

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

FIRST NATIONS ADULT
EDUCATION SCHOOL COUNCIL



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### **MISSION**

On behalf of the First Nations communities of Quebec and in collaboration with its stakeholders, the mission of the First Nations Adult Education School Council is:

To provide the necessary leadership for the implementation and operations of the First Nation Regional Adult Education Centers of Quebec. The FNAESC is committed to providing high quality adult learning environments that focus on culturally relevant student-centered learning in a safe and healthy environment that reflects the values of First Nations and allows the students to gain the necessary knowledge and skills required for their future educational endeavors and employment.







## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We respectfully present our 2019-2020 First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) annual report. Throughout this global shift in society with regards to our environment, allow us to acknowledge the heart, passion, and commitment of our students, as well as the dedicated support from our Regional Adult Education Centers (RAECs), who have all made it possible for us to transition this year to the realities of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The year began with the kick-off of the negotiations process for a new three-year agreement (2021-2023) with our partners, the Ministry of Education (MEES) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). The process is inclusive to the mandates of the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) as signatory of the agreement. Within the negotiations, we continue to ensure the needs of the RAECs are met with growth in the areas of human resources for specialized, and professional student support. Fundamental changes to the agreement are also prioritized in the preamble which acknowledge a reconciliation to Indigenous People, and the actions of the Commission Viens. The objectives identified by the Provincial Roundtable for the Success of Indigenous Students are also key for continued support of: professional Indigenous competency frameworks, recognition of Indigenous languages, and flexibility to adapt sanctioned courses to our communities' cultures, histories, and realities. This year brought on the opening of a new Kitci-Amik pavilion in the community of Pikogan, and we are pleased to welcome Ms. Lise Kistabish, as a new Trustee appointed by the Conseil de la Nation Abitibiwinni. We look forward to further opportunities in meeting the adult educational needs of other communities too.

Included in this report are our highlights, capsules, RAEC reports, and updates on regional projects. Certainly, with the pandemic, a shift to respecting all protocols with regards to Band Council Covid-19 policies are respected. Priorities shifted to meeting technological, specialized adapted services, mental health, virtual professional development tools, distance learning pedagogy and trainings, to name a few. Communications and meetings via the AFNQL and regional commissions and organizations (ROCs) including community social media sites greatly facilitated the transition throughout the pandemic.

We are pleased to continue supporting the AFNQL with their capacity development initiatives in the housing sector. The grassroots approach undertaken via the Community of Practice in Housing (CoPH) in identifying the training needs has initiated the creation of a Point of Contact in Housing (PoCH) to source, share, and ultimately coordinate the development of certified trainings tailored to the needs, and culture of the communities and Nations. This approach has seen another 9 graduates in the Attestation of Collegial Studies (ACS) for Housing Managers in November 2019, with a 4<sup>th</sup> cohort which started in February 2020. The pandemic has shifted the attention to ensure safety and well-being, with the deployment of webinars promoting various programs, trainings, and strategies linked to the CoPH.

We would like to thank Mr. Steven Horne, a founding Trustee, for all your years of guidance and support to the mission, vision, and growth of the FNAESC, and also to Ms. Rola Helou, Executive Director, for your leadership and professionalism in administrating the mandates of the FNAESC. A reflection you both fundamentally promote and maintain – we always keep the students at the heart of our decisions.

Thank you,

Susane King, President

Tanu Lusignan, Executive Director

### **HISTORY**

Between 2001 and 2005, the communities around the First Nations Human Resources Development Commission in Quebec's (FNHRDCQ) regional table expressed concerns over the needs of their clientele who wished to access employment. Discussions ensued demonstrating the nature of the need as well as the disparity of the costs charged to each community in adult education service delivery. This led to the beginning of discussions with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport du Québec (MELS).

In 2004, the FNHRDCQ signed an agreement with the MELS (now known as the MEES) for a survey of the communities and a report entitled "Drawing the profile of general adult education services offered in non-treaty communities in Quebec". The report was tabled in 2005 and recommended a takeover of adult education services offered to non-treaty First Nations citizens of Quebec, through the implementation of regional adult education centers.

In 2006, during the Socioeconomic Forum in Mashteuiatsh, the MELS committed to contributing to the creation a First Nations School Council in Adult Education and to the implementation of two regional adult education centers. Later, in a letter to the deputy minister of education, Regional Chief Picard confirmed that by "working with FNHRDCQ representatives, your Ministry will be able to adapt its adult education services to the First Nations clientele in order to offer all citizens the same opportunities for vocational achievement. (...)"

In 2011, the FNHRDCQ table mandated the provisional School Council to select two sites for the regional centers. Through an open call for proposals, the community of Lac Simon is selected for adult education services in French in 2012 and the communities of Kahnawake and Listuguj are selected to provide adult education services in English in 2013.

