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New Website Launched By Wabun

Wabun Tribal Council announces a new website dedicated to its First Nation communities of Brunswick House, Beaverhouse, Chapleau Ojibwe, Flying Post, Matachewan and Mattagami.

"We decided to produce a new website to take advantage of the developments in technology in online communication. The idea was to produce a professional, up to date, informative and easy to navigate website and I think we have done that," said Shawn Batise, Executive Director, Wabun Tribal Council.

The new website was designed and produced by Xavier Kataquapit and Michael McGrath.

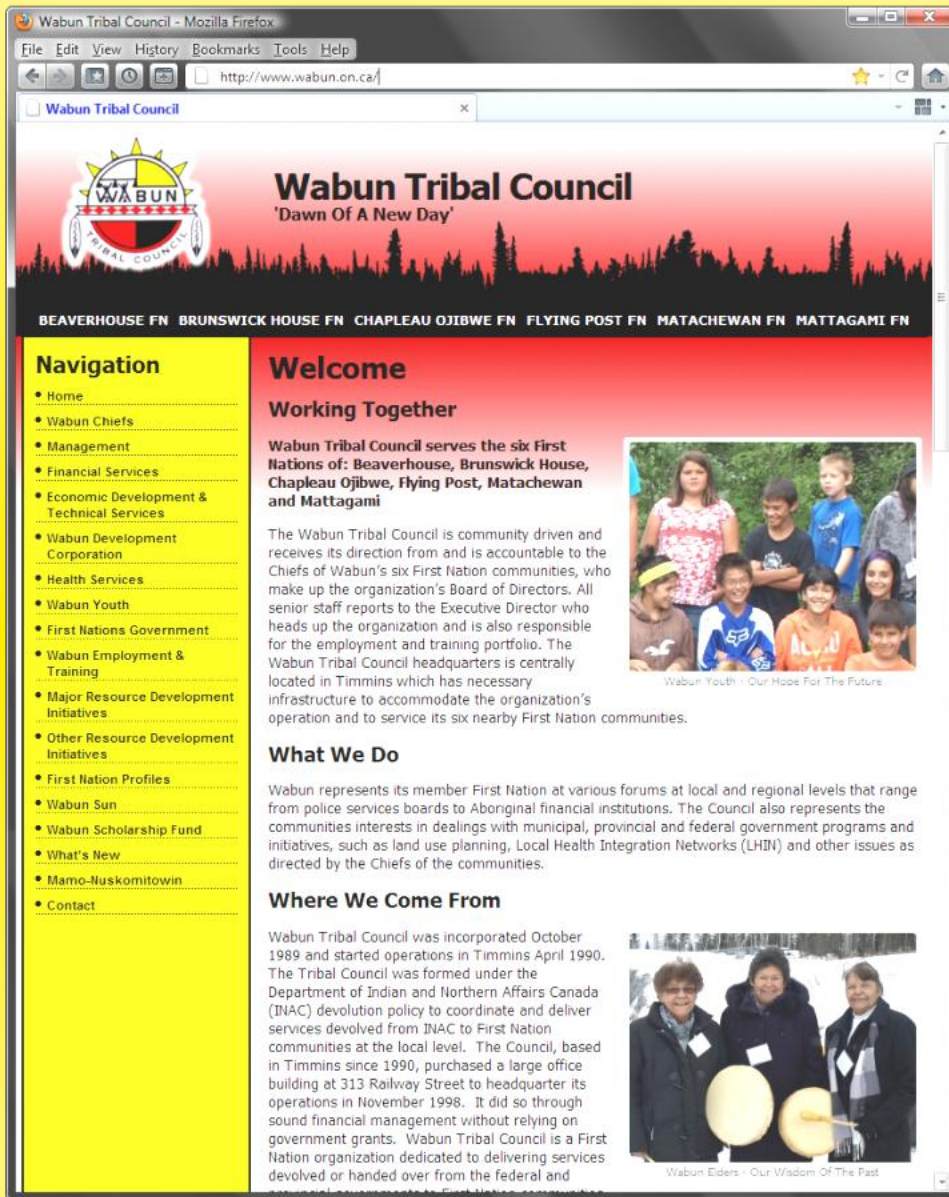
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www.wabun.on.ca

Links are also provided for Wabun's other websites including:

www.wabunsun.com

www.wabunyouthgathering.com



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**Shawn
Batise
Executive
Director**

If you are a member of a Wabun Tribal Council First Nation you should realize that for the first time in history there are many opportunities open to you in training, employment and business development. These opportunities have developed over recent years due to the foresight, hard work, knowledge and negotiation skills of our Wabun Chiefs, councils, executive administration and staff. When the federal and provincial governments realized through court rulings that First Nation people had to be consulted before any resource development could take place on traditional lands, corporations from the mining, hydro development and forestry sectors began to call on us.

