

Millbrook Community Newsletter

JANUARY 2021



Millbrook First Nation

[Important Announcements](#)

For the latest corona virus information visit: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>

<https://www.millbrookband.com/covid-19-updates>

To see a visual on COVID-19 in Nova Scotia, please go to:

<https://novascotia.ca/Coronavirus/data>

[The Eskasoni Crisis Line](#)

Toll Free number 1-855-379-2099
(Mi'kmaw and English)



TELEPHONE: (902) 897-9199
TOLL FREE: 1-(800)-693-3112
MILLBROOK BAND ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 634
TRURO, N.S. B2N 5E5

Millbrook Band Office

Mailing Address

Millbrook Band
Administration
P.O. Box 634
Truro, NS. B2N 5E5

Business Hours

Monday- Thursday
9:00am-12pm / 1:00pm-4:30pm
Friday
9:00am-12pm

Phone Numbers

Band Office
1 (902) 897-9199
Toll Free
1 (800) 693-3112

Website & Facebook Page

Millbrook's Website - www.millbrookband.com.

Millbrook's Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/MillbrookFirstNation/>

E-mail: communications@millbrookband.com to have your information posted online.

Social Assistance

Social Assistance Cheques are tentatively scheduled for: **January 14 & 28, 2020.**

Applications are available at the Reception desk at the Band Office.

ATTENTION SOCIAL CLIENTS: Nova Scotia Power Bills

It has come to the Social department's attention that some clients are having problems submitting Power bills for payment to the social department in a timely manner. Any social client can call NSPC at 1-800-428-6230 and request that they email me (margaretphillips@eastlink.ca) a current copy of your power bill for payment.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Chief and Council Meeting

The next Chief and Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 12, 2020.**

The deadline for submissions or requests to see Council is **Thursday, January 7, 2020.**

Please submit to the Administrative Assistant, Jay Martin, Phone: (902) 897-9199 Ext. 110,

Fax: (902) 893-4785 or e-mail: jay.m@eastlink.ca.

February Chief and Council meeting is **February 9th, 2020.**

January - February 2021

- ✦ **January 12** - Chief And Council Meeting at 9am at the Community Hall
- ✦ **January 19** - Chief and Council Meeting at 9am at the Community Hall (Consultation 9-11am, Economic Development 11-2pm, & Projects 2-4pm)
- ✦ **February 9** - Chief And Council Meeting at 9am at the Community Hall
- ✦ **February 16** - Chief and Council Meeting at 9am at the Community Hall (Consultation 9-11am, Economic Development 11-2pm, & Projects 2-4pm)

New Newsletter Deadline - Wednesday, January 20, 2020

The Newsletter deadline has changed to the 20th of each month.

Send your content to: communications@millbrookband.com,
or use the website contact form at <https://www.millbrookband.com/contact>

[Millbrook R.E.C.C. Family Skate - Every Sunday Morning](#)

Sunday morning ice times at the R.E.C.C. starts at 8-9am, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31.

Covid rules apply

[Deuville's Rink](#)

Sundays evenings ice times at Deuville's starts at 6-7pm, January 3, 10, 17,24, & 31.

Limit to 10 people - Covid rules apply

[Millbrook By-Law/SPCA NS](#)

Please find attached the contract for dog by law services with Millbrook First Nation Community. The contract is for January 1, 2021 but we can actually start as of Monday January 11th, 2021. We will prorate the first invoice to be reflective of the 11th.

The Shelter's phone number is 902-893-7968

If the public wants to lodge a by law concern for the community, they can call our main dispatch line at **1-888-703-7722** Monday to Friday 8 am to 4: 30 pm This is our cruelty line but call takers are advised that calls from Millbrook may come in through this line. They can also e-mail concerns to animals@spcans.ca . This e-mail is monitored by our enforcement officers.

We are looking forward to a great partnership.

[Questions and Answers From Millbrook Health Centre](#)

Question: Why do I need to wear a mask at the Millbrook Health Centre?

Answer: We ask everyone entering the Millbrook Health Centre to wear a mask to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our facility.

Question: Why can't I see the doctor/nurse at the Millbrook Health Centre when I already have a doctor somewhere else?

