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Help design the
new community
logo for PLFN

COMMUNITY LOGO CONTEST

Hey PLFN we need a community logo and we need your help with the **new design!** The community logo will be for the community, not for administration, but for community events, possibly in the new school, on signs entering the community, etc. All Submissions will be voted on by secret ballot at the gymnasium. **Deadline for submissions is June 4.** You can drop off your submissions at the band office. The successful designer will not only have their piece on display, but there is also a prize. What does community in PLFN look like to you?? Can't wait for your submissions!!

Community Meeting Update:



268 DAYS AND COUNTING.. WHERE ARE WE NOW?

On April 17, Chief & Council, along with Brian Hebert (lawyer for PLFN) and Michelle Francis-Denny (Boat Harbour Remediation Liaison) spoke to the community about the different projects going on at the moment.

One is the proposed New Treatment Facility and the other is the Remediation of Boat Harbour.

Proposed Effluent Treatment Plant:

If Northern Pulp would like to continue to operate they need a new treatment facility that is not located at Boat Harbour. This new facility will now be located on the Mill site. Northern Pulp submitted the environmental assessment to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment, Class 1 outlining their plan for the proposed Effluent Treatment Facility. There was a 30 day public comment period and the public definitely came forward with comments. All comments can be found here:

https://novascotia.ca/nse/ea/Replacement_Effluent_Treatment_Facility_Project/

PLFN Chief and Council worked with an engineering company EXP who reviewed all submissions provided by Northern Pulp in the past year leading to the submission. Through this process, Chief and Council provided the comments to Department of Environment. In the history of public comments, Department of Environment reported that this project had the most public comments on a submission from a company.

On March 29, 2019, Environment Minister Margaret Miller did not make a decision on the submission and said she required more information to make her decision. A Focus Report was issued to Northern Pulp with items they must work on. The scope of work required:

~Project Description:

~Facility design, construction, operation, and maintenance

~ Fish, plants and animals

~ Fresh water

~ Air quality

~ Human Health

~ Archeology

~ Mi'kmaq Ecological Knowledge Study

Northern Pulp has been given up to a year to provide detailed responses to these gaps identified in the submission. Northern Pulp has been provided the Focus Report from the Department of Environment and Chief and Council participated in consultation on April 29, 2019 regarding the report with the proponent (Northern Pulp), provincial and federal representatives to review the Focus Report.

Remediation Project:

The Remediation Project has been designated under the federal environmental assessment process and PLFN is working with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA). Michelle Francis-Denny and team have worked diligently on this file and have held many community engagement sessions. CEAA was also invited to the community to share how the process will unfold throughout the next year.

The information on this project can be found here:

<https://ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80164?culture=en-CA>

Currently, PLFN is reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Statement. This is a public period which allows anyone from public to review the document and provide comments.

Legislated Date:

Premier Stephen MacNeil has been very clear that the date of January 31, 2020 is the legislated closure date. Northern Pulp has asked for an extension, the answer is NO. This is 52 years of hard work and persistency from the community to end this topic legacy and we are very close to seeing this end.

PLFN must continue to have their voices heard. Chief & Council will be having more community meetings to keep conversations going to ensure we are working on the same page together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of Council.

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Chief and Council



HEALTH CENTRE UPDATE

Doctor Cathy Felderhof's Schedule for May:

May 13,14,15,16,17

May 28,29,30

Diabetes Bingo May 27th @4:00pm

Where: Health Center Boardroom

Light refreshments will be provided and PRIZES!

Walk n Roll Program has been renamed Walking for a Healthy you.

Program will be held at the Pictou Landing Gym on Wednesday's from 11:00 pm-12:00 pm for the month of May.

Walkers are available.



EMPLOYMENT

Be sure to check out the PLFN Facebook page or the PLFN website for all the current employment opportunities. Currently there are 2 positions:

Wolf Den- Security

PLFN – Summer Student Coordinator



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH NOTICE

This Sunday May 12 is First Communion. All those who are receiving their First Communion are asked to be at the church for 11:15 am. Mass begins at 11:30 am.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Structural steel erection continued throughout the month
- Roof decking installations on the flat roof areas was installed
- Wood truss framing on the sloped roof areas was started. NOTE: This has progressed significantly since the end of April.

SUCCESSSES:

- Start of wood roof framing
- No reported jobsite accidents or incidents.
- Gains have been made through the budget with the latest subcontractor pricing.

CHALLENGES:

- Weather continued to be a challenge. April was particularly wet, windy, and colder than usual, causing delays in completion of the structural steel.
- Sub-contract pricing for drywall and site are higher than normal and work is being done to modify and reduce these costs.



