

Training and Employment Report for February 2017

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Meetings:

- February 1, 2017; NCDS, Shooniyaa Anokiiwin and the United Native Friendship Centre.
- February 2, 2017; New Gold Human Resources Sub-Committee meeting.
- February 8, 2017; Social Services Team (SST) meeting.
- February 15, 2017; New Gold Human Resources Sub-Committee meeting.
- February 16, 2017; staff meeting.
- February 21, 2017; New Gold Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) meeting.
- February 23, 2017; New Gold Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) review with RRFN and Naicatchewenin Chiefs and Councils.
- February 27, 2017; Northwest Training and Adjustment Board (NTAB) conference call.

New Gold:

In my Human Resources Sub-Committee meetings I continue to monitor the status of RRFN Members who have applied to New Gold as well as how many Members are employed with New Gold. At this time there is also an ongoing focus on the Impact Benefit Agreement.

Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong Programs:

The Employment Readiness Program gained another student which brings the total participants to four. I monitor this program by periodically visiting the students during the in-class sessions and checking their online lesson progress. Overall the students are doing well, most are completing their online assignments on time and their attendance and participation in the in-class sessions is excellent.

On February 8th Glenda Henderson, the Eastern Area Program Officer and I went to Open Wheel Repair in Finland for a site visit. We have a Member who is participating in a wage subsidy program at Open Wheel as an Auto Body Repairer. He is also registered with the Ontario College of Trades as an Auto Body Repairer Apprentice and is earning his hours to complete his apprenticeship.

Other:

I am continuing to monitor the progress of the client who is taking the Heavy Equipment Operator training program at the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario in Morrisburg. He continues to do well and his attendance is excellent. He has completed his training on the Tractor Loader Backhoe, has almost completed his time on the Excavator and will begin his Dozer training soon.