



***Community Enhancement Development & Community Diabetes Prevention Worker Program  
REPORT 2011-2012***

Community Enhancement Development has ongoing programs which are delivered throughout the year.

***Community Based Water Monitoring Program:*** November 5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>, annual training and conference took place at the NSCC in Dartmouth. I hold the position as Community Based Water Monitor for Yarmouth and the back-up water monitor for Gold River. Weekly four locations on the Yarmouth Reserve are tested for coliforms and E. coli and the chlorine is measured using a HACH Pocket Colorimeter, this information is recorded weekly in logbook and entered into WaterTrax. WaterTrax is web-based data system and funding for this program is delivered through Health Canada- FNIHB- Atlantic Region.

***Tax Exemption Courier Cards:*** Status Indians residing on Reserve can receive an Acadia First Nation Courier Card, which has to be presented along with a VALID Indian Status Card. This allows status registered Indians with Acadia First Nation to deliver their own goods from point of sale to their residence on reserve. Not all retailers comply with this method of purchasing goods tax exempt.

Under the *Indian Act* and *Aboriginal Constitutional Provisions*; Section 87.(1) Property exempt from taxation- Notwithstanding any other Act of Parliament or any Act of the legislature of a province, but subject to section 83, the following property is exempt from taxation, namely,

- (a) the interest of an Indian or a band in reserve lands or surrendered lands; and
- (b) the personal property of an Indian or a band situated on a reserve.

Regarding Sales Tax- Canada the court case *Union of New Brunswick Indians v. New Brunswick (Minister of Finance)*..... the “point of sale” is on-reserve, registered Indians do not have to pay sales tax, whether they plan to use the goods on or off-reserve. The “point of sale” could be on- reserve, either because there was an on- reserve retailer, or because the goods were delivered on- reserve.

Acadia First Nation will issue cards certifying that only STATUS- REGISTERED INDIANS registered under Acadia First Nation, living on a RESERVE have the authority to deliver goods to ACADIA FIRST NATION only. **This card and their Status Card** must be presented by the cardholder. These Reserves are and include: Yarmouth Reserve, Medway Reserve, Wildcat Reserve, Ponthook Reserve and Goldriver Reserve.

**Community Diabetes Prevention Worker Program:** In 2010-2011 I completed the Community Diabetes Prevention Worker Program delivered through YellowQuill College, I graduated this program with Honors with Distinction and continue to deliver information sessions to the communities and members of Acadia First Nation. February 28<sup>th</sup>- March 1<sup>st</sup> I attended the annual diabetes training program at the Glooscap Cultural Centre. Diabetes screening and information sessions were held in Halifax, Medway, Wildcat, Gold River and Yarmouth in April and June.

**Community Enhancement Development:**

- Annual Christmas Social
- Relations with RCMP welcomed Constable Debbie Maloney to the Yarmouth Youth Centre for a Community Meeting on February 21, 2012.
- Healing Our Nations Peer Education Seminar was held on February 23-26.
- On March 5<sup>th</sup>, myself along with Rose Purdy (NADACA) was able to attend Girl Power Training.
- Youth from Yarmouth were able to travel to Halifax for their annual March Break Youth Trip, this trip was very successful , thankful to the chaperones and drivers.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> in the community of Wildcat a Diabetes session was held from 4:00-5:00 Ann Gottschall was present for Diabetes Risk assessment for youth & blood glucose testing and blood pressure checks for adults. Jill Francis was also present.
- A Community Enhancement session was held from 6:00pm-8:30pm in Wildcat. Many Concerns & topics were discussed at session regarding Community Enhancement.
- In June I was able to attend a session on cultural teachings: An Aboriginal Cultural Training session presented Mi'kma-way Cultural Consultation.
- National Aboriginal Day took place in Yarmouth on June 21<sup>st</sup> and funding for this event came from Canadian Heritage.
- Acadia First Nation Mi'kmaq Student Awards were celebrated on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- Funding was secured for a week long youth learning cultural event through the Cultural Opportunities for Youth Program, Garland Joe Augustine, Ingrid Brooks and Jacklyn Paul were welcomed into the community to work with the youth for one week of cultural teachings.
- July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Yarmouth Community invited Beverly Julian to the community to teach a Porcupine Quill basket making session, this event was very successful.
- Community based Food Security Project Funding has been secured through Health Canada – FNIHB, through this funding AFN can deliver healthy eating sessions in the communities.
- Funding had been secured through Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative and the Yarmouth County Community Health Board, this funding was available to finish preparing the GreenGym equipment and for the completion of a Walking Nature Trail in the Yarmouth community behind the Youth Centre.