Answer: You are taking an appointment from someone who does have a doctor in this clinic but also the doctor at our clinic does not have your medical file or medication list. Without this information, our doctors would not have all the information they need to do a proper assessment.

Question: Why can't I drop off receipts to the Millbrook Health Centre?

Answer: Due to COVID-19, all bills and receipts are to be placed in an envelope and addressed to the Millbrook Health Centre and dropped off in the MAILBOX outside the Millbrook Band Office. This is to limit the flow of people coming to the Health Centre.

***If you would like a question answered from the Millbrook Health Centre please put your question in a sealed envelope addressed to the Millbrook Health Centre in the MAILBOX outside the Millbrook Band Office and we will answer it for you.

From the staff at the Millbrook Health Centre.

Health Centre

Mailing Address
Millbrook Health
Centre
P.O. Box 634
Truro, NS. B2N 5E5

Business Hours
Monday- Thursday
9:00am-12pm / 1:00pm-4:30pm
Friday
9:00am-12pm

Phone Numbers
Health Centre
1 (902) 895-9468
Toll Free
1 (844) 895-9468

[Mask-Wearing at the Millbrook Health Centre](#)

Public Health Orders from Nova Scotia's Chief Medical Officer of Health make mask wearing in public spaces mandatory.

You must wear a mask when you come for appointments at the Millbrook Health Centre, unless:

1. You provide us with a letter from your family doctor indicating that you cannot wear a mask for medical reasons. Please note that we do not need to know what the medical reason is.
2. Children younger than 2 or children between 2 and 4 who cannot keep the mask on.

We are doing all that we can to keep our staff and those who receive services at the health centre safe during this pandemic. We appreciate all those who have followed our protocols about mask-wearing at the health centre.

[PLEASE BE MINDFUL TO TEXT OR CALL THE HEALTH CENTRE STAFF ON BUSINESS HOURS AND NOT AFTER HOURS. THANK YOU!](#)

The Eskasoni First Nation's Crisis Line provides toll free telephone and online crisis support and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is accessible to all Nova Scotia First Nations and other First Nations in the Atlantic region. It services are provided in both Mi'kmaq and English.

Toll Free: 1-855-379-2099 902-379-2099 Website: www.facebook.com/eskasoni.worker/

The Elsipogtog First Nation's Crisis Line is available to all New Brunswick First Nations and other First Nations in the Atlantic region. It provides toll free telephone and online crisis support 7 days a week, as follows: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 11:00pm; Saturday and Sunday 4:00pm – 11:00pm.

Toll Free: 1-855-523-8260 506-523-8260 Website: www.facebook.com/elsipogtog.crisiscenter (also via Facebook Messenger)

The Hope for Wellness Help Line is available to Indigenous Peoples of Canada to access immediate, culturally safe telephone and chat crisis intervention support. The Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in English, French, and upon request, Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut.

Toll Free: 1-855-242-3310 Website: www.hopeforwellness.ca (for online chat option)

[Safe Sharps Disposal During COVID-19:](#)

Safely store sharps at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pharmacies are asking patients to store their used needles at home as they will not be accepting sharps during the pandemic. The Millbrook Health Centre has Sharps containers, so please call to pick one up. No used needles or Sharps containers should ever be put in the garbage or recycling for collection.

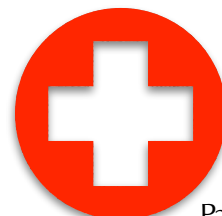
[Medical Drivers](#)

Donna Gloade

Home: (902) 895-9540 Cell: (902) 986-8842

Ella Paul

Cell: (902) 956-2679



New Year Message from Atlantic Gold General Manager, Laird Brownlie

As the General Manager of Operations for Atlantic Gold here in Nova Scotia, I want to extend my best wishes to all Millbrook community members as we enter a new year. 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, and there have been challenges most of us have never seen in our lifetimes.

It is my hope that the individuals and families in Millbrook Mi'kmaq communities, and all Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia are looking forward to a healthy, safe and productive year in 2021. As we move into a new year, it is our wish at Atlantic Gold that we continue our discussions with Millbrook community members to ensure we have environmentally responsible and safe operations.

