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A winter sunset over a frozen lake. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky. The lake is partially frozen, with snow on the banks and in the foreground. Bare trees are silhouetted against the sky. The word "AANIIN" is written in large, orange, 3D-style letters across the top of the image.

**Update to Council
Monday, January 30, 2017**

A sunset over a body of water with a silhouette of a person on the right. The sky is filled with orange and red clouds, and the water is dark. The person is standing on the right side of the frame, looking out over the water.

**Winds of change are on the horizon
for Eabametoong First
Nation and the
Matawa Region spurred by:**

- **Reconciliation**
- **Mineral development of the north**
- **A more educated youth population**
- **A desire to change the inequities of the past**

PARTNERSHIP

- Collaboration began with a May 10, 2016 visit by Chief Atlookan and Band Councillors.
- Markham's partnership with Eabametoong First Nation has centered on learning and listening.
- An accord was established to promote exchange, collaboration, and interaction in what is believed to be the first collaboration of its kind between a GTHA municipality and First Nation.
- Markham has invited Eabametoong First Nation to be a part of its Canada 150 Showcase celebrations in 2017.



PARTNERSHIP *continued*

- In October, CAO Andy Taylor and Ken Caplan travelled to Eabametoong FN for a visit that included a community tour and discussion of mutual cooperation, including participation in Eabametoong's Cultural Tourism Showcase.
- The visits included:
 - The band office, nursing station, school, arena and communications facility.
 - Followed by a meeting with Chief Atlookan, Councillors and managers on topics spanning eco-tourism to job creation.



Nancy Waswa, EFN Education Chair, Andy Taylor and Ken Caplan at Thunder Bay Airport

PARTNERSHIP *continued*

- In November, Meg West and Asare Kester-Akrofi travelled to Eabametoong FN and met with members of the Youth Council and with teacher Sarah Diamond.
- The visit included:
 - A skills training session.
 - Toured to the semi-completed rehab facility, powwow grounds and five-acre community garden being readied for planting in the spring.



PARTNERSHIP *continued*

- EFN Resident Physician:
Dr. Mustafa Siddiqi
- Ryerson University: Dr. Shelagh McCartney
- Grace Anglican Church: Minister Nicola Skinner
- Special Thanks: Markham resident and Bill Crothers student Emma Tworyzanski for her independent hockey equipment drive



PARTNERSHIP *continued*

- Simultaneously, the EFN tourism project moved into the training phase for Eabametoong band members.

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**CULTURAL TOURISM SHOWCASE
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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- EFN school will host a 'juried student-art project' that will visit Markham in May.
 - The City has organized a sports equipment drive for aspiring EFN athletes.
 - Building upon the Cultural Tourism Showcase, John C. Yesno Education Centre has developed a 2.0 credit high school course called "Arts and Cultural Tourism" that combines grade 9 integrated arts and grade 10 tourism and hospitality courses.
- A unique legacy!**



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT *continued*

- Under the current Indian Affairs policy, students must leave Eabametoong FN and take their final years of high school-study in Thunder Bay resulting in social and financial disruption for EFN students and families.



CULTURAL TOURISM SHOWCASE

- The tourism initiative that will culminate with the first EFN Cultural Tourism Showcase in the summer of 2017, will open doors for Markham visitors to gain awareness and enjoy EFN eco-tourism, culture and arts.



CULTURAL TOURISM SHOWCASE *continued*

- The Showcase will facilitate the expansion of Markham's understanding and engagement with Eabametoong FN cultural practices and economic aspirations by way of visits and technology sharing.

Markham Library Online Access

Markham Library will make its complete online library available to EFN students and band members in coming weeks.



NEXT STEPS

1. Partnership agreement to be signed tomorrow.
2. Sports equipment to be shipped to EFN February-March.
3. Markham Public Library to provide online library access for EFN in phases.
4. EFN Student Art project and visit to Markham in April.
5. Mayor and Members of Council to visit EFN in May.
6. A group of Markham residents will visit EFN for the Cultural Tourism Showcase in June.
7. Take part in Canada 150 Celebrations.





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