

Phone line theft becomes expensive and dangerous

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have gotten away with their phone lines about ten times.

"It is very frustrating for the residents especially when there appears to be very poor communication between the customer service representatives and the technicians doing the repairs," said

Diane Timmons who attended the meeting on behalf of MLA Keith Bain.

Mr. Gow said he hopes Bell Aliant can complete the work in the three weeks but he also foresees similar problems occurring when the next section of the Cabot Trail is upgraded later this year.

Mi'Kmaq Summer Games

1,300 athletes expected

by Jim Morrow

Athletes from all over Atlantic Canada are competing in Wagmatcook from August 24th to August 29th.

The Nova Scotia Mi'Kmaq Summer Games are being hosted by the Victoria County First Nation of Wagmatcook.

Chief Norman Bernard said, "It is very important to teach our youth the value of sports as well as promote health and wellness amongst our communities. This is the first time in 28 years that the community of Wagmatcook will host summer games and we are very excited!"

Chief Bernard said he expects more than 1,300 athletes from Atlantic Canada.

The confirmed sporting events are: Archery, Arm Wrestling, Badminton, Basketball, Canoeing, Darts, Floor Hockey, Golf, Horseshoes, Little League, Princess Pageant, Softball, Tug of War, Volleyball, Waltes, 60m Dash, 100m Dash and a 5K Race.

"We are encouraging locals and tourists alike to stop by and take a workshop, an evening event and to cheer on their favorite team," Chief Bernard said. "Everyone is welcome to get involved

through volunteering or just attending our sporting and cultural events," he adds.

The games are open to all First Nations communities within Atlantic Canada. All Atlantic Canadian communities are encouraged to participate. "It is very important to teach our youth the value of sports as well as promote health and wellness amongst our communities."


Some of the Cultural Workshops being offered are: learning about Mi'kmaq Medicine, making Dreamcatchers and learning about Mi'kmaq Hieroglyphics. Workshops are taking place daily at the Wagmatcook Culture and Heritage Centre.

On Saturday evening, August 27th, there will be a Mi'kmaq Showcase at the Cultural Centre followed by an outdoor firework display. Both the showcase and all workshops are free of charge to the public.

For more information on the 2011 Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Summer Games, please contact Dianne MacPhee, Executive Director by email at nssummertime@gmail.com or phone 902-371-7910. You can also visit online at www.NSSummerGames.com.



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Recruitment should get easier

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Mr. Malcom foresees the approval for the planning stage to be completed this year with the final construction phase occurring in three years.

As far as recruiting physicians for Buchanan Hospital Mr. Malcom was optimistic the right persons can be found.

Mr. Malcom explained that the number of medical students has been allowed to increase

over the last few years and consequently there has been a 60% growth in graduates at the national level.

He also explained that the number of physicians leaving Canada to go to the U.S. has levelled off and at the same time there are hundreds of medical students in Ireland, Australia and the Caribbean who are anxious to immigrate to Canada. "Each year will be getting easier to find physicians because of the increase in graduates," he said.



Cape Breton District Health Authority CEO, John Malcom, is all smiles as he tells Victoria County Council two new doctors have been found for the Baddeck area and he is optimistic the right physicians can be found for Buchanan Memorial.

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