum

The Mi'kmaq•Nova Scotia•Canada Tripartite Forum was formed in 1997 as a partnership between the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada, to strengthen relationships and to resolve issues of mutual concern affecting Mi'kmaw communities.

The Forum operates with the following committee levels: Executive, Officials, Steering and Working committees. Each committee level has representation from the three parties: the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada. The parties work together with tolerance and by consensus to discuss and resolve issues and act as a catalyst for change.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the highest level of the decision making process in the Tripartite Forum. Final decisions are made at this level with consensus from all members. Decisions made here can overrule present policy, change future policy, initiate and provide input into legislative change if necessary. All Tripartite committees require approval from the Executive Committee in their formation, mandate and resolutions.

Composition of the Executive Committee:

- Executive Chair
- Grand Chief
- 13 Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs
- National Chief (ex-officio)
- Nova Scotia Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
- Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada



(L-R) John Brown, Regional Director General - Atlantic, INAC; Tom Molloy, Federal Lead Negotiator; Andy Scott, Federal Minister for INAC; Michael Baker, Provincial Minister for OAA; and Judith Sullivan-Conroy, CEO-OAA



(L-R) Chief Blair Francis, Eskasoni; Chief Brian Toney, Annapolis Valley; Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy; Rick Simon, Tripartite Forum Executive Chair; and Chief Terry Paul, Membertou

Officials Committee

The Officials Committee receives options and recommendations from the working committees and offers decisions within its authority and policy. The Officials Committee approves the working committees' mandate and provides direction as stated by the Executive Committee.

Composition of the Officials Committee:

- Executive Chair
- 13 Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs
- Executive Director – The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq
- Executive Director – Union of Nova Scotia Indians
- President – Nova Scotia Native Women's Association
- Chief Executive Officer – Office of Aboriginal Affairs (Nova Scotia)
- Regional Director General – Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (Atlantic)
- Other federal/regional directors and provincial deputy ministers



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Steering Committee

The Steering Committee provides organizational direction and operational support to the Tripartite Forum. The Steering Committee also functions to focus on the overall relationships between the three partners within each of the Forum's working committees.

Composition of the Steering Committee:

- Mi'kmaq Co-chair
- Provincial Co-chair
- Federal Co-chair
- Tripartite Liaison – The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq
- Tripartite Liaison – Union of Nova Scotia Indians
- Tripartite Liaison – Nova Scotia Native Women's Association



(L-R) Ernest Waller, Steering Committee Provincial Co-Chair and Patrick Shall Legs-Negge, Steering Committee Federal Co-Chair

Jim Hepworth, Steering Committee Mi'kmaq Co-Chair

(L-R) Brenda Tracey, CMM's Tripartite Liaison and Denise Glode, Tripartite Administrative Assistant

Working Committees

The "grass roots" of the Tripartite Forum is established through the seven working committees. As the various working committee members identify issues through research and community engagement, these issues are brought to the working committee table for discussion, solution development and next steps. Comprised of representatives from the three parties, experts and technicians in each of the seven areas work together to develop and carry out their annual work plans. Open and public community participation is also encouraged as working committees attempt to host their meetings across the province in Mi'kmaq communities.

The seven working committees:

- Culture & Heritage
- Economic Development
- Education
- Health
- Justice
- Social
- Sports & Recreation



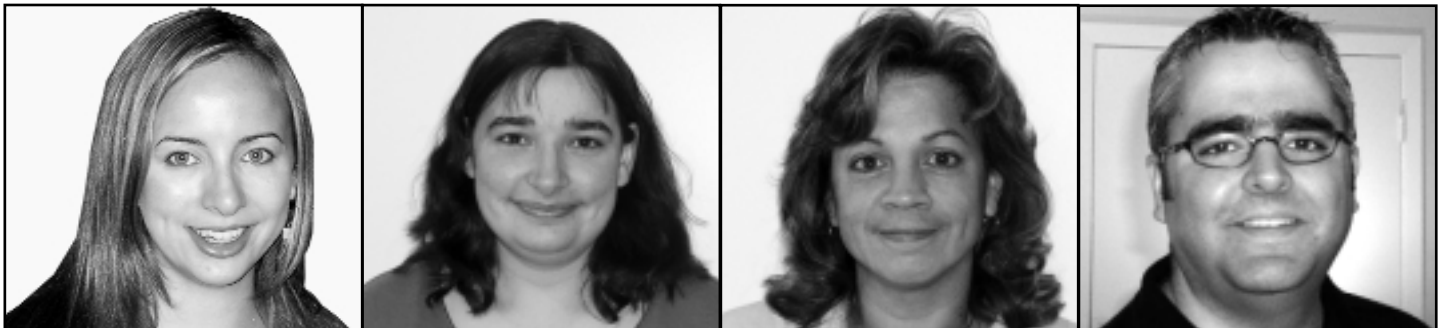
(L-R) Trevor Bernard, former UNSI Tripartite Liaison and Krista Brookes, Economic Development Working Committee Member