We met with many corporations. I am very proud and happy to report that with the support and participation of the Wabun Chiefs we have negotiated a lot of very good deals for our Wabun First Nations and membership without a lot of confrontation.

Things are changing and mostly for the better. All you have to do is look at what is happening in our Wabun First Nations and browse our past copies of Wabun Sun to see the number of agreements we have successfully negotiated over the years. You will also see in real terms through the stories of our members and community projects that our people are being trained, finding highly paid employment and starting businesses and partnerships to take advantage of resource development happening on our lands.

From the start, in negotiating Impact Benefit Agreements (IBA) with these resource developers, we have always negotiated to make sure that there was some form of fair share financial compensation provided for development on our lands. In addition to financial compensation we have also negotiated a business and contract opportunities schedule. This means that we are also establishing with these companies specifics that provide us with a competitive edge in value added servicing and spin off business opportunities. Mines and other resource development companies have a finite life span so it is important that we take advantage of business opportunities that will create prosperity in our First Nations for the long term.

The IBAs we negotiated are integral in giving our First Nations, our individual members and other First Nation people the competitive advantage to move ahead with

business opportunities to service the resource development companies we are working with. As a prime example I can point to a story featured in this issue of Wabun Sun covering the Ednysian Camp & Logistics partnership spearheaded by Matachewan First Nation and servicing Northgate Mines. There are many such ventures on the horizon and I want to make sure our communities and members understand that they have the opportunity to start all kinds of businesses that can service our corporate partners.

All you have to do is consider what services and needs major mining, hydro development and forestry companies require and then move ahead to fill that gap. To find out what business opportunities might be available call Charlene (Tina) Minarik IBA Coordinator Liberty Mines or Trista Naveau IBA Coordinator, Lake Shore Gold at 705-268-9066. Don't forget you can always partner with a business that already has expertise in a specific area in a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) so you don't have to become an expert overnight. You can contact the Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund (NADF) and Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) in Timmins by calling 705-268-3940 for organizational and financial assistance. There is so much happening right now and that trend will continue so we have only ourselves to blame if we don't take advantage of what is before us.

HEALTH MATTERS

I would like to let everyone know that Wabun Health Services has been approved for the Primer Accreditation Award by Accreditation Canada. We received this honour March 21, 2011.

We owe gratitude to Peggy Claveau our Program Manager, Non-Insured Health Benefits / Accreditation for all of her hard work and dedication. Thanks to our Chiefs for their continued support and direction and our community First Nation front line health care workers for all their good work. We also owe a lot of thanks to all the key players in our First Nations who Peggy identified and assisted in meeting the requirements of the accreditation process.

We say Miigwich to Helene Tasse, of Accreditation Canada and Lynda Roberts, of First Nations and Inuit Health.

We had to meet certain standards and go through a process of assessment. From

November 30 to December 3 we had two surveyors come in to assess our organization. One worked with us at the office to review our community health plan, our emergency response plan, our procedures and programs and interviewed our staff members. The other surveyor travelled with Peggy to selected Wabun First Nation sites to focus on community level assessment and from there a report came back on our status.

We were happy that we had more pros than cons in regards to our assessment. It was pointed out that we were very unique in that Wabun Health Services provides services and manages programs from its headquarters in Timmins to the six Wabun First Nations through a network that is community based and grass roots driven.

Through a lengthy process and much communication we finally ended up with our accreditation. There is a real value in

**Jean
Lemieux
Health
Director**



being an accredited health organization as it relates to our status. Now we have completed the first phase or primer phase and we are preparing for the next phase which will deal a lot with governance. There are several phases we have to go through so the going is slow and thorough. Everyone of our Health Service team members should be proud of this achievement.

Lake Shore Gold And Wabun FNs Sign IBA

Flying Post First Nation and Mattagami First Nation signed an Impact and Benefits Agreement (IBA) with Lake Shore Gold Corp on February 17, 2011. The IBA signing was publicly announced at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) in Toronto in March. The agreement concerns the ongoing development of the company's Timmins West Project, a gold mine located west of Timmins.

