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Morning. We're currently updating briefings, etc. for our Minister's office and am unable to share at this time. When that changes, I will advise. I have updated a chronology of events related to Natuashish events that you may find helpful. It's not for public distribution. I'll be glad to assist in responding to specific questions when they come up...

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Ok, thanks Debbie. I will pass along anything I get anyways.

Is there anything you are able to share? We are internally constructing a document we hope will finally provide a comprehensive picture of who does what in the Innu communities. We will eventually be seeking your advice on the federal pieces in that, but anything you have prepared for HQ might help, if you are in a position to share.

If you are not, I understand.

Thanks!

Best,

Brian

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Not a problem Brian. I think we have put together information that satisfies our HQ's up to now. I'll be in touch if that changes.

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Hi Debbie

I am sorry, I am trying my best, but I do not think I will have any assistance for you today. Natuashish was on the front page this morning, so our colleague departments are dealing with their own crises in that regard today.

I will continue to pursue, and convey information as soon as I am able.

Best,

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Importance: High

Hi Brian: With the continuance of gas sniffing in the community, we're working closely with our Minister's Office to prepare media lines, etc. We've been asked to determine what health related infrastructure the Province may have paid for in Natuashish - health clinics, etc. Can you let me know asap? Thanks.

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**Natuashish Issues Chronology (CIDM 429213)
(April 18, 2013)**

Date	Event	Comments
1967	Davis Inlet Settlement	Davis Inlet was established to provide a re-settlement area for the Mushuau Innu.
1978	Land Claim Submission	Innu Comprehensive Claim accepted for negotiation, conditional upon submission of a Land Use and Occupancy Study
1990/91	Land Claim Authorized	Land Use and Occupancy Study received, negotiation of Comprehensive Claim Agreement authorized by Cabinet
1992	House Fire	A house fire in Davis Inlet resulted in the death of killed six children. As a result, the Mushuau Innu and Innu Nation held an internal enquiry published as Gathering Voices: Finding Strength to Help Our Children which contained a seven point long-term plan including land claim settlement and establishment of a family treatment centre at Border Beacon.
1993	Media Focus	The fire attracted international attention highlighting the plight of Innu children sniffing gas and living in sub-standard conditions.
1996	Relocation	Mushuau Innu Relocation Agreement (MIRA) was signed.
1999	Order in Council	Order in Council to treat Innu as Indians on Reserve.
2000	Children in Treatment	37 children taken to the former Grace Hospital in St. John's for treatment of solvent abuse

	INAC Office Opens	September 2000, INAC opens an office in Goose Bay with a focus on support to the Innu.
2001	HC Office Opens	Health Canada (HC) opened an office in Goose Bay to work with both Innu communities.
	Children in Treatment	22 Mushuau Innu youth enter a treatment program in Manitoba
	LICHS Begins	The Labrador Innu Comprehensive Healing Strategy (LICHS) was initiated by HC, Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) and the Solicitor General (Sol Gen) to help the Innu build a better future.
	Financial Management	FN enters into Third Party Management with KPMG Consulting (now MGM).
2002	Band Status	Band status was conveyed.
2003	Reserve Status	Natuashish designated a reserve.
	Solvent Abuse	Chief asks for help in treating gas sniffing children via an open-line radio show.
	LICHS	Labrador Innu Comprehensive Healing Strategy (LICHS) extended for one year.
	Relocation	Community relocation complete.
2005	LICHS	LICHS extended to 2009-10 for HC and INAC
2007	Integrated Management	Director of Integrated Management for the LICHS file was established, a shared position of INAC and HC.
2008	Intoxicants By-law	Intoxicants By-law passed prohibiting alcohol within the community
	Financial Management	FN leaves third party management and appoints CESO as Co-Manager.