When COVID-19 gathering restrictions are lifted, I would like to extend an invitation to visit our operational mine – the Touquoy Mine Site – to better understand how we operate in an environmentally safe manner. Reach out to Gerald Gloade, Millbrook's Community Liaison if you would like to learn more about Atlantic Gold and our operations.

We are also organizing a series of community family meetings with Millbrook community members living in Beaver Lake and Sheet Harbour during mid-to-late January to discuss options for ensuring access to the Beaver Dam Project Area during operations. Watch for a Millbrook community notification in early January with more details of location, date and time.

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Laird Brownlie
General Manager, St Barbara Atlantic Operations





Green Recycling of the Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Platform: Sheet Harbour

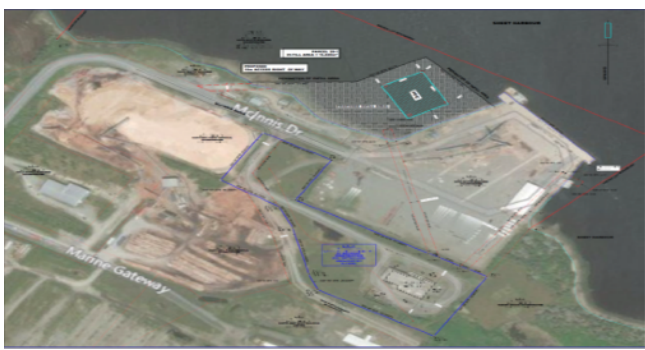
Company and Project Overview

RJ MacIsaac Construction Ltd. (RJMI) located in Antigonish since 1975 is a home grown second generation Atlantic Canadian marine construction company. RJMI offers a wide range of services, specializing in marine construction and demolition, ship recycling, tidal power, and general marine contracting.

In early 2020 RJMI made a decision to pursue the recycling contract of the SBM offshore gas platform after the platform had completed its project lifecycle. Competition for this contract was very intense with opposing international bidders. RJMI chances for success were deemed to be remote at best. As well RJMI represented the only opportunity for the rig to be recycled in Nova Scotia. All other bidders indicated that they would transport the rig to their ship yards abroad.

Why Sheet Harbour?

The project requires very deep water all the way to the inshore location to properly (and safely) dismantle the offshore platform. Sheet Harbour has all the attributes and only required a small amount of dredging adjacent to the Sheet Harbour Industrial Wharf (see map below) to facilitate the recycling of the platform.



The offshore rig will be transported from Halifax harbour and positioned inside the “green square” in the picture above. The area required additional dredging to which permitting from DFO was required. In order to secure the permit RJMI initiated a 7-month engagement process with the Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia to ensure that the indigenous communities would have input in the development processes as well as fully understand all the additional work RJMI has initiated to ensure that Mi’kmaq Rights and Title are fully protected. RJMI has engaged Mr. Eric Christmas to provide advice and guidance to RJMI as well as provide a Mi’kmaq Benefits program.

As Millbrook is not inside the KMKNO process, a separate engagement process with Millbrook’s consultation division (led by Gerald Gloade) was also initiated. Millbrook’s participation provided additional insights into the local community’s capacities and any issues they may have with the project on a local level.

On September 16th, 2020 the Millbrook Consultation division hosted an open house for RJMI in which the full project team and their consultants were able to make presentations on several aspects of the project of which began with RJMI presenting a project overview.

As well presentations on Mi’kmaq Benefits (Eric Christmas), Mi’kmaq archeology (Boreas Heritage), employment opportunities (Grant Thornton) were also included. Pictured below is Sara Beanlands, archeologist, presented her work on Mi’kmaq archeology. (Note: In her report Ms. Beanlands reported that no impacts to indigenous archeology was present as the infill site where the platform will be positioned for recycling is heavily industrialized and no historic material was found).

When will the project start and how long will it take to complete?

RJMI has officially been awarded the contract as of Dec 2020. It is anticipated that the recycling of the platform will take upwards to 18 months with 95% of all materials recycled for future use. RJMI expects the platform (see below) to be towed from the Halifax Harbour very shortly and towed to the Sheet Harbour Industrial Wharf. Soon afterwards the decommissioning of the platform will commence with local labour, including the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia.