The agreement will provide business and contracting opportunities for the First Nations as well as added benefits such as training and employment. The IBA will also allow the company to involve the First Nations in environmental considerations which would include Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK).



CHIEF MURRAY RAY,
FLYING POST FN

Chief Murray Ray, Flying Post FN said that this new agreement has provided his community with new opportunities for the future.

"The new IBA will mean that we will be able to do a lot more for our community. It is providing work for our members now, as well as training for

the future. This is the first agreement our community has entered into of this magnitude so it is important for our First Nation as it will provide many benefits for our youth and our Elders," said Chief Ray.



CHIEF WALTER NAVEAU,
MATTAGAMI FN

Chief Walter Naveau, Mattagami FN explained that agreements such as this allows First Nations to become more independent in their future development.

"This gives our community a sense of empowerment as it leads us on a path where we are able to direct our future without outside government support. This is a direction that our people have long waited for and it would not have been possible without the understanding and support of the company. We are also grateful to our Elders for their direction and for providing us their knowledge in making the negotiations successful," said Chief Naveau.

Wabun First Nations have been directly involved in two of the company's mining projects in Timmins. In July 2008, the company signed an Exploration Agreement (EA) concerning the Timmins West Project with Flying Post FN and Mattagami FN. In

March 2009 the company signed another EA, concerning the Bell Creek Project, east of Timmins, with the four Wabun First Nations of Flying Post, Matachewan, Mattagami and Wahgoshig.

As part of the exploration agreements, an EA Coordinator position was established to act as a liaison between the company and First Nation leadership and to assist First Nations entities and individuals in finding business and employment opportunities in the mining projects. Trista Naveau, a member of Mattagami First Nation, currently holds this position.

"There have been many developments since I started here. I look forward to a busy and prosperous future as things develop and more opportunities open up for our First Nations," said Naveau.

The company currently has over 20 First Nation people employed at its two mining operations. Naveau explained that the company and the Wabun First Nations involved are also developing training opportunities to help First Nation individuals establish high level mining careers.

Wabun First Nation members who are interested in a mining career are encouraged to contact Trista Naveau at:

Wabun Tribal Council: 705-268-9066
Lake Shore Gold: 705-269-4344 Ext 4236
Email: tnaveau@wabun.on.ca

Scholarship Fund Winners Announced

Wabun Tribal Council has announced its 2011 scholarship award recipients. The students qualified for scholarships by submitting an application in 2010. Scholarship application is open to any Wabun Tribal Council First Nation student as long as he or she is enrolled in a post secondary school.

The scholarship program is funded by contributing sponsors. The 2011 recipients are:

KARA HUARD, PhD., Medical Student - \$2500.00 by sponsor CMS
RUSS EVANS, PhD., Accounting/Management - \$2500.00 by sponsor CMS
RANDI RAY, Masters, Human Kinetics - \$1250.00 by sponsor Tweed and Hickory
CAROLYNNE BRUCE, Masters, Counselling - \$1250.00 by sponsor Northern Telephone
TOBI JEANS, Masters, Environment/Sustainability - \$1250.00 by sponsor Ontario Power Generation
ISABELLE WOODS, College, Nursing - \$1250.00 by Watson Parojic/Wabun Health
STEPHANIE RAY, University, Nursing - \$750.00 by sponsor Lakeshore Gold Corp
TAWNIA ROBINSON, College, Veterinarian Tech. - \$750.00 by sponsor Wabun Tribal Council
KYLE HUARD, College, Wind Turbine Tech. - \$750.00 by sponsor First Nations Engineering Services Ltd.
JORDAN JEREMA, College, Tourism - \$750.00 by sponsor Wabun Tribal Council
WHITNEY ARTUSO, University, Education - \$500.00 by sponsor Wabun Tribal Council

Students are encouraged to apply for next year's sponsorship awards in 2012 as early as possible. A letter should detail a little about why the applicant feels he or she deserves a scholarship and indicate what program he or she is attending. Preference will be given to those programs relating to telecommunications, health, engineering and business. The applicant must also include a proof of academic performance or a recent transcript. Send the application and letter to the attention of:

SCHOLARSHIP FUND,

Shawn Batise, Executive Director, Wabun Tribal Council, 313 Railway Street, Timmins, Ontario P4N 2P4

Matachewan FN Partnership Launches Ednysian Camp & Logistics

HERE WE SEE THE EDNYSIAN CAMP UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN MAY 2011.