The legal entity called the First Nations Adult Education Trust 1 was created by the FNHRDCQ table in 2012 to receive funds from the provincial government and transfer them to its beneficiaries, which are the communities that host regional adult education centers. The Trustee would be appointed by the Chief and Council of each participating community as well as the regional tables of the FNHRDCQ, FNEC and Tshakapesh Institute.

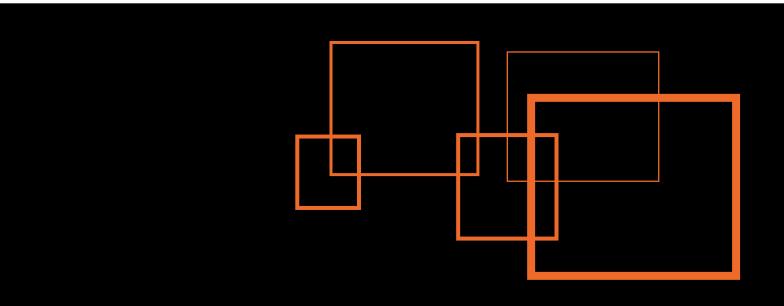


## HISTORY (CONT'D)

In 2014, the Chiefs mandated the First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC), which is the administrative branch of the Trust, to expand its services by supporting the opening of a regional adult education center in Uashat mak Mani-Utenam. In addition, the Chiefs wished to see more services offered within communities through the offering of satellite services as well as vocational training in the construction trades. Since then, service centers have opened in Kanesatake, Gesgapegiag, Pikogan, Val d'Or and Montreal and several vocational training programs have been offered in collaboration with provincial school boards.

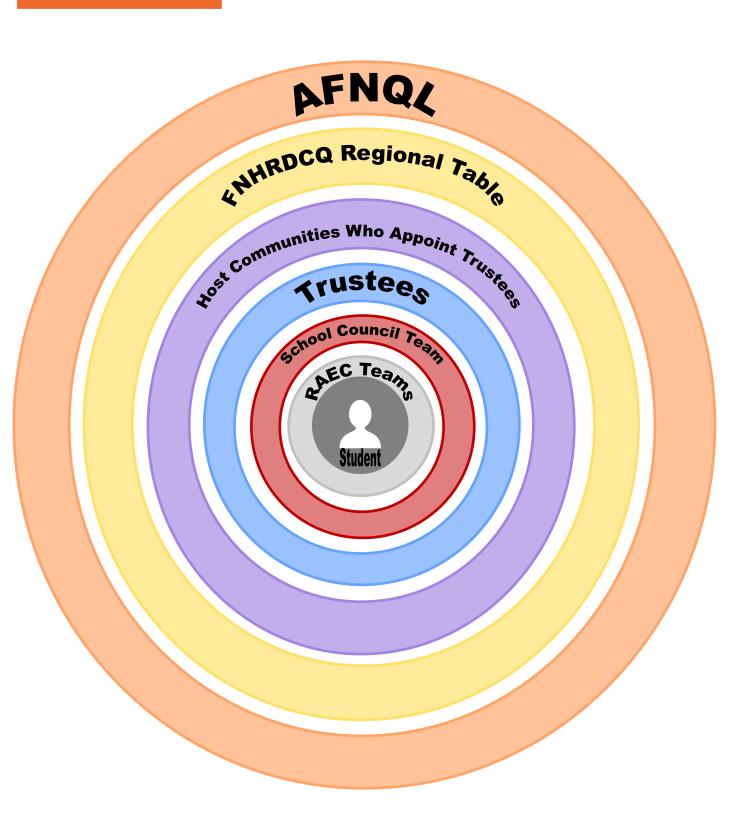
These changes led to a reflection on governance within the FNAESC. This resulted in the addition of Trustees to be appointed by communities receiving services by FNAESC regional adult education centers. The appointment of Trustees by regional organizations also shifted to enable equal consideration for each of the regional organizations servicing the same clientele as the adult education centers. Finally, the reflection reaffirmed the FNAESC's connection to the FNHRDCQ and the importance of returning to the FNHRDCQ table and its Chiefs for decisions and guidance.

We continue to reflect on the governance of the organization. As an organization evolves, and especially when it grows as quickly as the FNAESC has, it is important to reflect on the structure to ensure it continues to meet the needs it was created to meet.





