



**MAUPELTU**  
TA'N TELSUTEKEK  
MEMBERTOU GOVERNANCE

**Maupeltu Ta'n Telsutekek - Newsletter**

**Spring 2012 Edition**

## **WI'KIPALTIMK SPRING GATHERING IS A HUGE SUCCESS**

March 24, 2012—Membertou's Governance Committee hosted the WI'KIPALTIMK Spring Gathering Pow-wow in their community at the Membertou (Boxing) Gym.

It was a huge success with an estimated 200 people showing up through out the day's events. The events taking place at the Pow-wow began with a sun-rise ceremony and a community breakfast, which lead to elders teachings. In the afternoon there was a grand entry, drumming, and dancing. The event ended with a community and closing ceremony. Venders were on site, to sell their crafts.

It was truly a community driven event, that couldn't have been possible without the community's effort and participation. The Governance Coordinator, Cheryl Knockwood said, "the Governance Committee wanted to engage all ages of the community by distributing governance information during a fun-filled event".

The Maupeltu Governance information was available at the event for the community members to review while they enjoyed, food, drumming and dancing.

The Governance Committee will be organizing more community events aimed at raising awareness of Lands and Citizenship issues in the next few years.

The next community session will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Bingo Hall. Meko Nicholas from the Lands Advisory Board will be discussing the First Nations Land Management Act. Everyone is welcome!!



**Spring Gathering: Back Row: Pauline Bernard, Mary V. Paul, Katy McEwan, Tashia Lafford, Jeff Ward, Adrianna Googoo, & Carla Johnson. Front Row: Ava Prosper**

## **YOUTH DESIGNATE INTERIM YOUTH COUNCIL**

April 25, 2012 – MTCC. Membertou High School students met on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and designated the following members as the Membertou Interim Youth Council: Zacc Paul, Caroline Sylvester, Jenna Bernard, Oonig Paul-Ward, Raven Googoo and Storm Christmas.

**NOTICE: *If you are a Membertou student looking for a challenging and fun summer placement please let Melissa MacDonald know you would like to work with the Governance Committee. There will be two positions available for a 4 week placement. Students will have the opportunity to visit each house in Membertou/Maupeltu to share important issues on land management and citizenship.***

## MEMBERTOU GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECEIVES LAND MANAGEMENT TRAINING BY NALMA

February 2, 2012—Membertou, Nova Scotia

Debra Campbell, instructor from the National Aboriginal Land Managers Association "NALMA" conducted a four-day workshop entitled the "Land Management Training Workshop 101" in Membertou, from Jan. 30- Feb. 2nd 2012. One of NALMA's main objectives is to raise the professional standards for First Nations Lands Management.

The Governance Committee has been tasked with developing Land management laws and a code for the community of Membertou. Prior to this development, members will receive extensive training on land management issues. Membertou approached NALMA to conduct this training because NALMA is committed to taking a leadership role in ensuring that Lands Managers receive adequate training opportunities required to efficiently and effectively manage their lands. The training was intended for not only the Membertou Governance Committee members but for all interested community members. Membertou members are welcome to attend all training or committee meetings.

Rebecca Scirocco-Paul, committee member, stated "It is my job as a community member and Band member to become involved, and I want to be aware of what is going on." The next land management training will be conducted on August 27-30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and will be held at the Membertou Heritage Centre. To register for please call Cheryl Knockwood at 1-902-564-6466 ext. 2520.



**Membertou Committee Members at Lands training**

Governance Committee Members: Angela Paul, Jennifer Martin, Candice Paul and Eileen Paul (Mike Isadore in the background).

## Schedule of Upcoming Events and Workshops\*

**June 6, 2012**

### **Governance Committee –**

Update on Lands Management Research Project and summer students.  
Membertou Veterans Building  
**9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**June 8, 2012**

### **Kluscap Sites in Unama'ki Workshop**

Membertou Elementary School  
**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**June 14, 2012**

### **Lands Management Information Session**

Meko Nicholas, Lands Advisory Board  
MEC (Bingo Hall)  
**7:00-9:00 p.m. (Supper at 6:30)**

**July 31, 2012**

### **Workshop on International Indigenous rights**

Teresa Edwards, Native Women's Association of Canada  
**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

\*Please note the above dates are subject to change.

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