



WOLASTOQEY TRIBAL COUNCIL INC. ANNUAL REPORT

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

A Reflection on 2024

In 2024, WTCI continued to grow as a community-driven organization, expanding services in direct response to the needs voiced by the Nation. New initiatives in justice and sports have been added to strengthen opportunities for healing, engagement, and youth development, alongside ongoing work in health, education, employment and training, and emergency management

WTCI's services are grounded in listening, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the wellbeing of our communities. Every program and initiative is shaped by the realities our people face—and by the solutions we build together.

As we look to 2025, WTCI remains focused on deepening relationships, expanding reach, and continuing to deliver services that reflect and respect the priorities of the communities we serve.



*Chief Patricia Bernard
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Chief Gabriel Atwin
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Our Mission

Foster the growth and success of Wolastoqey communities through capacity building projects, training and workshops, and access to social services

Our Vision

Empower Wolastoqey communities in New Brunswick through advocacy, equitable access to services, and the preservation of our rich cultural heritage

Our Approach

Guided by Wolastoqey values, knowledge, and culture, ensuring that all initiatives are community-led, culturally grounded, and responsive to the unique needs of our people





A Message from our Nihkanatpat

Each year, we take time to pause and reflect on both our challenges and our achievements as an organization. This year, I am reminded that our greatest strength is the ways that we support and lift each other up.

As we celebrate all the ways that we have grown, evolved, and expanded, what gives me the most pride is the people behind this work, including our Chiefs, member communities, and staff.

I am truly humbled to work alongside such a dedicated team who put their whole heart into this work each and every day.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to building capacity by delivering programs and services that are responsive to the needs of Wolastoqiyik. By honouring our connections to one another, we will achieve our vision of a strong and united Nation for the next seven generations.

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All my relations

Megan Barnaby
WTCI Nihkanatpat



2024 SUMMARY OF OUR IMPACT

Highlights from 2024:

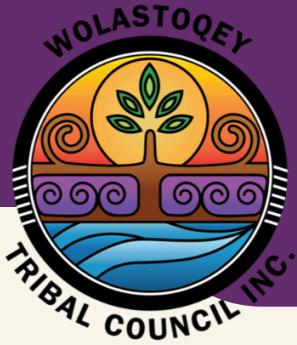
- WTCI's Emergency Management Team was successful in securing funds for a brand-new incident command post
- WTCI Partnered with Mawiw Tribal Council and Northshore Tribal Council and hosted the second New Brunswick First Nations Health & Wellness Transformation Summit.
- WTCI hosted a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Workshop with Jeff Noble, a nationally renowned FASD Educator
- WTCI hosted our Learn to Play Hockey Program for the fourth year.
- WTCI hosted the Year End Educators Gathering which included sessions on Wolastoqey history and prioritizing mental health for community educators.
- WTCI ISETs program partners with JEDI for a Workforce Summit in Saint John.
- WTCI hosted our First Annual Turtle Island Tee-Off Golf Fundraiser created to support a sponsorship for Wolastoqey youth and athletes.



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- The Health and Jordans Principle Teams were present on the 2024 Wolastoqey Powwow Trail. They were successful in increasing their visibility, communicating programs, and connecting with Wolastoqey communities.
- WTCI Education co-facilitated Mawikultine/Mawikutiek – Let's Grow Together, a two-day cultural learning experience held in Sitansisk and Elsipogtog. This event brought together over 160 participants from ISD Teams, educators, and support staff province-wide culminating in a Level 3 Cultural Competency Certificate issued by Elder Noel Milliea of Elsipogtog.
- Staff from the ISET-Program received certification as Career Development Practitioner's
- We were successful in hiring and training new Justice staff in gladue writing and Indigenous court worker programs to launch in 2025.





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Joint Economic Development Initiative

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Anglophone West School District (ASD-W)

New Brunswick Department of Education

Canada Coast Guard

JaysCare Foundation

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