Tripartite Forum Secretariat

The Secretariat is responsible for the daily operations of the Tripartite Forum. This includes providing logistical support and coordinating meetings for the seven working committees and the Steering, Officials and Executive committees. The Secretariat also works to communicate the positive results of the Tripartite Forum through a website, a newsletter, presentations and articles.

The Tripartite Forum Secretariat consists of two full-time staff, an administrator, an administrative assistant and a part-time communications officer. The office is located at The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq in Millbrook, NS.



Stacey Devoe, former Tripartite Forum Communications Officer

Amanda Dugas, Tripartite Forum Administrator

Denise Gloade, Tripartite Forum Administrative Assistant

Jeff Bishop, Tripartite Forum Communications Officer

Committee Reports

Steering Committee

The steering committee provides organizational and operational support to the Tripartite Forum. In particular, the committee is a key link between the forum working committees and the Officials committee.

During 2004-2005, the steering committee:

- Provided planning and administrative work for all Officials, Executive and Co-chairs Committee meetings.
- Provided planning and administration to the Executive Chair selection process.
- Guided the implementation of the Tripartite Forum communications plan and liaised with the communications subcommittee to ensure timely and effective implementation of the plan's strategies.
- Continued to update and communicated a number of policy directives to assist committees in the conduct of their work.
- Provided direction to the working committees on operational and budget planning throughout the year and assisted in the preparation of three officials committee meetings and one executive committee meeting during the year.
- Created and submitted to the officials committee, the 2003-04 annual report.
- Provided planning and administration for the Tripartite Forum's first Annual General Assembly for the working committees.



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Economic Development Working Committee

The Economic Development Working Committee encourages employment and economic opportunities to enhance the overall conditions of Aboriginal Peoples. The committee develops partnerships with First Nation communities, the government and businesses. The committee addresses topic areas focusing on entrepreneurship, information communications technology, community capacity building and professional development.



(L-R) Economic Development Working Committee Members Dorothy Hach , INAC and Cheryl Keats, INAC

The year began with several committee member changes including change of the Federal Chair from Debbie Windsor to Nancy Ives from Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA). Later in the year, the Provincial Chair also changed from Chris Byrant to Jeff MacCallum from Nova Scotia Office of Economic Development (NS OED).

Throughout the year the committee scheduled several information sessions including: Judith Cabrita, Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS) for a general overview of the association; Mike White, Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) for an overview of Aboriginal supplier procurement; and Rick Gilbert, Department of Education for a review of the "Youth Employment and Skills Development Strategy".

Over the span of 2004/2005 the committee helped to facilitate funding and support for the following projects from the Canada/Nova Scotia COOPERATION Agreement on Economic Diversification, First Nation Economic Development Fund (FNEDF), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation:

- Aboriginal Tourism
- Open For Business Mi'kmaq (OFB Mi'kmaq)
- Economic Development Officers Network (EDON)
- Mi'kmaq Nova Scotia First Net

To compliment the committee's existing focus, a Procurement Subcommittee was formed to focus on the objective of increasing First Nation business opportunities through procurement. The Procurement Subcommittee has made contacts related to the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal and the Aboriginal Workforce Placement. Additionally, the committee arranged for an Aboriginal component to a reverse trade show held in Sydney under the Provincial government Supplier Development Program. The subcommittee has also worked on an initiative to update and publish a 2005 revised Nova Scotia Aboriginal Business Database which is expected to be distributed in 2005/2006. The outcomes of this subcommittee have been very positive and ongoing work is planned for the coming year.

