

**Press Release** 

## THE COMMUNITY OF WEMOTACI AND THE FIRST NATIONS ADULT EDUCATION SCHOOL COUNCIL FORM A NEW PARTNERSHIP

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kahnawake - December 13, 2021 - The First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) is pleased and proud to announce a new partnership with the community of Wemotaci. During the FNAESC caucus meeting held on December 7, a resolution was passed and the official opening of satellite services in the community of Wemotaci was announced. The community of Wemotaci joins the FNAESC board of trustees and it is Ms. Maybelline Chilton who has been appointed as the new trustee for the community.

The official opening of satellite services in Wemotaci is the result of months of effort and collaboration. The long-term goal is to have a regional First Nations adult education center by 2024 in the community of Wemotaci.

"This is a historic moment for the community of Wemotaci, its adult learners and Ms. Chilton. We are delighted with this new partnership and know that the community will benefit from high quality services for adult learners". Richard Jalbert, FNAESC President.

The Wemotaci Atikamekw Council is indeed satisfied to be able to work with the First Nations Adult Education School Council. Moreover, we would like to underline the efforts of the Regional Center for Adult Education of the Anishnabe community of Lac Simon and its involvement in the preparation and teaching of adult education courses for members of our community. While waiting for the arrival of our Atikamekw Regional Adult Education Center, this collaboration allows us to better meet the needs of our Atikamekw students.

Within the next few months, we will build a regional adult education center in the community of Wemotaci with the capacity to also receive different types of vocational training. This project is part of the economic revival of our community launched in March 2021. With the participation of the government of Quebec, the federal government and the FNAESC, we will be able to offer culturally appropriate education for adults, and training programs.

"During his visit to the Great Economic Circle of Indigenous Peoples and Quebec, the Premier of Quebec said he was open to implementing more professional training in the communities and mentioned that it is important that the programs be better adapted to the Indigenous peoples, languages and our cultures. We have heard you Mr. François Legault and we will be ready ..." François Néashit, Chief of Wemotaci.

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## **About the FNAESC**

The FNAESC is committed to providing high quality adult learning environments that focus on culturally relevant student-centered learning in a safe and healthy environment that reflects the values of First Nations and allows the students to gain the necessary knowledge and skills required for their future educational endeavours and employment. The FNAESC supports adult education services in Lac Simon, Kahnawake, Listuguj, Gesgapegiag, Pikogan, Kanesatake, Montreal, Wemotaci and Val d'Or.

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