Matachewan First Nation is creating opportunities for business and employment with the construction of the Ednysian Camp and Logistics, a new mining camp that will provide accommodation services for Young Davidson Mine employees.

The First Nation is majority owner of the new enterprise in association with Morris Modular Space Ltd, a company based in Sudbury which specializes in modular buildings for the commercial, industrial and construction sectors. Ednysian, is a traditional Ojibway word that translates as 'a camp on the land'.

"This business venture is providing our community with more opportunities for employment. It brings a little more prosperity to our First Nation as most of our available workforce is now employed," said Chief Alex Batisse, Matachewan FN.

Once the camp is in full operation, 20 full time positions will be established to run the business. The community is hoping to fill these positions with local members.

"A lot of our members left their home community because of a lack of employment in the past. We hope to keep doing more projects such as this and also develop training opportunities so that our band members can return home and help us grow and prosper," said Chief Batisse.

Jason Batisse, Economic Development / Technical Services Advisor for Wabun Tribal Council worked closely with Chief and Council in developing this project for the First Nation. He explained that

Ednysian Camp & Logistics was made possible because of the Impact and Benefits Agreement (IBA) which was negotiated and signed between the community and Northgate Minerals in July 2009.

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Chief Batisse***

"Part of the agreement was meant to create and establish business opportunities for the First Nation and so far this is the first real brick and mortar project that the community has taken advantage of. We are planning on creating similar ventures with Northgate and also with other Wabun First Nations and resource corporations as well," said Batisse. The

First Nation acquired the contract from Northgate Minerals Corp, which required an accommodation service for a transient workforce employed at the company's Young Davidson mine site.

Batisse added that this business venture is a stepping stone for the community. Once the contract with Northgate is completed, the First Nation is hoping to establish this as a permanent business opportunity that can be utilized by other companies in the area.

Construction of the camp was carried out by Donald M Seguin Ltd Commercial Contracting, of North Bay, Ontario. Land preparation for the new camp started in

December 2010 with initial delivery and construction of the modular units arriving in February 2011. At peak capacity, the new camp will comfortably house 240 men with a full kitchen and recreation centre. The new camp project will provide accommodation, recreation space, television and internet service and three meals a day for workers employed at the Young Davidson Mine.

Ednysian Camp & Logistics is located two kilometers off of highway 66 on the road leading to Matachewan First Nation. It is ten kilometers from the mine site and 12 kilometers from the First Nation.



LYNNE CORMIER, MATACHEWAN FIRST NATION AT WORK PREPARING ROOMS AT THE NEW EDNYSIAN CAMP & LOGISTICS.

Brunswick House FN Opens New Health Services Building

Brunswick House First Nation has completed construction of a new health center.

The \$1.2 million building project was funded by Health Services Canada and the community was able to complete the construction under budget.

"Our members, especially our Elders, are using the new space to come together for gatherings and our health care workers now have a proper space to work. We are thankful to Health Canada for their support," said Chief Rene Ojebah, Brunswick House First Nation.

Stan Sabourin, Band Administrator, Brunswick House FN coordinated this initiative and used prior experience to initiate the project development. He had been involved in a similar initiative with the Saugeen and Kettle Point First Nations in southern Ontario.

"Going through this process twice gave me the ability and knowledge to understand what had to be done to make this project successful," said Sabourin.

Meetings with Health Canada were started in 2009 when local Chief and Council received news that Brunswick House FN was on a list to receive funding support for a new health facility.

Possibilities Group Inc of Sudbury was hired by the First Nation to provide project management. Norm Jaehrling, Possibilities Group Inc., acted as project manager and worked with local leadership to coordinate preparation of the design, project development and tendering of the construction phase. Once the project received approval, PBK Architects (formerly ANO Architects Inc) of Timmins

was hired to provide designs for a new building. A series of community meetings were organized to allow First Nation members to select a final design and color scheme.

"I am a strong believer in involving our people in projects like this because it gives everyone a sense of ownership and pride in the project," said Sabourin.

A ground breaking ceremony was held in the community in June 2010 to mark the start of the construction phase which was handled by LaRo Construction.

