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WNNB now has a facebook page called: Wolastogey Nation in New Brunswick

https://www.facebook.com/groups/676375235894529/

Strategic Rights Plan Study - Update

The Strategic Rights Plan (SRP) is now entering the Community Engagement portion of the study which aims to:

Document where things are today with regards to how and to what extent the Wolastoqey are currently engaged in Traditional Uses and what barriers we currently face in pursuing harvesting, etc.

Community engagement will include:

- Community Working Groups (up to 5 community members the plus Resource Development Consultation Coordinator) who will help shape the outcome of the study by identifying gaps and verifying the information collected by the Wolastoqey project team (see June 2017 newsletter for more information on project team).
- Community input from door to door surveys and an online survey
- Community interviews

<u>Survey</u>

The intent of the survey is to help determine:

- How many members are currently engaged in Traditional Use;
- The extent of harvest and consumption (or other use) of items gathered through Traditional Use;
- The extent to which individuals and families are no longer able to engage or benefit from Traditional Use.

An example question: on average, over the past two years, how often have you had a meal of any of the following traditional foods? (list of foods will include: moose, deer, hare/rabbit, duck, bear, etc.).

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Strategic Rights Plan (continued)

Door to door surveys will be selected randomly, aiming to reach 20% of the community. The surveyor will have a token of appreciation (\$50) for completing the survey for the household (only one survey per household).

Surveyors include:

- Diane Richard Madawaska
- Rosha Sappier Tobique
- Trudi Cummings Woodstock
- Gordon Grey Kingsclear
- Raven Polches St. Mary's
- Zeke Crofton-MacDonald Oromocto

Additionally, off reserve members may participate in an online survey for a chance to win a \$100 dollar gift card. The online survey can be found at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRP Plan

For more information regarding the Strategic Rights Plan, there is a video located on WNNB's facebook page:

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The information from the survey is confidential (names and house addresses will not be linked to your information). Information from your survey will only be used to develop, analyze and report on summarized information from the survey.

First Nation Border

On July 11, 2017, there was an engagement session held in crossing issues. This was in response to a recommendatior Aboriginal Peoples in which the federal government wanted communities and to explore possible solutions to their challe

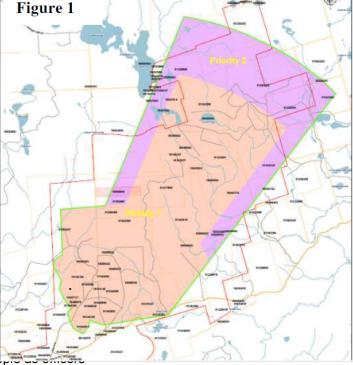
Issues identified included:

All land users who harvest in the Lake Utopia area should be (DND) will be performing a UXO investigation of the former U 14, 2017.

To prepare for conflicts, the military used training activities w which did not explode. These old munitions are called UXO, still present at some of these former and current training local

The former military Camp Utopia were used for infantry traini 1950s. Anyone entering the former rangers (see figure below avoided.

- Potential solutions included:
 - cultural awareness training for office
 - increased hiring of First Nations ped.
- Restrictions on trade and personal goods
 - Potential solutions included:
 - Relaxation of import duty rules for communities close to the US border
- Location of ports of entry



The report can be found at: http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1506622719017/1506622893512

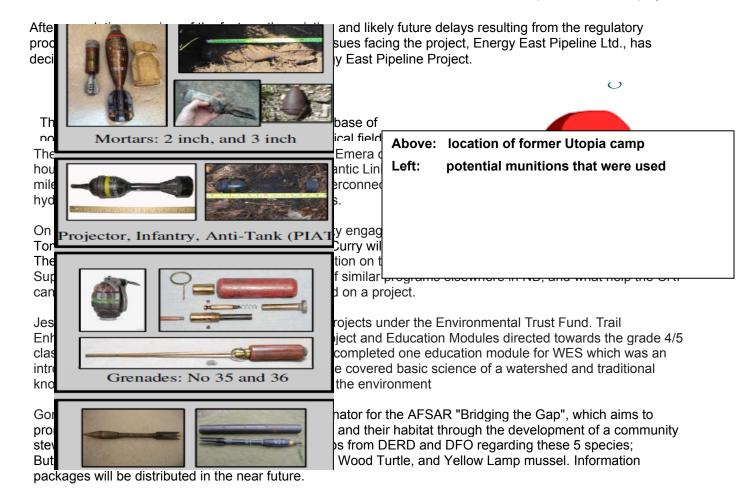
Energy East Pipeline Update



- Don't touch it!
- Remember the location and leave the area.
- Call 911 (local police).

Community Update

On September 8, 2017, the National Energy Board (NEB) granted Energy East Pipeline 30 days to review the final List of Issues and Environmental Assessment Factors for the Decision and the implications for the project.



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