

Training and Employment Report for December 2016

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Meetings:

- December 1, 2016; New Gold Environmental Update – Presentation to the community.
- December 7, 2016; Employment Readiness Program meeting with Kaitlyn Allen from Seven Generations Education Institute.
- December 8, 2016; Haul Truck Training Program graduation.
- December 12, 2016; meeting with Jacques Dufresne of Sodexo at the Atkinson Camp.
- December 13, 2016; RRFN Program Fair.
- December 14, 2016; meeting with Cheryl McEvoy and Dean Bethune.
- December 14, 2016; meeting with Kaitlyn Allen at the Seven Generations Education Institute.
- December 15, 2016; Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) meeting with New Gold and Naicatchewenin First Nation.
- December 21, 2016; Human Resources Sub-Committee meeting at New Gold.

New Gold:

The Environmental Update presentation to the community took place on December 1st at 5:00pm at the gym, Kiley Shebagegit coordinated this with New Gold. I attended and offered support to Kiley in my capacity as a JIC member. We had 4 community members stop in at various intervals. Kiley and I also discussed ideas with the New Gold staff that were present on how to provide more information to the community in the New Year in an effort to increase attendance at the community consultations.

On December 8th New Gold hosted a graduation ceremony at the Copper River Inn for the 8 graduates of the Haul Truck Training Program and the 13 graduates of the Mineral Processing Training Program. All 21 graduates received offers of full-time employment with New Gold. The Haul Truck graduates were already employed before the graduation ceremony. RRFN had 4 Haul Truck Training Program graduates and 2 Mineral Processing Program graduates. The Mineral Processing Program graduates will begin their employment in February 2017. The graduation ceremony was lovely and all of the graduates were enthusiastic and ready to begin their new careers. Congratulations to them all on a job well done!

After the regular JIC meeting on December 15th the JIC members began drafting the annual JIC report to the communities. This report should be completed in January or February 2017.

Sodexo Management Program: the Housekeeping trainee will require some funding for the Management training program. I have contacted Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong and have forwarded the paperwork that needs to be completed. I will continue with this in the New Year. Sodexo is willing to train a management candidate for the kitchen if one of the communities can identify a suitable candidate.

Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong Programs:

I received approval for the application: Mental Health First Aid and the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills, staff training which will take place in 2017.

The Employment Readiness Program application was also approved and 6 RRFN secondary students will be participating. This program will begin in January 2017 and finish at the end of May.