The new building provides 5,000 square feet of space that includes 11 offices, a large examination room, board room, community room, full kitchen and washroom facilities. The new health center, which is located next to the First Nation administration office, will be used to house the community's various health care and social programs. Health care staff that will use the new office space include: Community Health Nurse, Personal Support Worker, Referral Clerk, Integrated Director of Social and Health Services, National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NNADAP) Worker and a NNADAP Worker Assistant.

"The new building provides more of a sense of security and privacy for clients while providing health care staff more working room in an updated and professional atmosphere. We are thankful to Health Canada for providing support for this important development," said Jean Lemieux, Health Director, Wabun Health

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Wabun Health***



AT THE GROUND BREAKING ARE CAROLINE OJEEBAH (LEFT), RETIRED COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE AND CHIEF RENE OJEEBAH.

Services.

Sabourin commented that the Chief, Council and community members should be acknowledged for their support of the project. He also added his thanks to Wabun Health Services, especially to Jean Lemieux, Health Director and Michelle Carrier, Community Health Nurse for their input in the project development.

The new health center has created two new employment positions including one in reception and another in custodian services. Both positions have been filled by local community members who received training for their new positions with the help of Wabun Employment & Training.

A Grand Opening event will be held at a later date.

THE NEW HEALTH CENTER IN BRUNSWICK HOUSE FIRST NATION WAS A COMMUNITY DRIVEN PROJECT TO OFFER IMPROVED HEALTH SERVICES IN A MODERN SETTING.



Wabun First Nation Grads Start Work In Mining

Six First Nation trainees are ready to start work in the mining sector thanks to a partnership program between Matachewan First Nation, Northgate Minerals Corp and Dumas Contracting.

The graduates of the Underground Miner Training program which was provided under the Matachewan Aboriginal Access to Mine Jobs Training Strategy (MAATS) were honoured in a community gathering on Thursday May 26 in Matachewan First Nation.

This is the second group of trainees to graduate from the MAATS program. The six new graduates will now move on to employment positions under Northgate Minerals Corp and Dumas Contracting at the Young Davidson mine site in Matachewan. The six graduates are David Batisse, Dustin Roy, John Cloutier and Chad Larkman of Matachewan First Nation; Katlin Maurer, of Beaverhouse First Nation and Kohl Porter, of Mattagami First Nation.

"On behalf of myself and my fellow graduates I would like to thank Matachewan First Nation, Northgate and Dumas for the valuable training and employment opportunities we have received," said graduate David Batisse.

The opening and closing prayers were provided by Roberta Oshkawbewisens, a traditional grandmother from Wikwemikong First Nation. Ceremonial drumming and singing to open and close the event was provided by the Matachewan Women's drum group, composed of Elders Marie Boucher, Vina Hendrix and Gertie Nolan.

"Our graduates here today are

exceptionally fortunate in that they are moving onto employment right away," said Anne Batisse, Executive Director of MAATS.

The success of the graduates was based on a program that featured hands on training by trainer Boyd Wilson, with the support of Northgate Minerals management and Dumas contracting personnel which included: Stephen McGinn, Brendan Zuidema, Joe Evans, Jamie Mortson and Bert Gadoury.

"Thanks to the trainees for all their hard work and dedication and of course we are also grateful to our funding partners for making this possible," said Jamie Mortson, Manager Safety & Training, Dumas Contracting.

Northgate Minerals played an integral role in building a positive and productive relationship with Matachewan First Nation in regards to the development of the company's Young Davidson mine.

"We really appreciate the fact that these new employees are coming to us with knowledge through training and they are prepared to go to work," said Andrew Cormier, Project Manager, Young Davidson Mine, Northgate Minerals.

Ray Durham, Human Resources Supervisor for Northgate Minerals commended the graduates for their hard work and welcomed them to the Young Davidson mine workforce.

Matachewan Chief, Alex Batisse and his

council sent along a note of congratulations to the trainees as did Chris Rockingham, Northgate Minerals on behalf of the MAATS Board Of Directors.

Past Chief and Elder Mario Batisse commented on the success of the partnerships in providing opportunities for First Nation people.

"Thanks to the development of these training and employment opportunities with Northgate Mines at their Young Davidson Mine our people are starting rewarding careers in mining," said Mario Batisse.

The event was organized by Gail Brubacher First Nation Partnership Coordinator, Northgate Minerals Corp.

Three graduates were hired by Northgate Mines and three by Dumas Construction. This new mining development will provide jobs for 600 people during the two year construction period and long term employment for 275 individuals over the 15 year life of the mine.

