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Sod Turning Event for New Housing Subdivision

Natoaganeg Mi'kma'ki – August 1st, 2024, Notoaganeg celebrated the groundbreaking of a new 45-unit subdivision designed to provide much-needed housing and meet the community's expanding needs. This subdivision is phase two of a comprehensive five-phase growth plan. The project is expected to generate significant job opportunities, with a commitment to hire at least 25 per cent local First Nations community members as laborers for the construction.

This initiative is part of a recently announced development agreement between Notoaganeg and the Province of New Brunswick's Regional Development Corporation. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is contributing \$1.25 million this year, with a total investment of \$4.97 million over the next five years, to support Notoaganeg's housing objectives. The Federal and Provincial governments are partnering with Notoaganeg to ensure the successful completion which aims to address critical housing needs within New Brunswick.

The project includes the creation of 45 serviced lots for new housing units, alongside other key infrastructure improvements such as the paving of unpaved residential streets. Additionally, investments will be made in recreation and public works assets, enhancing the overall health and safety of community members.

Chief and Council view this project as a vital investment in providing high-quality shelter and resources to the community. Chief Ginnish states; "In keeping with our tradition, all new streets will be named after long-resident community families, honoring our ancestors and their contributions. This tradition ensures that the legacy and heritage of our community members continue to be recognized and celebrated. We thank all our partners for their contributions to this special day."

About Notoaganeg

Notoaganeg is a Mi'kmaq community located on the Miramichi River in northern New Brunswick with 581 members on reserve. It is comprised of three reserves, including Eel Ground #2, Big Hole Tract #8, and Renous #12. The community has a rich history and culture, with roots dating back thousands of years.

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