Overall 2004/2005 was felt to be a productive year with achievements in our workplan contributing to our focus on entrepreneurship, information communications technology, community capacity building and professional development.

Education Working Committee

The partners in the Tripartite Forum Education Working committee have been busy over the past year. Perhaps most importantly, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK) – a collective voice for Mi'kmaw education in Nova



Scotia - has signed a five-year renewal on their funding agreement with the Federal Government. This agreement between MK and the Federal Government is unique in Canada, and shows the educational leadership of this organization. MK has also produced a Mi'kmaq Language Dictionary this year. Nationally, there is a review being done on Post Secondary Education with changes expected in the area of policy development.



(L-R) Dot Smith-Bezanson, Education Federal Co-Chair and Eleanor Bernard, Education Mi'kmaq Co-Chair

Outside of the Tripartite Forum, MK also began work on a joint initiative with the Provincial Government to hire a Sports Animator to work with Mi'kmaq students. It is the hope that this project will promote physically active living for all Mi'kmaq students. Work also began this year with sub committees of the Education Working Committee to work more integrally across sectors to address common concerns such as the preservation of the Mi'kmaq language, health, skills and adult learning to name a few.

Sport and Recreation Working Committee

The Sport and Recreation committee has met a number of times over the past year. Two of those meetings have been used to develop a plan integrating the work of MYRACL, Tripartite and MK. It was decided that as the focus in the work plan was on children and youth that all players need to be on the same page and each taking responsibility for part of the total plan for which they have access, expertise etc. A meeting for later in 2005 has been planned to finalize this work.



(L-R) Tex Marshall, Mi'kmaq Co-Chair; Farida Gibrani, Provincial Co-Chair and Manson Gloade, Federal Co-Chair for the Sport and Recreation Committee

Sport Canada has released a "Policy on Aboriginal Peoples' Participation in Sport" and this will be used by the committee in its work. This document is also in line with the Maskwachees Declaration which declares that: Sustainable commitment and investment in active living, physical activity, physical education, recreation and sport are essential to promote health and address social issues facing Aboriginal /Indigenous Peoples in communities across Canada.

The committee has added a youth voice and is seeking to add an elder to the committee to ensure all parts of the community are represented. Co-Chairs have made presentations to school personnel and principals on the need to increase physical activity opportunities for children and youth.

MYRACL has been actively working to train leaders and offer programs in sport and recreation. MYRACL has also partnered with the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport (CAAWS) to offer a program at Indian Brook for girls to become more physically active. The Sport Futures program, funded by NS Health Promotion and run by Sport Nova Scotia has been used in several communities.

NS Health Promotion has partnered with Sport Canada and MK to put a Sport Animator in the province to work with MK schools and communities where there is no MK school. They will work to increase sport participation opportunities in schools and communities to address the health crisis that faces us as a direct result of physical inactivity and poor nutrition. The animator will be an employee of MK and co-report to NS Health Promotion and MK, a true partnership.



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The committee is confident that with a joint plan in place we will be able to implement it using all of our partners in sport, recreation and physical activity.

Health Working Committee

Working from a 5 year workplan, the Health Committee set 3 priorities:

1. Communicable Disease Control
2. Homecare
3. Prescription Drug Misuse

(L-R) Darlene Paul, Mi'kmaq Co-Chair
and Paula English, Provincial Co-Chair
with the Health Working Committee



Communicable Disease Prevention and Control (CDPC):

We are monitoring the progress of a sub-committee for the Cape Breton, Antigonish and Guysborough areas (DHA 7 and 8). This group meets regularly for the purposes of information sharing, identifying issues and plan actions specific to CDPC, and to identify opportunities for collaboration. The Tripartite Health Committee will ensure that mainland communities benefit from the lessons learned from this regional group. FNIHB is sponsoring a Nursing Policy project that will provide guidelines and/or policies for community health nurses and has provided training and support to communities in the area of health emergency management.

Homecare:

Discussions and correspondence related to the Homecare issues are on-going.