The Underground Miner Training was part of MAATS a four million dollar initiative that was announced on February 13, 2009 by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) as a three year partnership strategy. The strategy is supported primarily by HRSDC under the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership (ASEP) program.



MANY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WORKED TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MINING TRAINING IN MATACHEWAN FN. BACK ROW L-R: RAY DURHAM, NORTHGATE MINERALS; JAMIE MORTSON, DUMAS CONTRACTING; KATLIN MAURER, GRADUATE; BRENDAN ZUIDEMA, DUMAS; BOYD WILSON, DUMAS; JOE EVANS, DUMAS AND ANDREW CORMIER, NORTHGATE MINERALS. MIDDLE ROW L-R: BURT GADOURY, DUMAS; PAM CORMIER, DUMAS; DAVID BATISSE, GRADUATE; JOHN CLOUTIER, GRADUATE; CHAD LARKMAN, GRADUATE; KOHL PORTER, GRADUATE AND DUSTIN ROY, GRADUATE. IN FRONT L-R ARE: DONNA KIOKE, MAATS; ANNE BATISSE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MAATS AND SARAH WINCIKABY, MAATS.



Youth Suicide Prevention Workshop Held In Timmins

Wabun Health Services hosted a three day Youth Suicide Prevention Workshop titled 'On The Edge' in Timmins March 22 to 24, 2011.

The workshop brought together 35 high school students between the ages of 13 to 18 from the Wabun First Nations of Matachewan, Brunswick House, Mattagami and Wahgoshig.

"Everyone enjoyed themselves at the workshop and it showed in their enthusiasm and participation. These gatherings are very empowering for our youth and it amazes us as organizers to see how receptive and accepting these young people have become over the years. They are taking what they learn here and it is becoming a normal part of their lives," said Mike Archer, Crisis Coordinator, Wabun Health Services.

The event was facilitated by Bea Shawanda, a traditional Odawa-Pottowottomi teacher and trained frontline worker who has been involved in the health, education and social development fields for over 35 years. She led the workshops with her two sons Byron Edgar and Keewadin Niso Bradford, who are also specialists in providing training for youth in several areas including: addictions, cultural issues, suicide prevention and bullying.

Youth participants took part in various training and education exercises that included: traditional teachings, youth suicide issues, depression, traditional roles and responsibilities, sexuality issues (two spirited people) and sexually transmitted diseases. They also dealt with personal and community issues related to being an Aboriginal person and they learned how to cope with difficult issues by seeking out support from their peers, community members and front line health care workers.

"The youth workshop was a success and it is special to be able to see the growth and development of our youth over time. It feels good to be able to help our youth gain valuable knowledge and become proud and confident First Nation people," said Archer.

The 'On The Edge' workshop also saw the participation of 24 frontline health care workers from each of the Wabun

communities. In December 2010 these same frontline workers took part in a workshop with the same facilitators. The initial workshop was meant to prepare frontline workers for the 'On The Edge' workshop which involved youth participants.

Wabun has hosted several youth workshops such as this over the past three years out of a need from the First Nations to create an inclusive and holistic approach to community health. Wabun Health Services received funding from the National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy to develop programming and services to assist Aboriginal youth in the Wabun area.

"Our gatherings and workshops are always important events for our Wabun

youth. It provides them with a short pause in their lives where they are able to take care of themselves and those around them and add to their abilities and skills in dealing with social issues that affect our communities," said Jean Lemieux, Health Director, Wabun Health Services.

Workshop organizers were thankful to École Catholique Jean Vanier, French Catholic school in Kirkland Lake; Kirkland Lake District Composite School, Chapleau High School, Iroquois Falls Secondary School and the Timmins High and Vocational School for supporting their respective students. Each student participant received five hours towards their volunteer credits as part of their secondary school education.

Wabun Elders Gather In Mattagami FN

An Elders Gathering was held in Mattagami First Nation on May 5, 2011. The event, which was run at the Community Complex, brought together 66 Elders from the Wabun Tribal Council area. A delegation led by Grand Chief Stan Beardy from Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (NAN) also took part in the event.

"The event was a great success with many Elders coming out to attend and enjoy the day's festivities. We were also honoured and grateful to have Grand Chief Stan Beardy to meet with our Elders from the Wabun territory," said Jean Lemieux, Health Director, Wabun Health Services.

Grand Chief Beardy addressed the gathering and spent time visiting with Elders later in the day. Deputy Grand Chief Mike Metatawabin provided an update on health issues and Deputy Grand Chief Terry Waboose provided an update on education / child welfare issues.