### **ORGANIGRAMME**







### FNAESC BOARD MEMBERS

#### Annie Cyr, Trustee

Appointed by the Regional Table of the First Nations Human Resources Development Commission in Quebec (FNHRDCQ)

#### Rosalie Sioui, Trustee

Appointed by the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC)

#### **Bud Morris, Trustee**

Appointed by Tewatohnhi'saktha for Kahnawake

#### Lise Kistabish, Trustee

Appointed by the Host Community of Pikogan

#### Vicky Lelièvre, Trustee

Appointed by the Host Community of Uashat mak Mani-Utenam

#### Michelle Lamouche, Trustee

Appointed by the Host Community of Kanesatake

#### Pamela Papatie, Trustee

Appointed by the Host Community of Lac Simon

#### **Denis Gros-Louis, Trustee**

Appointed by the First Nations Education Council (FNEC)

#### Marjolaine Tshernish, Trustee

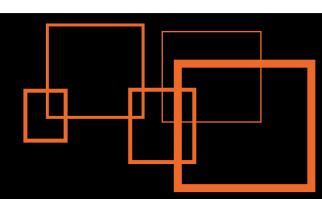
Appointed by the Tshakapesh Institute

#### **Armand Martin, Trustee**

Appointed by the Host Community of Gesgapegiag

#### Jennifer Labillois-Metallic, Trustee

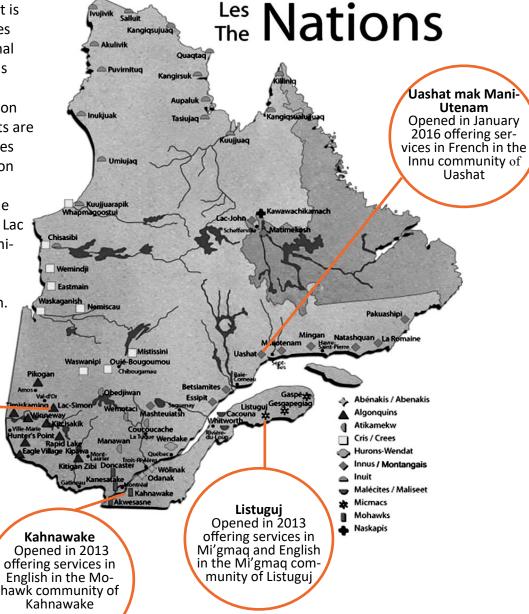
Appointed by the Host Community of Listuguj



## TERRITORIES & GOVERNANCE

The FNAESC meets three times per year. One seat is reserved for the Trustees appointed by the regional table of the First Nations **Human Resources Development Commission** (FNHRDCQ). Seven seats are reserved for communities that offer adult education services. One Trustee is appointed by each of the following communities: Lac Simon, Uashat mak Mani-Utenam, Kahnawake, Listuguj, Gesgapegiag, Kanesatake and Pikogan.

Kitci Amik
Opened in 2012
offering services in
French in the Algonquin community of
Lac Simon



In addition, three seats are reserved for Trustees designated by regional organizations, one for each of the following: Institut Tshakapesh, First Nations Education Council (FNEC) and the First Nations Quebec Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC). The presidency of the FNAESC, a non-voting seat, is reserved for the Executive Director of the FNHRDCQ, which created the FNAESC in 2012.



## SATELLITE CENTERS





## PORTRAIT OF THE FOUR CENTRES

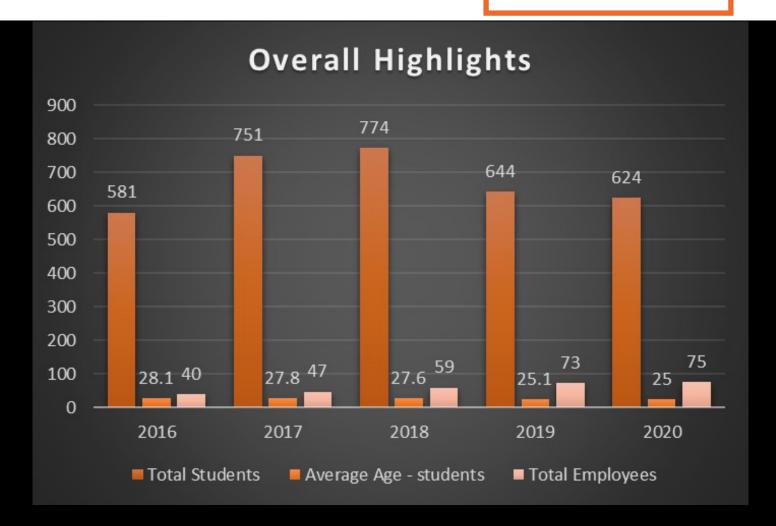
The four Regional Adult Education Centers (RAEC) supported by the FNAESC are as unique as the nations they serve.

