

**News Release**

(21 January 2013, Fredericton, New Brunswick)- As many members already know, The New Brunswick Aboriginals Peoples Council was approved for the Strategic Planning Proposal. This proposal was approved for the amount of \$96, 721.00. Carol Labillois Slocum the Executive Director and Wendy Wetteland the Policy Officer, have been traveling the Province visiting our local communities & Zones with William Kent, the Consultant NBAPC hired to complete the Strategic Planning.

NBAPC felt it necessary to have a new Strategic Plan due to the rise of concerns put forth by its members. Direct involvement will come from all of the membership including youth, elders in all aspects to ensure ownership and a strong understanding of the plan. We currently have Strategic Planning meetings planned, some of which have already occurred; the following is a list of upcoming meetings:

Zone 1	Sunday January 13, 2013	Dalhousie	
Zone 2	Saturday January 19, 2013	Bathurst	English
Zone 2	Saturday January 26, 2013	Lameque	French
Zone 2	TBA	Allardville	French
Zone 3	Sunday January 20, 2013	Miramichi	
Zone 4	Saturday February 2, 2013	Moncton/Dieppe	
Zone 5	Saturday February 9, 2013	Saint John	
Zone 6	Saturday February 16, 2013	Fredericton	
Zone 7	Saturday January 12, 2013	Edmundston	
Youth	Saturday & Sunday March 2 & 3	Miramichi	

If you missed the meeting in your area and would like more information please call NBAPC at 506-458-8422.

The draft copy of the Strategic Plan will be completed in time for the March Board Meeting, the final copy will go to the 2013 Annual General Meeting for final approval.