

# Millbrook's Chief Gloade's Remarks



The Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce annual Chief & Mayor's Breakfast was held at Legends Gaming Centre for the first time on June 4th. Chief Gloade's remarks follow:

The annual Chief and Mayor's Breakfast aims to strengthen the relationship between Millbrook First Nation and the Town of Truro, aimed at fostering community growth and collaboration. The breakfast is being held in Millbrook for the first time. Members of Millbrook, Colchester and Truro Councils, local organizations and businesses are in attendance. Chief Gloade's presentation will share significant updates and achievements in Millbrook.

**Overview**  
Millbrook's council  
Ongoing and future economic development projects  
Updates on Millbrook Fisheries time;  
Advancements in housing  
Parks and recreation initiatives  
Millbrook Market and upcoming cultural events.  
Acknowledgement that we are happy to be meeting in Millbrook for the first time for the Chief and Mayor's breakfast.

Our community recently had our bi-annual election in February of this year. Congratulations and welcome to all new and re-elected council members.

**Economic Development**  
Millbrook's commitment to economic development, fueling opportunities for its community members, and creating more prosperity in Colchester County.

NS Native Women's Association Resiliency Centre: Grand opening will be in September.  
**Construction of new Apartment building in Cole Harbour.**  
**Partnership with Lindsay Construction.**

Legends Ave Commercial Development: will result in 28,000 sq. ft. of additional leasable space. Current tenants in the completed buildings include: The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq offices, Farm Credit Canada, and renowned artist, Alan Syliboy Art Studio - which just celebrated the first anniversary of the art studio location.

Addition to Reserve Process: 1200+ acres, mixed-use commercial and residential.

Tufts Cove: 27.19-acre community on Dartmouth side of Halifax Waterfront.

**Housing**  
Rapid Housing Initiative 3 (RHI 3): In January 2024, Millbrook announced a partnership with CMHC to produce a 34-unit housing development for Millbrook residents. This was in response to the increasing need for safe/available, and affordable housing for our members.

RBC On-Reserve Housing Loan Program: This program has provided opportunities for members wanting to build their own homes on reserve. MFN guarantees a loan from \$50,000 to a maximum of \$250,000 to purchase, renovate, construct or repair a single-family dwelling. 4 members have completed homes.

New Housing & Public Works Office: Now located at 60 Treaty Connector Rd.

**Millbrook Fisheries**  
Lobster Pound: Opened in April 2024 in Sheet Harbour  
Lobster sold commercially/wholesale and able to be bought by the public, directly from fishers.

The facility holds 53,000 pounds of live lobster for up to 5-6 months.  
The facility includes a pump house, holding/purging tanks for live products, and a state-of-the-art, open-loop system that brings seawater into the tanks.

The Open-Loop systems use a source of fresh (sea) water to flush ammonia and waste from the system, which can be deadly to the species being held.

**Parks and Recreation**  
Community Garden Highlights:

Over 60 homes are involved in "Growing Millbrook at Home." This initiative is designed to improve individuals' gardening skills to aid in food security efforts in the home. Participants are provided with raised garden beds at home.

In 2023, Millbrook developed community gardens, improving food security in our community while also introducing Millbrook residents

and youth to the agricultural process of growing their own food and traditional medicines. We added 14 raised garden beds to our existing community garden this year.

8-pointed star garden bed for traditional medicines.

There are more improvements planned for the community garden, including a Greenhouse renovation which is underway.

Goal: Donate 4,000 lbs. of food to the community.

**Parks & Greenspaces**  
We will be constructing a Splash Pad in Millbrook this year. This will be an open-access recreation space that everyone can use.

Truro residents are encouraged to explore our trails, such as the Wood Chip Trail and John B trail.

**Education**  
It is graduation season; I want to take a moment to acknowledge our graduation.

We have 24 high school graduates from Millbrook, many of whom are graduating from Cobequid Educational Centre.

7 Post-Secondary Graduates this year.  
Banners for graduates will be hung along street poles this summer to celebrate them.