**25** 

Average age of student

**624** 

Total registered students in 2019-2020





### **EMPLOYEES**

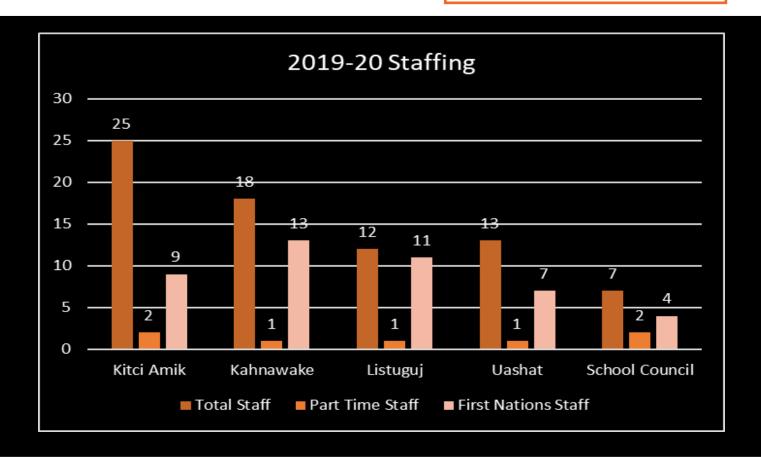
**57%** 

Increase in Indigenous staff since 2018-19

\$4.8M

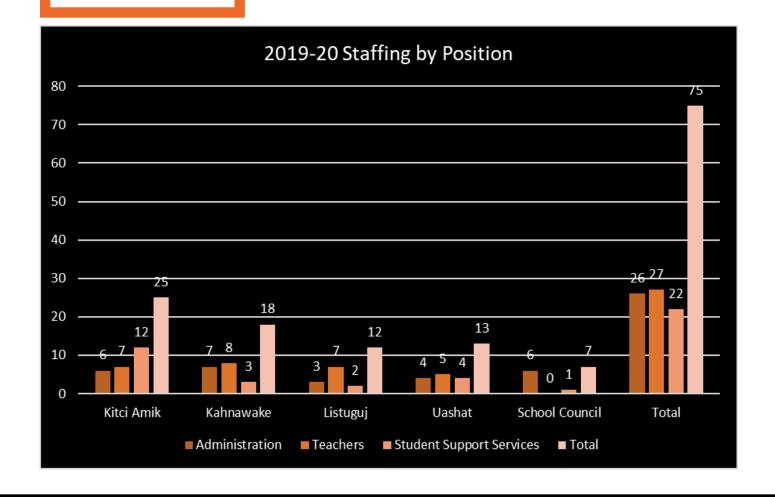
representing 72% of the budget which are human resources expenses

Teachers represent 36% of all staffing positions in 2019-2020





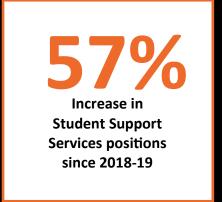
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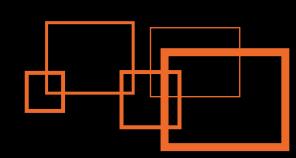


of staffing positions are fulltime employment in 2019-20

59%

of staffing positions are held by Indigenous staff in 2019-2020







## REGISTERED STUDENTS

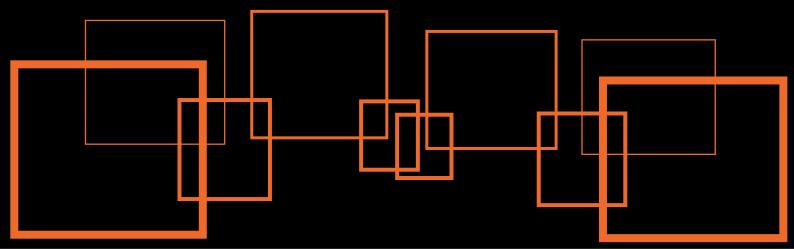
**55%** 

Students at the Kahnawake
RAEC are from outside the
communities
of Kahnawake and
Kanesatake

30

First Nations communities have members registered in a RAEC in 2019-20

In general adult education, one adult learner does not produce one full time equivalent as is the case in the youth sector. It takes, on average, three students to complete 900 hours of study, which translates to one full time equivalent (FTE).





