The Mi’kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum returned to the Wagmatcook Culture and Heritage Centre and the Inverary Inn on May 29 and 30, 2014, for the 11th Annual General Assembly. The Culture and Heritage Centre hosted the 2013 AGA and Inverary Inn hosted the 2011 gathering.

With another year of great attendance, some new members were able to attend for the first time, in addition to seeing some familiar faces and friends. The sun even returned this year!

The working committees shared their unique achievements for the past year on day one, as well as sharing some ideas for future projects. Day two featured a series of group sessions between the working committees to focus on possible areas of future collaboration.

The Tripartite Forum would like to thank Culture and Heritage Working Committee Mi’kmaq co-chair, Tim Bernard, who emceed the event. Sister Dorothy Moore opened and closed the assembly with prayers.

Some memorable highlights from this year’s gathering include the premiere of the Voices of Knowledge video, promoting the Mi’kmaw Economic Development Strategy and the Tiammoose booklets being shared for the first time. A special thanks is extended to special guests Lucas Cardona, Clifford Paul and Nadine Lefort.

See you all again next year at the 2015 Annual General Assembly!
Everyone is encouraged to visit the Tripartite Forum website (tripartiteforum.com) to view the amazing Voices of Knowledge film titled *Eskasoni: The Trailblazers*!

The 25-minute film was funded by the Tripartite Forum Fund for Social and Economic Change and highlights the very first Mi’kmaq Immersion graduating class of Chief Alison M. Bernard Memorial High School in Eskasoni.

Students who participated in the project were also trained in directing, cinematography, sound, and interviewing.

Filmmaker Luckas Cardona (*pictured left*) attended the premiere of *The Trailblazers* at the 2014 AGA in Wagmatcook and offered some personal insights into the film’s production.

Visit tripartiteforum.com to view *Eskasoni: The Trailblazers*!

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**2013-14 Annual Report**


The annual report, available in Portable Document Format (PDF) and requiring Adobe Reader to view, highlights the work and accomplishments of the Forum’s seven working committees and also features photos and information on the amazing people who make the Tripartite Forum’s work possible.

Some hard copies are available from the Tripartite Forum Secretariat while quantities last.

For more information, contact Adam Gould at adam@tripartiteforum.com.

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**Two New Moose Books Now Available!**

Two new books, funded by the Tripartite Forum Project Fund, are now available for viewing and download. Visit the Unamaki Institute of Natural Resources website (www.uinr.ca) to get your copies of *Tiam: This Is Our Story* and *Mi’kmaq Ecological Knowledge: Moose in Unama’ki*. Pictured are the covers of each book.
Social Committee Update

The Tripartite Forum welcomes Joe Behar to the Social Working Committee as the new federal co-chair.

Joe replaces former co-chair Barbara Robinson. The Forum thanks Barbara for her years of work with the Social Working Committee and wishes her the best in her future assignments.

Joe is the manager of Social Development Programs at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada’s Atlantic Region office in Amherst, NS.

Welcome to the Tripartite Forum, Joe!

Project Fund Update

“The next deadline for Project Fund submissions is Friday, September 12, 2014”

The Tripartite Forum Fund for Social and Economic Change, or Project Fund, has approved a total of three (3) projects do date in the 2014-15 fiscal year.

The next deadline for Project Fund submissions is Friday, September 12, 2014. The Project Fund Committee will next meet in Eskasoni on Thursday, September 18, 2014, starting at 10:00 a.m. A venue is not yet confirmed.

For more information on the Tripartite Forum Fund for Social and Economic Change, please contact Project Fund Manager Robyn Crowe at robyn@tripartiteforum.com or 895-6385.

Regional Director General Update

The Tripartite Forum would like to extend its welcome to Janine Dunlop, Regional Director General of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (Atlantic Regional Office). She replaces former RDG Ian Gray.

In her new role as RDG, Janine is now a member of the Tripartite Forum Officials Committee.

Welcome to the Tripartite Forum, Janine!
## Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| - Tripartite Forum Secretariat office closed on July 1 for Canada Day holiday.  
- Tripartite Forum celebrates its 17th anniversary on July 2.  
- Steering on July 9 in Amherst.  
- Tripartite Forum Secretariat office closed on July 18 as staff attend its annual Summer Social.  
- Secretariat office will close for summer shutdown on Monday, July 21 until Tuesday, August 5. |
| - Tripartite Forum Secretariat office reopens on Wednesday, August 6.  
- Sport and Recreation WC meeting on August 21 in Potlotek. |
| - Tripartite Forum Secretariat office closed on Monday, September 1, for Labour Day holiday.  
- Education WC meeting on September 9 in Membertou.  
- Steering on September 10 in Millbrook.  
- Health WC meeting on either September 10 or September 11.  
- Project Fund deadline on September 12 and meeting on September 18 in Eskasoni. |

All Tripartite Forum Working Committee (WC) meetings are open to the public. If you wish to attend and/or have a topic added to the agenda, contact Denise and/or Chantelle. All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. For more information, please visit the Tripartite Forum website calendar at www.tripartiteforum.com/calendar. All guests must RSVP with either Denise or Chantelle.

Please contact Administrators, Chantelle or Denise, to confirm location and date. They can be reached at chantelle@tripartiteforum.com and dgloade@tripartiteforum.com or by calling (902) 895-6385.

The Mi'kmaq - Nova Scotia - Canada Tripartite Forum Aknutmaqn is a summary of the Tripartite Forum activities for distribution to the committees. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Adam Gould, Communications Officer at (902) 895-6385 or email at adam@tripartiteforum.com.

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