We are proud of their work and the work of Millbrook's Education Department.

**Millbrook Market**  
The Millbrook Market is a vibrant community initiative designed to support local Mi'kmaq artisans and promote their handmade crafts.

This is an economic opportunity for small vendors.  
Market is held Monthly, with plans to increase frequency, and to increase patronage.

Over 30 registered vendors sell authentic Mi'kmaq crafts, artwork and other items.

The next market is on June 29 in the Power centre  
**Upcoming Events & Positive News**

June 17th: We will have our annual general meeting at the Glengarry hotel from 5 to 8 p.m. This is open to the public, so please feel free to stop in. Staff will be onsite with booths, and we will have departmental updates.

June 21st: National Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration at Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Centre. All-day events include a Mawio'mi and a performance by Morgan Toney.

Millbrook Powwow, August 10 -11.

# TCPEP's CEO Update to County Council

J. David Phillips, CEO, Truro Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity gave an update to Colchester Council as one of two presentations on August 6th. His presentation was primary on Power Point. We extracted the contents and present the exact content just as if you were there.

Here goes:  
**Big Wins in 2023-24**

1. Helped secure more than \$3.06M in expansion funding within the region.
2. Provided objective, expert advice and guidance to more than 152 businesses, including 46 startups, across a number of Key Performance Indicators: Better Profitability; Cost reductions; Expanded workforce; Funding support; Incremental revenues; Process improvements; Resource navigation
3. Launched Regional Business Attraction/FDI Initiative Phase 1. Sector Opportunity Analysis
4. Attracted 5 new businesses to Colchester County.
5. Spearheaded the successful launch of the new Truro Colchester Welcome Network.
6. Launched innovative new Physician Recruitment marketing campaign featuring Truro Colchester - targeting UK physicians - which received national media attention and a thank you from the Premier.
7. Helped recruit 5 new doctors to the region.
8. Secured a provincial commitment to build a new collaborative

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J. David Phillips

rative clinic in Millbrook, serving the entire Truro Colchester community. Collaborative Primary Care Clinic At Millbrook Power Centre

**Initial Request:** 10,000 SF; Collaborative Family Practice and Learning Centre

**Current Outcome:** It has changed to: 48,000+ SF; Collaborative Family Practice; Learning Centre + Cultural Space for Cultural Learning. It will feature: Urgent Care Centre + Chronic Disease Clinic; Blood Collection Services; Primary Care; Adult Outpatient Mental Health Services and Physician Recruitment & Retention;

10. Aggressively promoted the region as a smart, affordable, and profitable place in which to invest, relocate or expand a business in such publications

as Business In Focus and Site Selection Magazines, both with North America-wide circulation.

11. Invested more than \$40K in new regional tourism content. All this content has been used by Explore Central NS, the municipalities, the Province, and in our own marketing and promotions.

12. Launched regular workshops and one-to-many learning and networking engagements. Resilience, DNS and "Like a Boss"

**Plans for 2024-25**  
• TCPEP 2.0: Lead Phase 2 of the Regional Business Attraction/FDI Initiative; Marketing Materials, Lead Generation; Build a housing construction industry in Colchester County; Housing Symposium; Drive for greater collaboration, transparency, and role clarity among partners; Lead more workshops and one-to-many engagements and Reignite the Northern Connector Program.

# Water Infrastructure Funding for Oxford

New water systems will provide reliable water supply and enhance fire protection in Oxford, Cumberland County. The replacement of water mains and residential water service lines will address ongoing leaks and provide more reliable supply for residential use and fire protection for Foundry Street.

"Oxford is a wonderful place to live and work, with lots to look forward to on the horizon," said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables and MLA for Cumberland South, on behalf of John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "It's crucial that we provide residents and business owners the infrastructure they need to continue to grow and thrive."

The Province will invest nearly \$1.04 million in the project, with an additional \$1.12 million coming from the Town of Oxford and other sources.

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