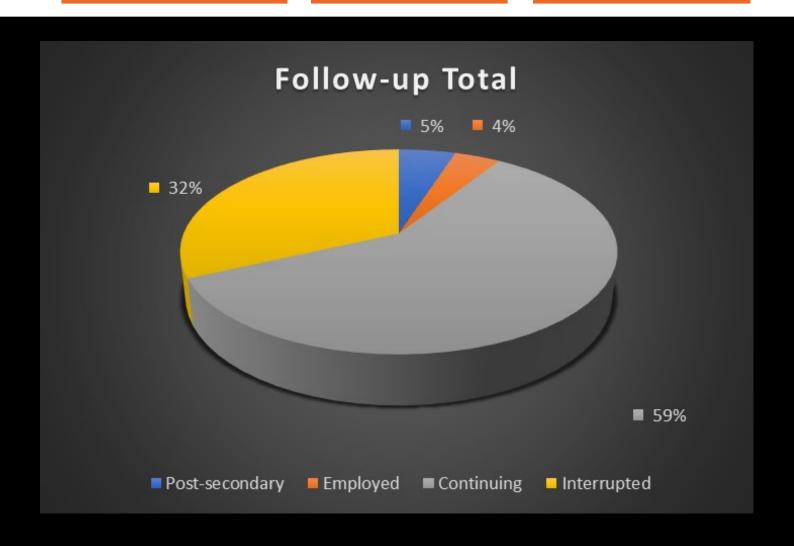
## REGISTERED STUDENTS (CONT'D)

20%

Increase in students from Uashat RAEC in 2019-20 12

new students for Cohort #4 in the AEC in Housing Management 3

Indigenous Student
Ambassadors at Champlain College St-Lambert
– Mentor the Intern
Program –
Tewatohnhi'saktha





## **2019/2020 STUDENTS**

Kitci-Amik							
Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20		
Total Students	159	230	202	222	206		
Average Age	26	25	27	29	27		
Community of Origin	85% are from Lac Simon	N/A	54% are from Lac Simon	54% are from Lac Simon	48% are from Lac Simon		

Kahnawake								
Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20			
Total Students	213	272	280	185	150			
Average Age	25	28	20	19	20			
Community of Origin	62% are from Kahnawake	42% of are from Kahnawake and 8% are from Kanesatake	68% are from Kahnawake and 14% are from Kanesatake	47% are from Kahnawake and 11% are from Kanesatake	45% are from Kahnawake and Kanesatake			

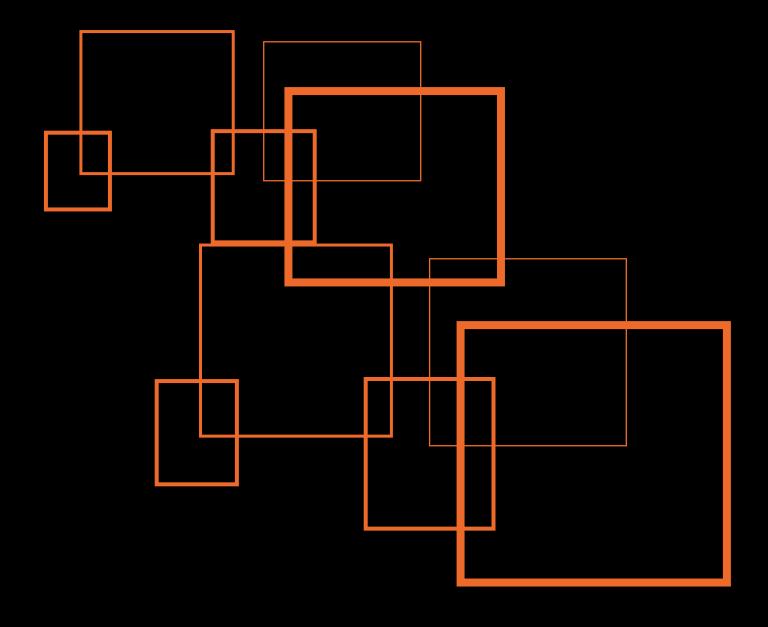
Listuguj								
Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20			
Total Students	78	89	97	67	64			
Average Age	33	31	32	27	25			
Community of Origin	100% are from Listuguj	61% are from Listuguj and 39% are from Gesgapegiag	46% are from Listuguj and 41% are from Gesgapegiag	67% are from Gesgapegiag and 27% are from Listuguj	58% are from Gesgapegiag and 42% are from Listuguj			

Uashat mak Mani-Utenam									
Year 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20									
Total Students	131	160	195	170	204				
Average Age	28	27	25	26	26				
Community of Origin	96% are from Uashat mak Mani-Utenam	90% are from Uashat mak Mani-Utenam	82% are from Uashat mak Mani-Utenam	85% are from Uashat mak Mani-Utenam	86% are from Uashat mak Mani-Utenam				