"It is important for us to celebrate our Elders. They freely share their knowledge and

experience to guide our decisions when it comes to resource development, environmental issues and responsibility for the land. I believe that we are only borrowing their words when we negotiate important agreements concerning our traditional lands," said Chief Walter Naveau, Mattagami First Nation.

An opening prayer was conducted by Elder Morris Naveau of Mattagami FN and local school children sang 'O Canada' in the Ojibway language. Entertainment was provided by 'Mocassin Joe' an

Aboriginal Comedian and a feast also took place at the end of the day's event.

"We are thankful to Mattagami First Nation for hosting this event in their community. We are grateful for the support of Chief Walter Naveau and his Council and the many local volunteers who made this an enjoyable event for our Elders," said Lemieux.

Assistance was provided by Gold Corp and Trelawney Mining and Exploration Inc.

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for us to celebrate
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Chief Naveau,
Mattagami FN***

Matachewan FN Elects Alex Batisse



**CHIEF ALEX
'SONNY' BATISSE,
MATACHEWAN FN**

Alex 'Sonny' Batisse, was elected as the new chief of Matachewan First Nation, on March 5, 2011. The position was previously held by Chief Richard Wincikaby.

"I am grateful for the support of our membership. It is a big responsibility to be able to work for our First Nation and I look forward to the ongoing growth and development of our community," said Chief Batisse.

He added that he would like to see sustainable growth in his community that can create business and employment opportunities well into the future.

"We need to take advantage of current opportunities and make them last, so that we can create a good economic base that can support our growing community," said Chief Batisse.

He officially took office on March 24, to start his two year term. Before becoming Chief, he was involved in local administration in Matachewan FN as a First Nation Councillor and Band Manager.

The First Nation has a well established relationship with Northgate Minerals Corp concerning the Young Davidson mine and

the community is also positioned to work with other area resource development companies on its traditional territories.

"We are hoping to develop more business ventures within our territory with resource development companies. Our community is open for business and we are ready to build partnerships that can benefit our people and at the same time respect the land," said Chief Batisse.

Previously he held a full time position as a health and safety specialist with KBR Wabi Development Corporation, an engineering, construction and services company for the industrial sector. As the new Chief, he is now also part of the Joint Management Committee with Northgate Minerals Corp, which allows him to keep up to date with developments concerning the Young Davidson mine.

Chief Batisse has held numerous positions and completed several training programs in the industrial and transportation sectors over the years. He is also a musician who plays lead guitar. In 2005, he performed as part of a music group at the annual Native American Music Awards event in Hollywood, Florida, US.

At 50 years of age, Chief Batisse is a First Nation Ojibway person who was born and raised in Matachewan FN. He and his wife Gisele Duvel Batisse have five children Serena, Brandon, Jennifer, John and Andrew.

**Chief Walter Naveau
reelected in
Mattagami First Nation
on April 12, 2011**

**Chief Murray Ray
reelected in
Flying Post First Nation
on May 31, 2011**

Wabun Youth Gathering 2011

The Fifth Annual Wabun Youth Gathering will be held at the Eco Centre Lodge in Elk Lake, Ontario.

The Little Eagle Clan week of events will be run July 18 to 22.

The Eagle Clan week will take place on July 25 to 29.

**For more information contact: Mike Archer, Crisis Coordinator,
Wabun Health Services at 705-268-9066.
See us at: www.wabunyouthgathering.com**

Audrey Allaire Golf Tournament Announced

The 18th annual Wabun Tribal Council Golf Tournament has been named for Audrey Allaire, a long time employee of Wabun who passed away November 10, 2010. She was in charge of Wabun's front office and also handled the Executive Assistant duties. Allaire also took a great interest in the annual golf tournament.

The tournament will take place August 18 at the Spruce Needles Golf Club with registration at 10 a.m. and a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$115.00 per person, which includes 18 hole green fees, dinner and a gift bag. Please note that the entry fee does not include club or cart rental. There is a dress code so no jeans or t-shirts are allowed.

You may enter as a team of four or submit individually and the first 36 teams will be accepted. Call Wabun Tribal Council at 705-268-9066 to register. There are prizes for the closest to the pin and longest drive. If you want to book rentals for carts and clubs you must arrange payment and reservation with Spruce Needles Golf Club by calling 705-267-1332.



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