

Teacher's To Gather For Mi'kmaq History



The Glooscap Heritage Centre is located in the Power Centre off highway 102 in Truro.

By Devin Trefrey

On October 2nd The Glooscap Heritage Centre (GHC) will kick-off Mi'kmaq History Month with an incredible line up of influential Mi'kmaq speakers. The speakers will come together as part of an educator's conference intended to share an informed and unique perspective about important aspects of Mi'kmaq culture and history with Nova Scotia's teachers.

"I am so excited to offer our teachers this wonderful opportunity to learn about Mi'kmaq history and culture. It is always a challenge for teachers to find good resources and to have the confidence to include Mi'kmaq history and culture in the classroom," says Gordon Pictou GHC program coordinator and organizer of the conference. "The purpose of this event is to give teachers the opportunity to make important connections to their curriculum that they can then share with their students."

The conference will feature discussion about art, his-

tory, dancing and singing, Treaty rights, Mi'kmaq education, and traditional medicine. "We want to try and introduce a little bit of everything. This conference is an introduction to the GHC for many, but one of our goals is to develop a network of educator's and Mi'kmaq historical and cultural experts that will work together to provide timely and accurate information to the public," says Joyce Mingo, Executive Director of the Glooscap Heritage Centre. "We're also excited to share opportunities for everyone to learn how to make traditional crafts through participation in the many workshops that we offer throughout the year."

The conference will consist of 7 presentations by 5 speakers and 1 drum group. Elder Doreen Bernard will open the conference and speak about traditional medicines and the 7 sacred teachings, and also present on the residential school experience. Order of Canada recipient Daniel Paul will present on Colonialism and relations between settlers and

the Mi'kmaq. "A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq" (drum group) will teach the Honour song and lead participants in round dance and other Mi'kmaq dances. Jean Knockwood will present ideas for how to incorporate and lead discussions on important but challenging issues such as treaty rights, racism and other First Nation issues in the classroom and Paul Prosper will provide background information about some of the important court decisions surrounding Treaty Rights. Gordon Pictou will give a tour of the exhibit area at the Heritage Centre and show a short multimedia presentation that gives a brief overview of historical events that have affected the

Mi'kmaq people. After supper one of Millbrook's most famous artists Alan Syliboy will talk about the symbolism and power of petroglyphs and suggest ways to include Mi'kmaq art in the classroom.

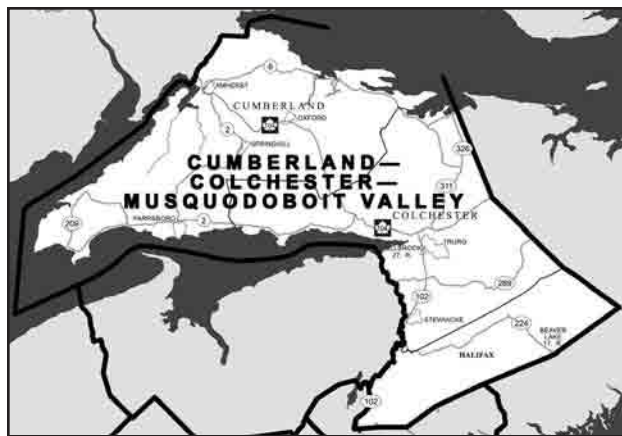
The conference is open to all teachers from all subjects and those who participate will gain lesson plan ideas and a variety of useful resources ranging from Mi'kmaq colouring books and flags to lists of educational video's, websites and print material.

Those interested in learning more about the conference should contact Gordon Pictou at the Glooscap Heritage Centre by calling 843-3493 or email Gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com.



Robin Davis arranges some of the Christmas items on the shelves at the Glooscap Country Bazaar. The Bazaar will be open weekends, until Thanksgiving, from 10 until 5. (Harrington Photo)

Federal Bi-election to be called before October 31ST



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Cumberland-Colchester was abolished in 2003. The territory was combined with the largely rural Musquodoboit Valley portion of the Halifax Regional Municipality in a new riding called "North Nova". After the election in 2004, the name was changed to "Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley".

During the past 40 years, Robert Coates held power for 50% of the time. Elected to represent the Progressive Conservatives Coates won his first election in 1968 and continued his reign until 1988. Coates won a total of 6 elec-

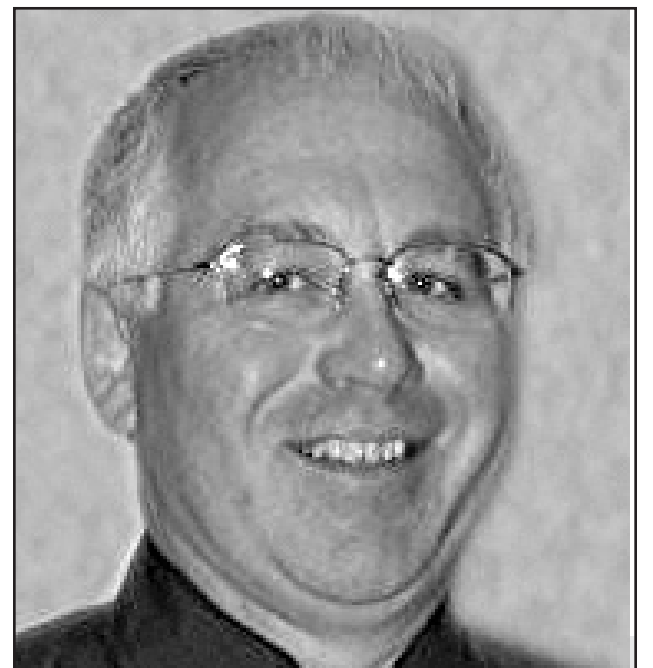
tions during his term. He was elected in 1968, 1972, 1974, 1979, 1980 and 1984.

Coates was succeeded by Bill Casey who served his first term as a Progressive Conservative from 1988 until 1993. Casey lost to Diane Brushett, who won for the Liberals in a country-wide sweep in 1993. She held the riding until 1997, when she lost to Casey's rebound.

Casey's return as an MP in 1997 was followed by re-election in 2000, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008. In total Casey was elected 8 times during he span from 1997 until his resignation in 2009. He was out of office from 1993 to 1997, when Diane Brushett served under the Liberal banner.

Prior to 2006 Incumbent MP Bill Casey, re-elected in 2006 as a member of the Conservative Party, was expelled from the Conservative caucus in 2007 after voting against the 2007 budget, which he objected to on the grounds of alleged violations of the Atlantic Accord. He attempted to run for the Conservative nomination for the next federal election but was refused. Casey therefore ran for re-election as an independent. The Green Party, however, did endorse Casey and therefore chose not to nominate a candidate opposing his reelection.

Prime Minister Harper must call the by-election by October 31st. Candidates are ready. Soon voters will be making, what seems to be, their annual trek to the polls.



Jim Burrows, Liberal



Scott Armstrong, Conservative



Mark Austin, New Democratic



Celebrates Mi'kmaq History Month

The Chief, Council and Community Members of Millbrook First Nation are proud to participate and promote public awareness about our Mi'kmaq Culture and Heritage.

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