Total 581 751 774 644 624



# REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION CENTERS (RAEC)







### KITCI AMIK RAEC

under the direction of Mr. Martin Adam

Objectives	Results
Set up the training certificate for a semi-skilled trade.  Offer specific training with minimum training requirements.  Set up a specific action plan for the implementation of training.	FMS in various fields were carried out throughout the school year. More than a dozen certifications were issued. An FMS group was maintained with 7 students for the opening of the new service station which opened in January 2020. Other FMS are also in progress and will end in the next school year, including a very important one in Pikogan pavilion.
Provide daycare services to student clients.	The daycare was at full capacity from its opening in September until the very end of January. Funding problems with students subsequently reduced attendance. Closing on March 13, 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
Establishment of a partnership with UQAT for the success of native English -speaking students	3 cohorts were supported. Remote monitoring has been put in place due to COVID-19 pandemic.
Setting up the DES-10	The DES-10 was exempted again this year.
Pursue ACS in Accounting	The ACS in accounting continued. 5 candidates graduated in May 2020.
Continue the development of the Kitci -Amik Pavilion in Val-d´Or	The 2019-2020 school year has started in separate premises.
Set up activities related to the school perseverance week.	The week was marked with separate activities every day.
Develop a service offer for continuing	5 candidates benefited from this program. A great success, two DES came from this pro-
education adapted to current needs.  Continue the vocational training ser-	gram.  4 candidates have taken a course in mineral extraction. 3 completed their DEP in February
vice offer with a new DEP-type training course	2020.
Promote the Kitci-Amik center in order to recruit a larger clientele.	The presence of RAEC stakeholders in the monthly activities of the LFNC was beneficial.
Highlight the performance and achievements of Indigenous students in the Lac Simon sector.	The Amik Awards Gala has been canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.
Continuation of the DES-6 project	The DES-6 was provided again this year with a success rate of 100% 8 candidates participated in the training.
Provide continuous training for staff.	The staff participated in a targeted manner or in groups in various trainings to meet the needs.
Develop a social integration follow-up service for clients having to do community work following a court order.	3 candidates participated
Continue the abbreviation of courses in indigenous cultural exploration project WEDÎ	Canceled due to COVID-19
Continue the customer evaluation program	Fifteen candidates completed the evaluation program called Ôdacic.
Pursue the basic offer in adult education, with the integration of the educational renewal in the 2nd cycle.	We can say that we are up to date in the implementation of the educational renewal and even waiting for the release of new programs by the ministry. All FBC and FBD courses are offered at Kitci Amik RAEC.





## KITCI AMIK RAEC (CONT'D)

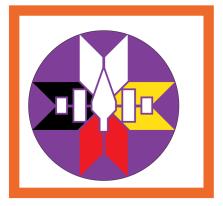
under the direction of Mr. Martin Adam

New Objectives	Results
Continue the KJP Workshops (Kackitamadizin) project	More than 20 students worked in the workshop in 2019-2020. A student from last year was hired and he is now a workshop supervisor. Activities ended on March 13, 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
Creation of a Kitci-Amik RAEC pavilion in the community of Pikogan	A success across the board! The pavilion was officially inaugurated. The number of students has been met and even exceeded.
Partnership with the mining companies for FP and FMS programs	Despite the fact that two agreements with the mining companies had been made. Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.
Create a work placement pro- gram with employee develop- ment monitoring	The basics of this program were announced by the ministry in June 2020. Everything will continue next year.
Develop a specific course on Indigenous realities for em- ployers with Indigenous staff	3 workshops were given in 2019-2020.
Develop specific projects related to literacy and numeracy	Specific projects in French, one in math and one in English mother tongue.  These projects are in a framework of continuity and they will continue in the next school year.
Set up a monitoring and assistance service for success.	The course was given to support students in the AEC in housing.
Provide a variety of computer training	A computer course was given at the RAEC but several components related to computer science and new technologies were developed in the course codes in force.
Introduction of RAC in SARCA services	The workers are now trained. We are still waiting for the release of some programs that were presented to us in the spring by the ministry. The RAC process is now a service offered by the RAEC.
Adaptation of the FP preparatory program	Cancelled due to COVID19 pandemic.

The Kitci Amik RAEC offers all adult education services and other specific programs. The objectives are entirely in line with the orientations of the school council's strategic plan. This year's challenges:

- o Increase school perseverance
- o Diversify and consolidate the training offer
- o Promote the centre





### KAHNAWAKE RAEC

under the direction of Ms. Carina Deere

Objective 1: To provide online educational services through Google classroom and the Zoom platform for the Fall season.

Action: To begin the school year online using the Google classroom and ZOOM platform and transition back into the physical classroom based on the Kahnawake Covid-19 Task Force recommendations.