Prescription Drug Misuse:

As a first step to addressing the complex issue of prescription drug misuse, our committee devoted our February 11 meeting to this issue. We had presenters from the RCMP, FNIHB's Non-Insured Health Benefits program, Dalhousie Family Medicine & Drug Utilization Evaluation Advisory Committee (FNIHB), and the NS Prescription Monitoring Program. The Health Committee will continue to review the resources and initiatives currently available and make recommendations about additional resources necessary to combat prescription misuse.

Early in 2005, Tripartite Officials gave the Health Committee a new and urgent task - to lead the Aboriginal engagement strategy that would contribute to the development of a national Blueprint on Aboriginal Health.

For the Aboriginal Blueprint Initiative, the Health Committee initiated an Aboriginal engagement strategy to respond to commitments made by First Ministers and the Leaders of the five National Aboriginal Organizations (NAOs) at their September 2004 meeting to develop a national Aboriginal Blueprint:

"to improve the health status of Aboriginal peoples and health services in Canada through concrete initiatives for:

- improved delivery of and access to health services to meet the needs of all Aboriginal peoples through better integration and adaptation of all health systems;
- measures that will ensure that Aboriginal peoples benefit fully from improvements to Canadian health systems; and
- a forward looking agenda of prevention, health promotion and other upstream investments for Aboriginal peoples."



The engagement strategy included community level facilitated sessions. The Health Working Committee intends to use the outcomes of this Nova Scotia engagement strategy to inform and update their work plan.

Understanding the importance of the social determinants of health, the Health Committee is committed to working with other Tripartite Forum committees to address issues of common concern. Our first collaborative effort was a joint Health/Social Committee meeting in February. The two themes for this meeting were Children and Youth and Emergency Preparedness. Issues discussed under the Children and Youth theme included early childhood development (ECD), nutrition, and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). For the Emergency preparedness theme, we brought in speakers from Health Canada, the Disaster Office of the Department of Health, and Emergency Services with the Department of Community Services. Several follow-up initiatives were identified at this meeting and future meetings will be coordinated.

Justice Working Committee

Focus of Committee Work during 2004/2005:

The primary focus of the Tripartite Justice Working Committee has been to consolidate and support the work of the Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network (MLSN), which was established by the Justice Working committee in July 2002 under the umbrella of The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq.

The purpose of MLSN is to develop and maintain a sustainable justice support system for all Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal people who are involved with the Nova Scotia criminal justice system.

Summary of Tripartite Justice Working Committee Activities – 2004/2005:

Mi'kmaq Translation Service

- MLSN commenced needs analysis process with provincial Court Services regarding provision of Mi'kmaq translation service to courts. Work plan has been developed and will be completed in 2005/2006.

Cultural Gatherings

- Two cultural gatherings including pow wows were held for adult and youth offenders in November, 2004. The gatherings were held at the Nova Scotia Youth Facility, Waterville and the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, Burnside.

- Support provided to ongoing spiritual activities.

Sentencing Circles

- The use of sentencing circles increased during 2004/2005.

Meetings with Judges

- MLSN provided a presentation to provincial and supreme court judges regarding Mi'kmaq legal services and Mi'kmaq justice issues in late November, 2004 as part of the national judicial institute forum.

Aboriginal Perceptions Training

- Aboriginal perceptions training was provided to staff of Correctional Services, Public Prosecution Service, federal prosecutors and Legal Aid in 2005. Further sessions are planned for 2006.



(L-R) Justice Committee Co-Chairs Fred Honsberger, Provincial Co-Chair; Viola Robinson, Mi'kmaq Co-Chair; and Ted Tax, Federal Co-Chair



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Court Worker Program

- Court Worker program firmly established at four locations in the province. Relationships with stakeholders including judiciary, Legal Aid and Public Prosecution Service consolidated. Court worker training completed.

Legal Aid

- Services established at Chapel Island and Waycobah.
- Ongoing meetings with Nova Scotia Legal Aid to identify issues and determine how Legal Aid can work more effectively with other Mi'kmaq communities

Restorative Justice

- Judges were brought together with MLSN to review restorative justice protocols and expressed pleasure with customary law program and use of sentencing circles.

Culture and Heritage Working Committee



(L-R) Culture and Heritage Members David Christianson, Provincial Co-Chair; Ken Paul, Federal Co-Chair; and Deborah Girmish

The Culture and Heritage Working Committee is proud to report that progress has been made on several work plan items.