Pictured on the right is the Deep Panuke offshore platform now located at Sheet Harbour Industrial Wharf.



Mi'kmaq Benefits

RJMI has made a commitment to the Mi'kmaq that a minimum of 33% of all new hires for the project shall be Mi'kmaq. A benefits program was prepared and submitted to the KMKNO, Millbrook First Nation, Sipekne'katik First Nation and Pictou Landing for their review. The benefits program is Nova Scotia wide but it is anticipated that a majority of the positions will be from the three adjacent communities (Millbrook, Sipekne'katik and Pictou Landing).

Available positions include torch cutters (training provided), heavy equipment operators, labourers, security.

If you are interested in working on the project please submit your resume to the following:

clientapplications@ca.gt.com

Reference "R.J. MacIsaac Construction Limited (RJMI)" and the relevant position in the subject line. As well you can contact Mr. Eric Christmas at 902 497-2049 or email at ericchristmas@gmail.com for more information.

Mi'kmaq Offset Project

Included in our permitting is the requirement for an offset project. These projects are very common when proponents are working in marine environments. DFO essentially requires that any potential habitat that might be disturbed or altered must be offset with a habitat restoration project. RJMI has entered (very early) in discussions with the Mi'kmaq Conservation Group (MCG) to ensure that the offset project has the very best in indigenous expertise to assist and advise RJMI with their offset project responsibilities.

It is being proposed that the offset project be located adjacent to (or very close to) Millbrook's fisheries complex in Sheet Harbour. Work on the project should begin in the spring of 2021. MCG will be looking to the local Mi'kmaq communities for labour to construct reef balls (see below) that when placed on a marine floor attracts new marine species and supports habitat growth.



Project Announcement & Participation Opportunity:

Land Use and Occupation Study - Fifteen Mile Stream

Mi'kmaw people have been utilizing land in Nova Scotia for survival and for recreation since time immemorial - without boundaries and without exception. This relationship with the land continues today. Concepts like *Netukulimk* remind us to take only what is needed and leave some for tomorrow, as our ancestors did.

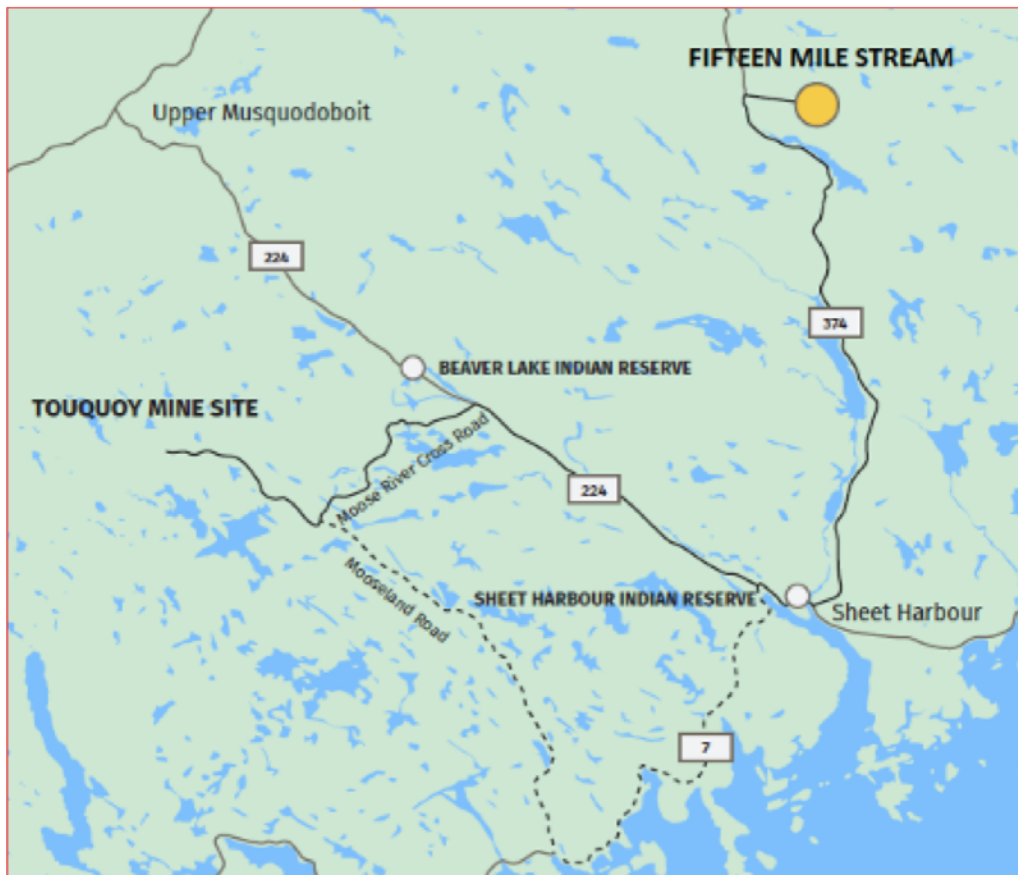
Atlantic Gold is working on developing an open pit gold mining operation in **Fifteen Mile Stream**. While not on reserve lands, we know that many of our band members have experience harvesting in the area. Band members who have a connection to the area may be affected in terms of their hunting, fishing, and gathering activities, because of the presence of the mine site.