#### Program/Activities in support of the objective:

- A. Teachers have invited their students into the Google classroom. Students have the opportunity to retrieve assignment information and upload completed assignments. Student check in daily and teachers can use this platform for attendance purposes as well.
- B. Teachers are sending zoom invites to their students for daily lessons. Zoom provides breakout rooms for individualized lessons. This platform allows students and teacher to virtually interact.
- C. Teachers were given step by step instructions on the features and functions in the Google classroom and Zoom platform. There were large group and individualized sessions. The Ped Consultant also created cheat sheets for teachers to have at their disposal.

Starting in March, the Community was put under a state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Kahnawake Covid-19 Task Force was put in charge to maintain the safety of the community. Under the Task Force recommendations, all organizations and businesses were mandated to develop a re-entry plan, following all Covid-19 safety recommendations set out by the Kahnawake Covid-19 Task Force. The plan once completed, is sent to the Task Force. Upon approval, the recommendations need to be implemented.

Following the four phase plan the Director wrote up for the re-entry, we began phase one, the physical preparation of the building. This work was completed by our maintenance team. Social distancing stickers and directional arrows were installed on the floors. Classrooms were emptied and tape was used as a visual to created measured spaces for distancing.

#### Objective 2: To increase number of ETP's at the Kahnawake, Kanesatake and Kanekota RAEC's.

Action: Promote all programming within the community, outside the community and in social media for Kahnawake, Kanesatake and Kanekota RAEC's.

#### INDICATORS OF SUCCESS RESULTS

Promotion of educational services through various media formats and through partner organizations.

Enrollment is steadily increasing.

#### Program/Activities in support of the objective:

- Uploading course advertisements have been made in the Eastern Door newspaper, on our FNRAEC website, our Face-book page and Instagram
- Zoom meeting with Montreal urban partners, provided them with Pamphlet of our services. Student assessment's and scheduling is provided by our School Counsellor.

#### Objective 3: To clarify expectations of the FNRAEC administration team in Kahnawake.

Action: To clarify roles / responsibilities and develop clear job descriptions.

INDICATORS OF SUCCESS RESULT

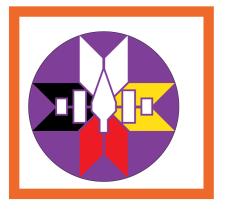
Job tasks will be reviewed for each employee and divided evenly amongst office administration team.

Administration team will be provided clear expectations resulting in a less stressful workplace.

#### Program/Activities in support of the objective:

Administration staff will identify their job titles and list responsibilities for each particular title.





### KAHNAWAKE RAEC

under the direction of Ms. Carina Deere

Objective 4: To partner with various organizations to develop cohorts.						
Action: To prepare adult learners by assessing their educational levels and upgrade where necessary.						
INDICATORS OF SUCCESS RESULTS						
A. FNRAEC with their partner organizations will develop cohorts to offer to students in a variety of job opportunities.	A. Adult learners will be given the opportunity to enroll in a cohort of their interest to become successful in the workforce.					

#### Program/Activities in support of the objective:

- 1-A. Development of a (PAB) Institutional Homecare Program in partnership with the Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board and KHRO in Kanesatake to begin in January 2021.
- 1-B. Advertise the program in Kanesatake and surrounding communities.
- 1-C. Recruit adult learners for the program.
- 1-D. Assessment of adult learners to determine their eligibility for the program.
- 2-A. Assist Rapid Lake/Barrier Lake and (School Board) in the development of a Nursing Program in partnership with the Lac Simon RAFC.
- 2-B. Assessment of adult learners to determine their eligibility for the program.
- 2-C. Upgrade adult learners based on their transcripts, and or assessment results.

#### Objective 5: To provide educational services to partner organizations.

Action: Assessment and educational upgrading are provided to support adult learners.

INDICATORS OF SUCCESS	RESULTS:
Educational assessments and upgrading is provided to support adult learners to become eligible to enroll in programs that enable their success in the workforce.	Adult learners will acquire needed educational certification tin order to successfully enter the workforce.

#### Program/Activities in support of the objective:

- A. Association sectorielles partaire /joint sectoral association ( A.S.P.) program. This is a certificate safety program, allowing certified participants access to construction sites within Quebec.
- B. Achieving Concrete Essentials (A.C.E.) program guides adult student to a variety of vocational opportunities. Our FNRAEC provides assessments, upgrading and a 25-hour basic computer course.
- C. Kahnawake Gaming Industry requested a basic French language/Customer Service/First Aide cohort focusing on the hospitality industry. This initiative is in partnership with Tewatohnhi'saktha and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake.
- D. Waseskun Healing Lodge receive adult educational services to acquire high school equivalency in order to rejoin the job market and/or higher learning.
- E. Kahnawake Sec 84 Transition Program receive adult educational services to acquire high school equivalency in order to rejoin the job market and/or higher learning.

