

## ***News Release***

(14 January 2013, Fredericton, New Brunswick)-The New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council is proud to announce the approval of the 2012-2013 Beneficiary Research Proposal, this was approved for \$124,473.00, by the Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations, Aboriginal and External Relations Branch, Policy and Strategic Direction of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

The Beneficiary Proposal is intended to identify the socio-demographics, communal associations and representational wishes of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy population in New Brunswick outside of current Indian Act reserves. There will be a second component to this proposal, which will be submitted separately, to the Treaty and Aboriginal Governance Sector of AANDC.

NBAPC has hired Robert Groves, Principal of The Aboriginal Affairs Group Inc. Mr. Groves is working on getting surveys up and running on our website for members and non-members to fill out. This should be available in the days to come. The Beneficiary Research Proposal will be completed by March 29, 2013.

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