

Chief Bob Gloade Promotes Millbrook

The following are highlights of Millbrook First Nation's Chief Bob Gloade's remarks at the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce's sponsored Mayor and Chief Breakfast held May 19th at Inn on Prince. **Highlights of Chief Gloade's presentation:**

I am currently serving my 7th consecutive Term as Chief. Previous to that I was a member of council for six 2-year terms. We held an election in March. We have five new council members and seven returning members.

Our community continues to grow we currently have 2,187 Band Members. Just under half live in Millbrook and our Satellite Communities of Sheet Harbour, Cole Harbour and Beaver Dam.

Over the past couple of years we have been restructuring band operations adding several new key roles including an Executive Director, a CFO and Financial Controller.

We have over 350 Employees in various departments such as: Education, Health, Fisheries & Administration. We are proactive looking at future Housing and infrastructure needs.

We recently completed phase 2 of our Glooscap road sub division which consists of 30 serviced building lots. Phase three has an additional 20 Serviced lots. Based on current construction both phase 2 and three will be fully built out in 6 years.

Recently council agreed to RBC's On Reserve Housing Loan Program as a means for



ment and over the past 20 years acquired in excess of 1,200 acres of land for future growth. This property is currently going through the Addition to Reserve Process.

The Millbrook Power Centre has been in operation for over 20 years. We are working diligently to attract new business.

Current construction includes a 39,000 square foot building for the Confederacy of mainland Mi'kmaq, and an adjacent retail and office 9,600 square foot plaza that was recently tilted which will be the new home for Farm Credit Canada and three tenants to be named at a future time.

There are plans to add an additional 9,600 square foot building. Depending on demand, we will do more.

We have a great relationship with our local municipalities and are active in the Truro Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity. We see our development as a win for the region as a whole.

In addition to the current economic development in Millbrook. We have a 25 Acre business park in Cole Harbour. This development has three apartment buildings, the most recent opened in March consists of 68 units. The building was fully leased prior to the first tenant moving in.

We also have our commercial lands at Shannon Park a 9.2-acre parcel of land that will be a mixed commercial residential development. We own rights to the adjacent water lot which we intend to infill. This development will start taking shape in the next 5-7 years as we are working collaboratively with Canada Lands on the development.

We are currently looking to expand our Millbrook Early Education Centre (MEEC). The plan is to offer up to grade 2. MEEC currently has around 50 students.

We have 98 members currently enrolled in Post secondary Studies. We fund all individuals who apply and are accepted to post secondary.

The community has been working towards revitalization of our History and Culture. We recently held a strategic planning session with council. It was identified as a continued high priority.

We currently do have a few mechanisms in place: Early Education Centre offers Mi'kmaq Classes; an individual offering after school Mi'kmaq Classes at Truro Elementary; currently offer Mi'kmaq classes to our Employees.

Mayor George Lloy - Highlights in Stewiacke

The following are highlights of Stewiacke Mayor George Lloy's remarks at the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce sponsored Mayor and Chief Breakfast held May 19th at Inn on Prince. He was accompanied by CAO Dale Bogle, Deputy Mayor Rosanne Chapman and Counselor Susan Creelman.

Highlights of Mayor Lloy's presentation:

Let me stress we are not just surviving we are thriving.

Recently Census Canada report residential growth in Stewiacke increased from 1373 in 2016 to 1557 in 2021.

Total building permits eclipsed \$11-million in 2021. The previous high was \$3.4-Million in 2020.

Splash Pad the opening of the

Splash Pad in Dennis Park will provide an amazing addition to our downtown core and provide a space for our children and youth to enjoy.

The expansion of our walking trails and the existing recreational programs also provide additional recreational outlets for our town.

We are welcoming back our famous Ravenous for Rhubarb Festival, June 10th - June 12th.

We are also in the planning stages for return of the Stewiacke Town Days in August.

Solar Panels - The first 42 kilowatts of electricity were produced February 4th when the 240 solar panels were activated. Project is part of the Solar Electricity for Community Building program.

Well Water test sites - The well water project is entering Phase 4 of permitting and engineering. The process of securing a long term sustainable water supply for our town is essential for growth and is a game changer.

Mastodon Ridge have embarked on major upgrades and initiatives.

We invested in a new arbor and completely reconfigured the Pow Wow Grounds. The Pow Wow will be held August 13th and 14th, 2022. All are welcome to attend.

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MGM Automated Doors - Under construction in the Perry Lake Development is the new 21,000 square-foot glass fabrication facility for MGM Automated Doors. This location will become the first commercial glass tempering facility in Nova Scotia.

Pro J will open a new location at Perry Lake Development May 31st and a 24 unit apartment building is planned for construction later this year.

A new Strategic Plan is nearing completion - dedicated to a fresh and exciting vision for our town.

Stewiacke Town Council recently voted to reduce the residential tax rate from \$1.65 to \$1.615 and reduced the commercial rate from \$3.46 to \$3.45 per \$100 of assessment.

Currently Stewiacke occupies approximately 30% of our land mass.

The opportunity to partner regionally for future projects is possible with land mass and location.

Closing message, acknowledgement:

I want to acknowledge the individuals and organizations that volunteer their time. The Stewiacke Storm Baseball Association, community meals

which provides up to 100 meals monthly. May I add Deputy Mayor Rosanne Chapman is part of this amazing group; yoga for seniors name just a few who demonstrate Stewiacke Proud.

I would be remised if I did not recognize the Stewiacke Volunteer Fire Department members who go above and beyond on a daily basis.

This morning I want to acknowledge our CAO Dale Bogle, Town Staff and our Public Works Department. We are fortunate to have Dale's leadership and the dedicated employees in Stewiacke as we grow as a town.

We have met the challenges of Covid 19 and continue to make the necessary adjustments so we can move forward together in a safe and productive environment. We must remain diligent with the knowledge the Pandemic is still present and evolving.

There is no "I" in team. It takes a team of dedicated council members to meet the challenges and opportunities in Stewiacke given our unprecedented growth. Each counselor brings a unique background and perspective to lend to the governance of our town. We are taking a high level and complete approach in everything we do.

Come for a visit to Stewiacke. See all the changes. Support local. In the word of Helen Keller "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much".

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Mayor Bill Mills - Town of Truro

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mine trends concerning urban deer population with roadside and pellet counts. Staff have developed a brochure to assist with Living with Deer in Truro". The booklet, mailed to all residents, highlights Truro's Deer

Management Strategy and Controlled Hunt Management efforts.

The first managed hunt was conducted in mid-February for two weeks, during which 14 deer were harvested.

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