

WOLASTOQEQY

2021

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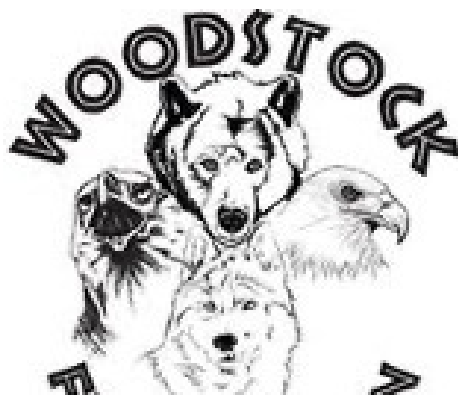
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ABOUT THE WOLASTOQEY TRIBAL COUNCIL INC.

The Wolastoqey Tribal Council (WTCI) is a not-for-profit organization whose role is to provide capacity building opportunities for its member communities within the traditional Wolastoqey territory in New Brunswick. The Wolastoqey Tribal Council focuses on the growth and success of Wolastoqey communities through capacity building projects, training and workshops, and access to social services. WTCI works closely with its sister organization, the Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick office.



Since 2016, the Wolastoqey Tribal Council Inc. has provided capacity building support to its member communities along the Wolastoq, those communities being Matawaskiye (Madawaska), Pilick (Kingsclear), Sitansisk (Saint Mary's), Welamukotuk (Oromocto) and Wotstak (Woodstock).

2021 had some challenges brought on by the global COVID-19 pandemic. We had to make changes to our ways of doing business and engaging with communities. However, we continue to provide services through online and socially distanced delivery methods when in-person gatherings are not possible. We are particularly excited about heading into 2022 as we move forward and take on new projects and growth. We look forward to seeing you all in person when we can safely gather once again.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Chief Allan Polchies Jr.

Chief Tim Paul

Chief Patricia Bernard

Chief Shelley Sabattis

Chief Gabriel Atwin

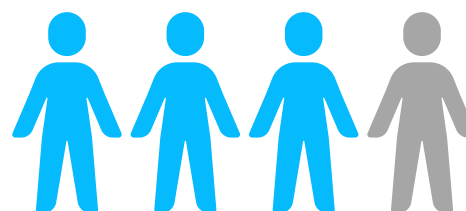
Year in Review

NEW POSITIONS CREATED

In 2021, WTCI gained 7 NEW full-time positions, including: Health Services Manager, Aboriginal Diabetes Coordinator, Youth Job Coach Navigator, Education Lead, Language Coordinator, Education Admin, and a Youth Intern position.



We jointly hired 3 new positions in partnership with the Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick office, including: Communications Coordinator, Finance Assistant, and Corporate Administrator.



We also partnered with MAWIW Tribal Council to fill the position of Home and Community Care Coordinator with a shared service delivery between WTCI and MAWIW.

OUR PARTNERS

- 5 Wolastoqey First Nations
- Mawiw Tribal Council Inc.
- North Shore Micmac District Council
- Joint Economic Development Initiative
- Atlantic Policy Congress - Health Partnerships
- Anglophone West School District (ASD-W)
- New Brunswick Department of Education
- Coast Guard Canada



2021 SUMMARY OF OUR IMPACT

During this past year WTCI focused on moving our operations to virtual platforms while trying to maintain minimal disruptions to our service delivery. In addition to fulfilling our core mandate, WTCI experienced a huge growth spurt in our health and education capacity. WTCI is proud to deliver over 11 programs and services to Wolastoqey First Nations.

Highlights from 2021:

- WTCI hosted a Wolastoqey Education Summit with over 80 educators and education support workers in attendance.
- We became a member of the APC Health Partnerships tables, where we can advocate for WTCI community health needs and take part in funding decisions for Atlantic health programs.
- We hosted a 1-day training session for Wolastoqey Band Managers on mental wellness and stress management.
- WTCI Partnered with Mawiw Tribal Council and JEDI to host a public ceremony on the lawn of the NB Legislature for National Indigenous Peoples Day. We collected over 80 children's shoes to donate to Gignoo Transition House at this event.
- WTCI's ADI Coordinator partnered with Matawaskiye to host an online "diabetes basics" session, with more sessions to follow in the New Year.