2009	Education	Mamu Tshishkutamashutau Innu Education School Board established.
	LICHS	Final report of the LICHS evaluation provided in December 2009. Report indicates success in many areas, notably staff capacity. Report concluded continued support required and recommended, amongst others, incorporation of Innu perspective in healing activities and to ensure that the strategy is community-based and supportive of Innu capacity and self-government.
2010	Intoxicant Ban Confirmed	Community reconfirms prohibition of intoxicants in the community.
	Financial Management	FN enters into a co-management agreement with Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC).
	Healing	Following concerns of the Chief in November 2010, AANDC, HC and NL officials met in Goose Bay. AANDC and HC shared cost of a Safehouse in Natuashish and will continue to provide annual operating support. The purpose of the safe house is to provide a place for children to seek help. Additionally, HC and AANDC supplied \$50k for the development of comprehensive community healing plans for both communities.
	Healing	Community organized a series of events to address addictions issues – invited guests Cindy Blackstock; Aboriginal Healer Jerry Oleman; Addictions Specialist Katherine Irvine. The Little People's Basketball team visited the community, movies shown and community purchased ice and hockey equipment for youth.
	LICHS	LICHS ends for AANDC and Canada approves \$13,699,000 in funding to AANDC to provide basic programs and services for the 2 Innu communities and on-going annual funding of \$10,080,000, for a total of \$23.7 million HC LICHS funding continued with conditions requiring that the Minister, before March 31, 2012, provide an update on the progress of implementing investments in the two Innu communities and whether the relationship with the two Innu communities is on target. HC met this milestone and HC funding confirmed to 2014-2015.
2011	Healing	Innu leadership requested dissolution of the Main Table citing ineffectiveness, although sub-committee work on Income Support and Child, Youth and Family Services continued. Proposal received from both Innu Chiefs for an Innu-led Roundtable process. Meetings with Innu continue while awaiting response on Roundtable proposal.
2011	Substance Abuse	Natuashish Chief corresponded with AANDC and HC citing concerns of substance abuse within the community.
	Healing	A ceremonial hall and cabins were established at Border Beacon by the community for addictions and justice purposes.

	Health Assessment	Labrador Innu Health System Capacity Assessment, commissioned by First Nations and Inuit Health, Health Canada released.
	Tribal Council	Innu Tribal Council incorporated by the Innu communities in advance of AANDC approval (final approval was not provided given policy change)
	Land Claim AIP	Innu communities vote to support the New Dawn Agreement. Agreement in Principle for land claim/self government signed November 2011.
	Governance	Training provided to Chief and full Council.
	Community Visit	January 2011 and January 2012, Director, NIHB HC and ARDG AANDC Atlantic visit community. In depth discussions on health issues took place.
	Housing	\$699k provided to community for housing maintenance as a result of a contracted housing assessment by AANDC and HC.
April 15, 2012	Integrated Management	Director, Integrated Management position sunsets. Former incumbent hired by Innu as Director, Roundtable Secretariat.
April 19, 2012`	Election	Election held returning current Chief.
April 27, 2012	Roundtable Support	Letter from Ministers of AANDC and HC provide support in principle to Roundtable proposal.
June 6, 2012	Financial Issues	Chief, Council and AANDC meet to discuss financial situation and governance issues. Concerns expressed over financial situation.
June 7, 2012	Roundtable	Roundtable meeting attended by Innu, AANDC, HC and Province of NL. At the meeting Chief and Councillor spoke of solvent abuse issues and their steps to address. Financial task force established to explore funding options for Tribal Council (AANDC subsequent policy change did not approve the Tribal Council).
June 12, 2012	Roundtable	Request received to support salary and administrative costs for Exec. Director and Roundtable Secretariat. Request declined Sep 17 th suggesting requirement to be discussed with Financial Task Force. AANDC provided \$400k this fy to support Roundtable activities.

