

What we Heard(AAS)

- Lack of business cultural awareness among First Nations and lack of First Nation cultural awareness by government and industry.
- More communication and understanding surrounding large contract procurement and Aboriginal engagement strategies

What we've done (AAS)

- Contributed to operational budget for JEDI
- AAS has partnered with UNB and NB Power to develop Professional Development training modules for all public servants on cultural awareness, treaties, and duty to consult
- Made introductions for supply chain opportunities
- Continued the dialogue on procurement

What we Heard (LEPG)

Labour Employment and Population Growth

- Training is needed for future opportunities
- Labour Market database of First Nation peoples needed for jobs
- Training supports, i.e childcare, early childhood development, career counselling, mentorship

What we've done (LEPG)

Labour Employment and Population Growth

- Employment Counselling - NB Indigenous Innovation Partnership Project
- Aboriginal Labour Market Information Project
- Indigenous Archeology Field Technician : Level 1
- AESI Strategic Planning
- Provincial Indigenous Employment Coordinator

What we've done (LEPG)

Labour Employment and Population Growth

- Career Development Certification Training
- Indigenous Project and Apprenticeship Coordinator
- ETO Career Development Training and Certification
- Indigenous Adult Learning and Literacy Project
- North Shore Micmac District Council Labour Market Research (Working Warriors)

What We Heard (PSE)

- More access and support towards post-secondary education opportunities

What we've done (PSE)

- Student Financial Assistance for Full-time Post-Secondary Students in New Brunswick – Student Financial Services Branch delivers a suite of programs made up of repayable loans and non-repayable grants. Depending on an applicant's situation, students can be eligible for a number of different funding products.

What we've done (PSE)

- Effective August 1, 2016 - Free Tuition Program (FTP) (formerly called the Tuition Access Bursary): Government introduced the Free Tuition Program (FTP). It is a non-repayable provincial bursary designed to help by providing more upfront funding to students with gross family incomes of \$60,000 or less. The program is delivered in conjunction with the federal Canada Student Grant. The FTP value is the **amount of the student's tuition**, less the value of the federal grant to which the student is eligible.
- In 2016, Federal Canada Student Grants amounts were increased.

What we've done (PSE)

- Effective August 1, 2017, two federal Canada Student Grants were combined as one Canada Student Grant for Full-time Students and the value of the grant increased.
- Introduced in August, 2017 - Tuition Relief for the Middle Class (TRMC): This year the TRMC was introduced. It is a new non-repayable provincial bursary that covers a portion of tuition costs for students with family incomes above \$60,000. This Program is delivered in conjunction with the federal Canada Student Grant. The TRMC value will be a portion of the student's tuition, less the value of the federal grant.

What we've done (PSE)

- Also in August 2017, the application form and assessment process were simplified and fewer resources are now being used in the assessment. Summer earnings and in-study income are no longer used to determine loan/grant/bursary eligibility and the application form is now shorter.
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What we Heard (EECD)

- Education needed on Peace and Friendship Treaties

What we've done (EECD)

- Treaty Ed committee working on curriculum. The Grade 3 has been reviewed and is being edited. We hope to pilot it in early 2018.
- Group of three-including an elder/linguist/teacher and a psychologist- which delivers a two hour presentation on Education for Reconciliation.

What we've Heard (NB Power)

Clean Energy Opportunities

What we've Done (NB Power)

- Capacity development provided for four First Nations catalysts/leaders to support communities in understanding clean energy.
- Responded to the three components of the Provincial LORESS Regulation NB Power has addressed: Aboriginal set aside; community energy; embedded generation.
- Continue to expand on other efficiency efforts including LED street lights, home efficiency bundle retrofits, EV charging stations.

What we Heard (THC)

- Tourism opportunities and cultural preservation
- Potential exporting of cultural products
- Resorts, tour guides, craft stores, boat tours, eco tourism

What we've done THC

Arts and Culture

- New Brunswick Art Bank Acquisitions Program
- Culture Investments

Tourism

- Tourism Growth Strategy - A New Tourism Economy
- First Nation engagement
- Importance of Aboriginal Tourism Development

Product Innovation

- Award winning Aboriginal product
- Experiential Tourism Development

What we've done THC

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- Award winning Aboriginal product
- Experiential Tourism Development

- Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada

- International Tourism Conference
- New Brunswick Working Group

What we Heard (DAAF)

- Sustainable food/energy through aquaculture
- Value-added processing for commercial fisheries and First Nation branding
- Organic Farming
- Processing plant

What we've done (DAAF)

- Engagement on the 2017-2021 Shellfish Aquaculture Development Strategy resulted the inclusion of recognition of the importance of shellfish to coastal First Nation communities and the highlighted the importance of working to grow the economic development opportunity the sector with First Nation Communities.

What we've done (DAAF)

- Engagement on opportunities with several First Nations that indicated interest in oyster aquaculture. Investigating financing partners, branding, training needs and technical assistance needed from DAAF.

What we've done DAAF

- Engagement with individual First Nations that indicated interest in seaweed aquaculture.
- Support to FN fish processing companies towards modernisation, mechanization and automation of fish plants.
- Training project supported by DAAF with Esgenoôpetitj First Nation on Blueberry enterprise development.