Wolastoqey Women's Health & Wellness Summit
"Standing Strong and Standing Together"
November 24 - 28, 2021
Fredericton, NB, at the Delta Hotel

This five-day event is focused on our strengths & resiliency as Indigenous women in Wolastokuk (the unceded and unsundered homelands of Wolastoqiyik). We are often described as the backbone of our Nations because of the responsibilities we carry in leadership, advocacy, truth-telling, health, and healing. Our Elders share that we have to "keep on moving and keep on learning." When we stand strong and stand together, we learn how to speak and have a voice. This gathering presents an opportunity to learn from our Elders, Knowledge-Holders, and Leaders, to share our own knowledge, experiences and wisdom, to nurture our personal growth and spirituality, and to foster relationships and mentorships.

How To Register For This Event

- Via Eventbrite: "Wolastoqey Women's Health and Wellness Summit"
- Visit or call the Wolastoqey Tribal Council Inc. at 506-459-8341

As spots are limited (50), we are asking participants to provide a rationale for attending this summit. Tickets are allotted for each community. We highly encourage Elders and Youth to register. For more information, please contact Amanda Myran at amanda.myran@wolastoqey.ca

COVID-19 Safety: The most up-to-date Public Health Guidelines will be followed for this event. Participants must be fully vaccinated in order to participate in this summit.

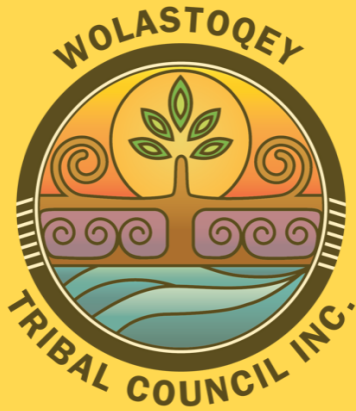
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY: AGENDA
Lawn of the New Brunswick Legislature

Monday, June 21: 1:00pm

- 1:00** - Opening prayer
- 1:05** - Opening remarks by Chief Allan Polchies, Jr.
- 1:15** - Remarks from the Wolastoqey Tribal Council Inc.
- 1:20** - Booth visits / Information gathering
- 1:45** - Remarks from the Joint Economic Development Initiative
- 2:00** - Remarks from the Mawiw Council Inc.
- 2:15** - Memorial in honour of Kamloops Residential School
- 2:20** - Drummers & Dancing / Booth Visits
- 3:00** - Event concludes

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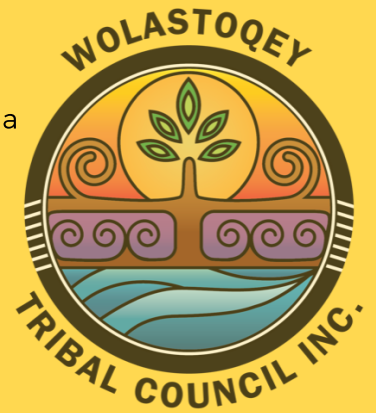
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- WTCI Education Branch hosted a 1-day Professional Development Session for Wolastoqey Educators and Education Support staff.
- We held quarterly meetings with Wolastoqey Band Managers to discuss best practices and create a support network.
- The WTCI Health Branch hosted a 3-day virtual Women's Health and Wellness Summit- featuring over 9 workshops and presentations from Indigenous experts and allies.
- We secured a 5-year block funding agreement with ISC.
- We secured funding to host a Chief and Council governance training workshop (COMING IN 2022)
- ISETS and community Employment and Training Officers (ETO's) organized a Youth Career Fair (postponed until February 28th-March 1st).



OUR TEAM

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"I acknowledge that the lands and waters on which New Brunswick is situated are the unceded and unsundered territories of the Wəlastəkwiyik/Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet). These Indigenous Nations and their territories are governed by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship," which the Wəlastəkwiyik/Wolastoqiyik signed with the British Crown in the 18th century. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands, waters or resources, and in fact, recognized Wəlastəkwey/Wolastoqey title, and established rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between the Nations."