July 17, 2012	Healing	Health Planning Workout with representatives from Innu, HC, AANDC and Province of NL.
July 18, 2012	Roundtable	Follow-up from June meeting attended by Innu, HC, AANDC and Province of NL. Discussions on funding of Tribal Council and requirements to move request to HQ's for approval. (Policy change caused decline of Tribal Council)
July 31, 2012	Financial Issues	FN serves notice of ending of contract with Co-Manager. Weekly discussions by AANDC staff with the FN and Co-Manager. AANDC actively working with FN to engage another co-manager.
August 22, 2012	Financial Issues	AANDC meets with Council in the community to examine financial situation and seek solutions.
August 24, 2012	Income Support Proposal	As a result of continuing work of the Income Support and Child, Youth and Family Services Committee of the Roundtable, a proposal for an Income Support Demonstration Project for both Innu communities sent to NL Minister of Advanced Education and Skills.
August 29, 2012	Financial Issues	Meeting held in St. John's with Council, potential Co-Manager, Royal Bank and HC. Requirements for co-management discussed along with current financial situation.
Sep. 1, 2012	Healing	Outpost and Safehouse funding sent to two Innu FN's (\$200k – Safehouse, \$100k – Outpost per community).
Sep. 10, 2012	Roundtable	Correspondence received from two Innu Chiefs to Ministers of HC and AANDC thanking for Roundtable support and proposing a role for a Federal Special Representative. Response in progress. Next meeting of Round Table scheduled for Oct 4, 2012 in St.John's, NL at which time further discussion will take place on tripartite response to substance abuse issues.
Sep. 12, 2012	Substance Abuse	Emergency community meeting held by Natuashish Chief regarding substance abuse. As a result, Chief hires six Innu trained security guards to patrol the community and monitor gas sniffing.
Sep. 21, 2012	Substance Abuse	Charlene Johnson, Minister of CYFS, NL says gas sniffing among children in Natuashish a serious problem. Johnson Notes staff working with Council, police and parents.

Sep. 21, 2012	Financial Issues	Conference call with AANDC, HC, Royal Bank and PWC. Agreed that PWC would continue to work with FN during a 12 week transition period as search for replacement continues.
Sep 24, 2012	Financial Issues	Conference call with AANDC, HC, Royal Bank and PWC to discuss current financial situation. Another to be held Sep 26 th .
Sep. 25, 2012	Innu Nation Election	Elections to take place for Innu Nation Chief/Vice Chief. Innu Nation is primarily funded by the two communities and focuses on issues surrounding economic development and land claim negotiations. AANDC funds Innu Nation for inherent right, orientation to self government and negotiation preparedness. Funding for this FY totals \$540k.
Sep 2012	Substance Abuse	Throughout month, a great deal of media coverage concerning gas sniffing. Interviews have taken place with community leaders, parents and the children. We are advised that a film crew is currently in the community.
Oct 4, 2012	Roundtable/Financial Issues	Quarterly Roundtable held. Special meeting was held to focus on the financial situation at Natuashish. There was limited discussion concerning substance abuse.
Dec 6, 2012	Roundtable	Quarterly meeting held. Innu Nation leadership spoke to the need to address community issues. HC committed to a meeting to be held in January 2013 in Goose Bay with a view to identifying available HC funding to support community health plan and capacity development.
Jan 8, 2013	HCan Meeting	HC officials met with Roundtable and Community leadership to identify strategies and ways to support. \$345k in health capacity development funding for projects was identified. This included the hiring of an Innu Roundtable Health Coordinator and Health Liaison Officer – Navigator. Community health priorities were identified for 2012/13
Feb 26, 2013	Health	Innu Leaders Health Mamuitun was held, facilitated by former AFN National Chief, Phil Fontaine. Included leaders from both Innu communities and the Innu Nation. Session was to develop a vision for community healing with established benchmarks.
March 2013	Health	Innu Practitioners Mamuitun: A gathering of the heads of the respective Innu departments and agencies that play a role in building healthy communities. Included mapping out the practical actions and supports required to meet the benchmarks established during the Leaders Mamuitun.
Mar 1, 2013	Integrated Mgmt	A Committee of representatives from various federal government departments who provide service to Natuashish met to discuss how we can better integrate services and share information to better serve the community. Representatives from HC, AANDC, Public Safety, HRSDC and the RCMP participate. Next meeting to take place on May 28, 2013.
Mar 30, 2013	Substance Abuse	Chief of Natuashish brought forward issues of concern regarding an escalation of gas sniffing amongst youth in the community. A series of e-mails between AANDC, HC as well as a community mental health worker was provided to the

		press by him. The Chief requested additional resources from the Province of NL to address.
Apr 17, 2013	Substance Abuse	Through the media, a community mental health therapist noted a worsening situation related to gas sniffing amongst the youth in Natuashish and said that the Province of NL was not delivering enough services to resolve the issue. He noted that the situation is worse and that he is seeing children as young as six years old sniffing. These comments were supported by the Chief. The Provincial Minister of CYFS noted that the issue is very serious and stated that a meeting has held the previous week with CYFS executive staff, community leadership and health practitioners to identify required steps to address.
Apr 24, 2013	Roundtable	Next meeting scheduled and will include a review of health capacity initiatives.

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