- The Department of Transportation and Public Works presented to the working committee in December of 2004 in response to a discussion paper put forth by the Culture and Heritage Working Committee, entitled Highway Signage in Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Communities. It was agreed that the provincial department would undertake a comprehensive review and inventory of existing directional signage to, and within, Mi'kmaw communities as a first step to address the recommendations in the discussion paper.

- The development of a Mi'kmaw Place Names placemat to promote the understanding and use of Mi'kmaw place names has been on-going. The finished product will be ready for distribution in the 2005/06 fiscal year.
- Completed the Maritime Archaeological Resource Inventory for Mi'kmaq Communities in Nova Scotia.

Newly appointed co-chairs, David Christianson – Provincial, Ken Paul – Federal and Tim Bernard – Mi'kmaq have had the opportunity to chair a session and become familiar with their new roles and responsibilities. The committee had met four times during the 2004/05 fiscal year.

For future planning, the Culture and Heritage Working Committee has included a development of a strategy for the immediate protection and presentation of the Bedford Barrens Petroglyphs in their workplan.

A focus on the repatriation of a Chief's Regalia from the Museum of Victoria, Australia - a work plan item during 2004-2005 - has been categorized as high priority on the work plan for the 2005/06 fiscal year. Discussions with the Department of Transportation and Public works on highway and community signage will also be an item of significance for the working committee.



The integrated Language sub-committee (with members from Education and Culture and Heritage Working Groups) has met several times and will be preparing a report for the Culture and Heritage and Education Working Committees. The report will focus on the existing language initiatives throughout the province and should be made available by the end of the 2005/06 fiscal year.

Social Working Committee

The Social Working Group identified and addressed a number of priority areas for the 2004-05 period and continues to advance the work outlined in the 2004-05 social work plan.

The objective of exploring possible day care licensing options was to review existing guidelines, policies and legislation related to day cares and to identify and make recommendations on policy options for licensing and regulating day cares in First Nations Communities. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed. In 2004-05, the Social Working Committee contracted The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq for the purpose of consulting with the Mi'kmaq communities on the day care issue. To this date, preliminary consultations have begun.

The Social Working Committee partnered with the Atlantic Policy Congress in March 2005 for the purpose of hosting a professional development workshop for social development administrators. The two-day workshop was well attended and covered a number of issues. First Nation social assistance and case management policy issues, labour market strategies, the social data network initiative, social development training, reinvestment strategies/best practices are examples of the workshop subject matter.

In keeping with the cross-sectoral approach within the Tripartite Forum, the Social Working Group organized its second joint Health-Social Tripartite Working Group meeting in March 2005. Two themes were discussed at the joint meeting, children and youth and emergency preparedness. Guest speakers provided information related to the subjects.

Understanding roles, responsibilities and gaps in services to persons with disabilities living in First Nations Communities was another issue the Social Working Group addressed. Guest speakers from the Province of Nova Scotia and The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq attended working group meetings to provide perspectives and clarity on this subject. In addition, the Social Working Group explored research opportunities in partnership with Dalhousie University, School of Social Work related to persons with disabilities.

Finally, in 2004-05 the Social Working Group reviewed the Canada-Aboriginal Peoples Roundtables reports related to the Social Services Sector.



(L-R) Social Committee sVict Paul, Mi'kmaq Co-Chair and Brian Skabar, Federal Co-Chair



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News from Tripartite Forum

First Tripartite Forum Annual General Assembly June 2004



Candy Palmer, a Justice Committee Member, leads a discussion during the Annual Assembly

The Mi'kmaq•Nova Scotia•Canada Tripartite Forum held the first Annual General Assembly in June 10th and 11th in Wagmatcook. The Assembly gave members of the Tripartite Working Committees the opportunity to come together and discuss topics that connect the seven working committees and the work they do with a common thread. The topics they discussed were the Mi'kmaw language, jurisdiction, youth, skills development and community involvement. Dan Christmas was a guest speaker during the Assembly and gave a history of the Tripartite Forum and an introduction to the Made-in-Nova Scotia Process.

