



**Third Annual Wikipaltimk Gathering a Success**



**Wikipaltimk Spring Gathering Drummers & Dancers-April 12, 2014.**

On April 12, 2014 the Governance Committee hosted the Third Annual Wikipaltimk community gathering. This year the event was held at the Membertou Entertainment Centre(MEC). The day began with a fundraising breakfast for the Membertou Seniors at the Seniors centre. Next the event moved to the MEC for the powwow and feast. Approximately 200 people attended the event. Dr. Pam Palmater from Ryerson University was the guest speaker who shared information on what legal considerations to make in developing a Citizenship and/or membership code. In developing a Code she stated the importance of setting up a process that is transparent and fair and doesn't infringe upon an individual's Charter rights.

**Governance Committee Scheduling Sessions**

The Governance Committee would like to schedule sessions with your family to present on what's been happening with Land and Citizenship code. Please contact Cheryl Knockwood at 564 6444 ext. 2520 to schedule a session.

**Stop Indian Act Extinction in Membertou**



**Dr. Pam Palmater at Community engagement sessions on Code**

**FNLAB will host next National Meeting in September at Membertou**

The First Nations Lands Advisory Board(FNLAB) will be hosting their next Annual General Meeting in Membertou from September 22-26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Membertou community members will be given an opportunity to host and meet with other communities who now manage their lands under the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management.

**Next Steps on Membertou Land Code now?**

Chief and Council are looking for your input on the development of land codes and laws. The Membertou Land Code once developed and approved by the community as well as Chief and Council, will become the land law of Membertou. It will replace the land management provisions of the Indian Act.



**Community Engagement on Land Code & Matrimonial Property Law**

During the week of May 13, 2014, the Governance committee held a series of engagement sessions with the community, key staff, and Elders on the Land Code and Matrimonial Property Law.

In January, April and May, Membertou community members were given an opportunity to give input on and help develop a draft Membertou Matrimonial Real Property Law. The proposed law, once developed and ratified, would provide new ways to divide spousal interests in reserve land, upon marriage breakdown. The Draft Membertou Matrimonial Property law is available for review on line at the Membertou Governance website at [www.maupeltutantelsutekek.webs.com](http://www.maupeltutantelsutekek.webs.com) or at the Governance Coordinator's office now located the Membertou Entrepreneurship Centre.

The purpose of these sessions was to share information and get input and feedback on the Membertou Land Code, Land Allotment Law and Membertou Matrimonial Property Law. The governance committee has scheduled further engagement sessions for the week of July 8-10 at the MTCC. Please participate in this very important initiative. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Knockwood, Governance Coordinator at [cherylknockwood@membertou.ca](mailto:cherylknockwood@membertou.ca) or at 902-564-6466 ext. 2520. Chief and Council are looking for your input on the development of the Land code and Membertou Matrimonial Property Law.

**Upcoming Events**

**July 8, 2014**

**Land Code and Matrimonial Law**

Elders Session  
10:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
Employee Info Session  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Community Engagement Session  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Membertou Trade and Convention Centre

**July 9, 2014**

**Land Code and Matrimonial Law**

Governance Committee  
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Employee Info Session  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Membertou Women's Council Session  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Membertou Trade and Convention Centre

**July 10, 2014**

**Land Code and Matrimonial Law**

Youth Session  
10:00 – 12:00 p.m.  
Community Session  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Membertou Trade and Convention Centre

**July 17, 31 & August, 7, 14, 2014**

Stop & Chat Session at Membertou Tim Horton's on Land Code 3-5:00 p.m.

**Sept. 15-18, 2014**

**Atlantic Readiness Summit on Lands MTCC**

Please note above dates are subject to change, confirm details with Governance Coordinator prior to event.

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Video recorded training sessions available at:

[www.maupeltutantelsutekek.webs.com](http://www.maupeltutantelsutekek.webs.com)

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