To address these concerns, Millbrook is undertaking a Land Use and Occupation Study. This study will document our history of land use, water use and the stories associated with the area. By doing so, we are preserving our culture and protecting our future. This will also strengthen our claims in future negotiations.

Millbrook is requesting your help to document this important part of our history. You are a vital part of this story. If you, or a family member/friend have harvested (hunting, fishing, camping, etc.) or enjoyed this area please let us know. We will be setting up interviews (either over the phone or Zoom/Teams) to gather land and water usage data to show the project regulators that Millbrook will be impacted.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact:

consultation@millbrookband.com



January 5th, 2021

Our community has received funding to support through the Indigenous Community business fund (ICBF). Under the parameters set aside to spend this money, discretion is given to the community to support COVID-19 economic priorities. Chief and Council have identified a need to support small business owners in our community and have decided to utilize this funding to do so. The total funding pool is \$103,353.00 and will be labelled Small Business Support Fund.

You will find attached an application for our band member owned small businesses who wish to apply for a non-repayable contribution between the amounts of \$500.00 and \$5,000.00. This support is cumulative per household Maximum, and if you own multiple businesses, you do not qualify for each one.

Determination on what level of funding you will receive depends on a pre-determined metric that includes the size of your business measured in sales, number of employees and demonstrated a negative impact on your business due to Covid-19.

The deadline for applications will be March 15th, 2021 or such time that all funds have been spent.

Should all of the funds not be spent by March 15th, 2021, the remaining funds will be directed towards band owned businesses that have also seen a negative impact as a result of COVID-19.

Who can Apply:

- Millbrook First Nation Band Member
- legally registered to conduct business in Canada
- located in Canada
- have been in operation prior to October 1st, 2019
- have Incurred a negative financial impact as a Result of Covid-19
- currently in operation and intend to remain in operation
- if you have not already received funding to support your business due to negative impacts of Covid-19 from the Millbrook First Nation.

Please submit your applications to:

James Stevens
Director of Commercial Operations
Millbrook First Nation
P.O. Box 634
Truro NS, B2N 5E5
James.stevens@eastlink.ca

Thank you,

Chief and Council

Small Business Support Fund Application Form – Millbrook First Nation

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Band Number _____

City/Town _____ Street Name and Number _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Business Legal Name _____

Business Operating Name _____

Business Type _____
(e.g. Sole proprietor/partnership/cottage craft)

Business Address:
(if same as above leave blank)

City/Town _____ Street Name and Number _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Brief Overview of your Business:
(what do you sell, what services do you provide, how long have you been in business etc.)

Why are you requesting Support?
(circle all that apply)

- Salaries and Benefits
- Rent
- Operating Costs and Capital Expenditures
- Payments of Debt
- Other please explain:

Do you have Financials? Yes No

If you indicated yes, please provide comparative in house statements from the same time period of March to October 2019 and March to October 2020.

*if you do not provide financial statements the maximum allotment under the Small Business Support fund will be \$500.00 to eligible businesses.