New Atlantic Regional Director General at INAC September 2004



John Brown

John Brown has spent his entire federal Public Service career with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and brings a wealth of experience to the region. He has worked as a teacher, human resources manager, district manager, program director in intergovernmental affairs, economic development, education and social programs and more recently has held various management positions. Mr. Brown holds degrees in Science and Education from Mount Allison University. He held the position of Associate Regional Director General, Atlantic Region from 1995-1999 and was Director General of Audit and Evaluation at INAC headquarters from 1999-2001. He was appointed Regional Director General, INAC Yukon Region on October 2, 2001. In May 2003, Mr. Brown returned to Ottawa to assume the role of Director General, Finance. On

September 9, 2004 John Brown was appointed Regional Director General, Atlantic Region. He now lives in Amherst, Nova Scotia with his wife Aileen. He has two children, James in Banff and Linda who is a nurse in Nunavut.

Don Julien awarded Order of Nova Scotia October 2004



Don Julien

The Executive Director for The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq and Millbrook First Nation Member, Donald Michael Julien, was one of five people named to the Order of Nova Scotia in a ceremony at Government House in Halifax on October 5, 2004. The Order of Nova Scotia is the highest honour of the Province of Nova Scotia. Julien was named to the Order of Nova Scotia for his lifelong contributions to Mi'kmaq history and culture. Through his guidance and leadership, Julien has helped bring an historic understanding and relationship with the provincial and federal governments and economic opportunities for the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq. He has played a role in the development of the Mi'kmawey Debert Interpretive Trail and represents the Mi'kmaq in several provincial boards. As stated about Julien in a nomination letter written by the

Elders Advisory committee, "he brings (Mi'kmaq) knowledge to his life everyday - a life that is and has been dedicated to building a strong and prosperous future for Mi'kmaw people."



Financial Overview

	CMM/Secretariat	UNSI	NSNWA	TOTAL
Revenues				
Core Services				
INAC	\$43,124.00	\$44,772.00	\$44,967.00	
Province of Nova Scotia	\$82,971.05	\$44,772.00	\$44,966.00	
Other Income			\$3,375.00	
Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey	\$2,302.00			
Total Core Services Revenue	\$126,095.05	\$89,544.00	\$93,308.00	\$308,947.00
Secretariat				
INAC	\$130,900.00			
Province of Nova Scotia	\$43,124.00			
Total Secretariat Revenue	\$174,024.00			\$174,024.00
Deferred Revenue from Prior year	\$24,787.03		\$297.00	
Total Deferred Revenue	\$24,787.03		\$297.00	\$25,084.00
Total Revenues	\$324,908.08	\$89,544.00	\$93,605.00	\$508,057.00
Expenses				
Communications				
Administration	\$32,725.24			
Capital Expenses				
Total Communications Expenses	\$32,725.24			\$32,725.00
Core Expenses				
Administration	\$72,670.17		\$6,678.00	
Leadership	\$9,023.96			
Audit		\$778.00	\$2,600.00	
Cleaning		\$524.00		
Salaries/Benefits		\$49,211.00	\$49,518.00	
Equipment Lease		\$2,621.00		
Honoraria		\$1,797.00		
Interest & Bank Charges		\$322.00	\$234.00	
Meetings		\$7,413.00		
Office Supplies		\$210.00	\$322.00	
Pension Plan		\$1,748.00		
Rent		\$4,868.00	\$6,000.00	
Telephone/Fax		\$1,201.00	\$2,400.00	
Travel & Accommodations		\$19,676.00	\$23,534.00	
Legal			\$3,273.00	
Consulting		\$1,124.00		
Total Core Services Expenses	\$81,694.13	\$91,493.00	\$94,559.00	\$267,746.00
Secretariat Expenses				
Administration	\$127,110.30			
Capital Expenditures				
Co-Chairs	\$8,751.59			
Working Committees	\$44,345.76			
Executive				
Executive Chair	\$2,017.14			
Officials	\$8,052.31			
Steering Committee	\$4,095.03			
Newsletter and Annual Report	\$4,050.00			
Total Secretariat Expenses	\$198,422.13			\$198,422.00
Total Expenses	\$312,841.50	\$91,493.00	\$94,559.00	\$498,893.00
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$12,066.58	(\$1,949.00)	(\$954.00)	\$9,164.00



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