

## ***News Release***

(14 January 2013, Fredericton, New Brunswick)-The New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council is pleased to announce the approval of the Information Technology Update Proposal. The Information Technology Update Proposal was approved for \$61,093.00 by the Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations, Aboriginal and External Relations Branch, Policy and Strategic Direction of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

Within the current infrastructure of the council there are several issues that are impacting the staff's ability to operate efficiently as well as communicate electronically on a daily basis. There is currently no server that provides a network for computers to operate off of. This impacts the ability to share and access information. Also, the Council's website is old and out dated. The website is not user-friendly and difficult to manoeuvre, for both staff and members.

The Information Technology Update will allow NBAPC to develop a new File Server and Workstations with adequate operating software. The Council is working with a local IT company to install and implement the required equipment to operate in an efficient and reliable manner. The website will mirror that of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples website, which will allow staff to quickly and easily update the site with current news and events, and be easier for members to access past & present information.

The Information Technology Updates as well as the website will be completed by March 29, 2013.

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