



# Pictou Landing First Nation Newsletter

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## And we are “Still on the Journey...”

On Tuesday April 17, Pictou Landing Held the Proclamation Signing for the M.O.R.E (Marathon of Respect and Equality Run), with mayors from all the towns, the warden for the County, Chief Andrea Paul and students and representative from the local schools. This year marks the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Event of its kind in



Pictou County. Chief Andrea Paul, began the morning off with a welcome and a moment to

reflect on the meaning of M.O.R.E. “The MORE run was created with three goals in mind... and I think we should just reflect on those for a moment:

1. To combat and eliminate racial discrimination
2. To provide and promote education around racial sensitivity and tolerance for young and old alike
3. To provide support and reason for hope for all people marginalized in our society.

As we are still on journey and it continues for the run, I think it is important that we never forget what the goals are and why we are running, never forget why we are here and never forget why the run was started to begin with, to eliminate racism,” stated Chief Paul

This year’s M.O.R.E run will take place on Thursday May 3, 2018, be sure to come out and support the runners as they make their way through the community!



## **Pictou Landing is selling wood!! Truck loads of cut and split mixed wood!**

The wood is located at the Fisheries Compound, all funds will go towards community events and programs!

\$120.00 Cut & Split

\$125.00 Delivery On- Reserve

\$150.00 Delivery Off-Reserve

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## **Update from Director of Social:**

Any social clients who have not come into update their information and complete a new form for the 2018 year, are asked to do so as soon as possible.

If you have any questions you can contact Colleen or George at 902.752.4912.

Thank you,

Colleen Denny,  
Director of Social



## Chief Andrea's Update:

The cutting has begun on the Pictou Landing Road, the next step will be the paving. Leonard Cremo, Edie Nicholas and Logan Denny are working as part of this project! Please remember to drive carefully, this work is expected to last until the middle of June.



**A BIG Congratulations goes out to Calvin and Wayne Denny!!** Both have been selected to represent our region at the National



Aboriginal Hockey Championships with Team Atlantic! Congratulations Boys we are so proud of you.

**Thank you to everyone** who took part in the Bingo that helped with some fundraising for Denis Francis and his family as he got to go on the trip of a lifetime, when he experienced WrestleMania in New Orleans!! We are all so happy you were able to experience this Denis!



A decision was announced on Friday, April, 27 by Environment Minister Iain Rankin, that the cleanup of Boat Harbour will require a Class 2 environmental assessment, which typically takes 275 days, compared to the 50-day review period for Class 1 assessments. The work is being overseen by the Crown corporation Nova Scotia Lands. Among other things, the longer time period allows for more public engagement.

Council is very happy with the decision for a Class 2 Environmental Assessment, it definitely makes us feel more confident in the process. But don't worry the longer assessment does not mean the date of January, 31, 2020 changes, that date is still very firm, and the effluent will stop running on this day. Be sure to check the A'se'k Facebook Page and our NEW Pictou Landing First Nation Facebook Page for the latest information.

This week I am away in Ottawa for meetings. Chief's Committee on Health on Sunday, on Monday, Minister Bennett invited the First Nation Women Chiefs for a Special Meeting and Tuesday and Wednesday Meetings regarding special legislation with AFN. I'm also meeting with the Director of Policy and Indigenous Relations, about the Pipe and it's affects on our fisheries, community, cultural and the health of the county as a whole.

Lastly, I want to wish all of our Fishers a safe and happy season!! This is the time of year that fills our wharves with busy men and women who have dedicated their lives to this industry for years and years.

Sincerely, Chief Andrea



## Message from the desk of the CEO:

To: all Community Members of PL Band,  
Its great to see that spring has sprung and the weather is coming around. Warm sunny weather brings out the best in people with smiles and the desire to enjoy what the Creator has given to each and every one of us. For me I love the warmth of summer and the beach and sand, you are so blessed to have that.

It's also a time when entities like PL Band can start to work on projects and see the improvements during spring, summer and fall, including employment.

PL Band has been busier than ever in the past four months with its preparing for fiscal year end, budget preparation, planning, new school activities, seeking opportunities for new business ventures but also looking at the social component including our health services and as well the continued discussions surrounding Boat Harbour clean up and the pipe closure.

Most exciting lately is the start of our lobster season and the hope that it is again lucrative and a success for PL Community. I personally want to wish them safe journey out, good weather, and safe return to land every day they go out. As my grandfather was a lobster fisherman along with some of my Uncles I understand the worry and concern that my grandmother and sibling must have had.

With the spring now upon us we are starting construction projects including fixing the gym, preparing the grounds around the newly located RCMP satellite office as well as renovations for the interior of the Victoria Corner Market and planning for capital works.

Discussions are also underway for a shelter to be constructed on the cement pad behind the

Band admin office for community events and a place to gather as community.

PL Band has hired a Project Manager for the new school to open hopefully the fall of 2019, namely Terry Donovan, who brings a great wealth of knowledge as an educator with previous school building experience.

Our housing programs are going well and more inspections are slated to be done as to plan our housing efforts. Last year was a busy year as we piloted the program with Gordie Prosper and are still shifting efforts as to make it even more successful.

We are now looking to the efforts of Public works along with the EMO team to ensure we have a great action plan and recovery plan to ensure the safety of the community and its people.

Finally, PL Band is always looking for ways to improve and to ensure we are helping and supporting the community for whom our purpose stands. I ask that if there are any areas of concerns or ideas, I welcome any written notes to myself or Chief and Council to ensure we are reaching everybody.

Enjoy your spring!  
Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Teasdale  
CEO PL Band

## THANK You

### Late Dorothy May Bernard

I would like to thank everyone for their words of comfort and encouragement during the time my mom was in the hospital and during the wake and the funeral.

Thank you to everyone who cooked for the wake and funeral and everyone who helped in anyway. Thank you, Linda Francis, and anyone else who helped out at the wake.

Special thank you to my god -father Colin Bernard for all his help at the hospital and after the funeral.

Thank you to aunties Shirley, Bernadette, Mary for their help during the difficult time at the hospital, wake and funeral and thank you to all extended family members who spent time with me.

Thank you to Uncle Junior for plowing my mom's driveway every winter. Thank you to Janet Francis for making the program and to everyone who took part in the Funeral Mass.

Gary Bernard

## Dates to Remember:

**May 3 – M.O.R.E. Run at 12:45 pm @ Gymnasium**

**May 7 – Crafters Information Session at 11:30 am at Training Center**

**May 7 – Historical Session at 1:30 pm at Training Center**

**May 12 – Mother's Day Luncheon at 4:00 pm at Gymnasium**