

# Millbrook First Nation - Education & Culture Priorities: Chief Gloade

**Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce hosted the Mayors & Chief Breakfast on April 24th at Inn on Prince, which included Chief Bob Gloade, Mayor Christine Blair, Mayor Bill Mills, and Mayor George Lloy.**

The following contains the highlights of Millbrook First Nation's Chief Bob Gloade's message as follows:

Good morning. I wish to welcome Chamber President Tanton, Mayors Blair, Mills and Lloy, municipal staff and guests: Thank you to the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce for coordinating this event and for the invitation to speak with you again this year.

I am Millbrook First Nation's Chief Bob Gloade. We held an election in March and have five new council members, and seven returning members. I am currently serving my 7th consecutive term as chief. Prior to that I was a member of council for six two-year terms.

Our community continues to grow with 2,187 Band Members. Just under half live in Millbrook and our satellite communities of Sheet Harbour, Cole Harbour and Beaver Dam. We have been restructuring our band operations to more easily handle the growth over the last couple of years, plus anticipated growth within a few years. Our expansion and expansion of staffing includes an Executive Director, a CFO and Financial Controller.

In total we have over 350 employees in key departments such as education, health, fish-



eries and administration. To ensure our community runs smoothly we have been updating our Policies and Procedures as well as adjusting employee salaries meet or exceed national averages to ensure we attract and retain top talent.

Like other communities, infrastructure and housing are a priority. We continue to be proactive in looking and future housing and infrastructure needs. As part of that we have completed Phase 2 of the Glooscap Road Subdivision which consists of thirty serviced lots. Phase 3 will provide an additional twenty service lots. Based on current construction pace we anticipate both phases will be fully built out in six years.

Many of our new homes are built through Own Source Revenue. Others are built through Section 95. Recently council agreed to RBC's On Reserve Housing Loan Program as a means for our membership to attain a traditional mortgage in our community. This is something that was unattainable in the past. We are excited to see it implemented.

Some policy development

still needs to happen prior to the first home being built, but we are hopeful this will happen as soon as this summer. There are three priority areas in Housing. They are: singles, families and emergency.

Council has committed to addressing all those needs over the next two years and looking at establishing a 16-unit singles apartment building, as well as, a minimum 20-unit emergency/transitional housing complex.

We will always take a proactive approach to our residential development. Over the past 20 years we've acquired in excess of 1,200 acres for 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. Our Director of Commercial operations has been working diligently to attract new business. Current construction includes a 39,000 square foot facility for the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, and there is an adjacent retail and office 9,600 square foot plaza that was recently tilted and will be the

new for Farm Credit Canada. Three additional tenants will be named at later date.

In the same area there are plans to add an additional 9,600 square foot building. Depending on demand, we will do more. We have an excellent relationship with our local municipalities and are active in the Truro Colchester partnership for Economic Prosperity. We see our current development and projects in the future 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 of which opened in March consisting of 68 units. The building was fully leased prior to the first tenant moving in.

We also have our commercial lands at Shannon Park, Dartmouth. This is a 9.2-acre parcel of land that will be a mixed commercial residential development. We own rights to an 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. Stay tuned for more on this.

Currently, we are looking to expand our Millbrook Early Education Centre. The plan is to offer up to Grade 2. Approximately, 50 students are cur-

rently enrolled in early childhood education.

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

Our community has been working towards revitalization of our History and Culture. We recently held a strategic planning session with council and the outcome was identified as a continued high priority. We currently have a few mecha-

nisms in place: Early Education Centre offers Mi'kmaq Classes; an individual offering after school Mi'kmaq Classes at Truro Elementary and we are offering Mi'kmaq classes to employees.

Investments have been made in a new arbor and completely configuring the Pow Wow Grounds. The Millbrook Pow Wow will be held August 13 and 14th. All are welcome to attend.



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**Presentation Meeting**  
Tue. 6 Jun, 2023 (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

**Council Committee Meeting**  
Thu. 8 Jun, 2023 (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

**Council Meeting**  
Tue. 27 Jun, 2023 (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

No council meetings in July 2023.

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## Fibre Event Museum Fundraiser – July 26<sup>TH</sup>

**By Ursula Ryle-Gulliver**  
Calling all fibre lovers! Do you like to knit, rug hook, crochet, needle felt, spin, weave or want to see how it's done? Do you love the things fibre creates? This is your chance to come check it out!

The Farm Equipment Museum on the Exhibition grounds at 73 Ryland Ave. in Bible Hill is the venue for the Hook-in With Fibre Friends event for a second year. It will be held July 26 from 10 am- 3 pm. A free, Love Local, family event, it brings together members of the fibre arts community with each other and the general public, as well as supporting local business from across NS.

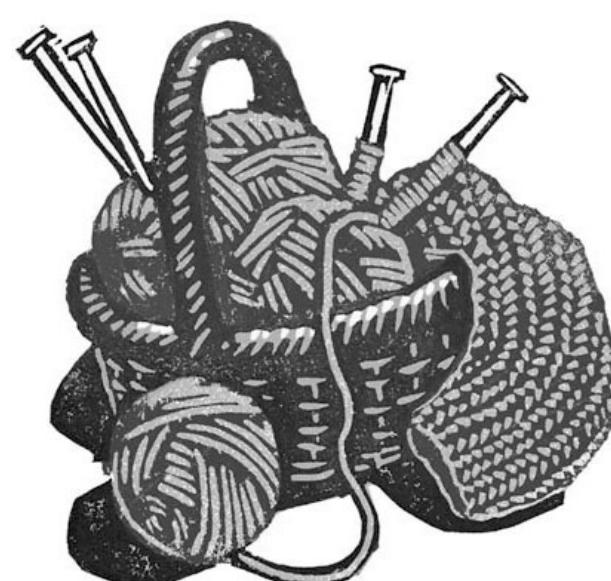
What is a Hook-In you may ask? Not only is it rug hookers, but knitters, crocheters, quilters, felters, weavers, and many types of fibre artists and crafters who are getting together to share the love of handmade

and the joy it brings to create. There are still seats available by RSVP for those wishing to spend the day. Please email: ursulasdesigns@yahoo.ca to be put on the guest list for this fibre party!

The goal is to raise awareness and funds for the Truro Farm Equipment Museum, which is so much more than farm equip-

ment! It houses over 5,000 items and is one of the finest collections of farm related artifacts in Eastern Canada. Drop in's are welcome to visit, see some of the artifacts, shop and eat!

There will be gift basket raffles, a silent auction table, 50/50 draw, and gift shop sales. All proceeds will go to the Farm Equipment Museum.



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