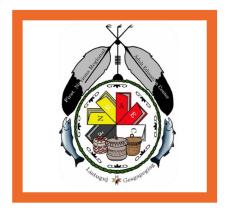


### LISTUGUJ RAEC

under the direction of Ms. Lorna Sook and the co-management of Ms. Myrna Sook and Ms. Bella Moffat

OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY	SPECIFIC STRATEGIES	OUTCOME	RESULTS	YEAR END RESULTS
1. Develop a common vision for adult education	1.1. Increase awareness and successes of FNRAEC for the Listuguj Campus	- Advertise in Listuguj Community newsletters about the RAE Centre's; - Develop an annual Student Success stories newsletter to promote the graduates; - Social media contests during annual holidays	- Visibility and clarification of services and programs of the FNRAEC; - Promotion of First Nations content in the adult education centre;	1.1 To increase the number of students enrolled to obtain their Sec V diploma.	1.1 Co-Manager and a student participated in a live radio show to talk about all aspects of Adult Education in Listuguj from the points of view through Administration and Student. No other strategies that were in place to report on due to Covid-19 school closure.
1.2 MEES to come to a deci- sion on exemp- tion for French course	Adult learners with Psy- choeducationa I Assessment reports	Exempt them from French course			1.2 To date, there has been no progress, only empty promises.





### LISTUGUJ RAEC

under the direction of Ms. Lorna Sook and the co-management of Ms. Myrna Sook and Ms. Bella Moffat

OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY	SPECIFIC STRATEGIES	OUTCOME	RESULTS	YEAR END RESULTS
2. Increase student success	2.1. Accommodating different learning needs	- To obtain more resources to accommodate adult learners with barriers;	- To obtain specific tools to assist in teaching adult learners by a variety of materials, software, program & request to modify exam if necessary with MEES.	2.1 Psych ed assessment ongoing throughout the year when needed.	2.1 All students needing assessment have been completed. Workshops have been delivered to staff on a wide range of topics related to learning disabilities. Due to Covid-19, workshops for staff on Psych Ed's have been postponed until further notice.
	2.2. Increase access to other RAEC's	- Coordinate a student cultural exchange with other RAEC centres;	- Learn about different First Na- tions culture & customs and way of life;	Unable to complete specific strategies due to high anxiety and mental health issues.	Due to Covid-19, centers are unable to travel to complete these objectives.





### LISTUGUJ RAEC

under the direction of Ms. Lorna Sook and the co-management of Ms. Myrna Sook and Ms. Bella Moffat

OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY	SPECIFIC STRATEGIES	ОИТСОМЕ	RESULTS	YEAR END RESULTS
3. Expand and develop culturally appropriate adult educational services in communities leading to meaningful employment	1.1 For adult learners to obtain meaningful employment	-Workshops -Mentored work placement	To provide meaningful work experience in different career fields	Adult Learns Perspective: -Workshops not meaning full -poor planning -low motiva- tion -difficulty with obtaining El benefits for some -90% negative experience -unfairness amongst class- mates - uncomfortable in being truth- ful in the eval- uation -minimal fu- ture participa- tion in the pro- gram.	1.1 Due to Covid-19 there is no summer student em- ployment for Adult Ed stu- dents.



## SATELLITE CENTRE OF GESGAPEGIAG

under the direction of Ms. Lorna Sook and the management of Ms. Tammy Martin

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Develop a common vision for adult education
- 2. Increase student success
- 3. Expand and develop appropriate adult educational services in communities leading to meaningful employment

#### School Year 2019-2020 Student Activities

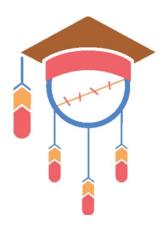
- 1. Personal & Professional Development Workshops
- 2. Student Chief & Council (Nomination: September 11, 2019 and Elections: September 18, 2019)
- 3. Listuguj Entrepreneur Conference September 11 & 12, 2019
- 4. Open House & Bell Let's Talk FNRAEC January 2020
- 5. Orange T-Shirts September 30, 2019
- 6. MMWIG Day October 9, 2019
- 7. Open / Closing Season with a Sacred Fire
  - o September 20, 2019,
  - o December 2019,
  - o March 20, 2020
  - o June 19, 2020
- 8. Mi'gmaq History Month, Month Long in October 2019
- 9. Career Fair Activities October 15, 2019
- 10. Halloween Activities October 31, 2019
- 11. Mental Wellness Ongoing
- 12. Addictions Awareness November 18-22, 2019
- 13. Entrepreneur Day Market, November 20, 2019
- 14. Moose Hunting October or November 2019
- 15. Christmas Student Activities, December 16-20, 2019
- 16. Literacy Activities January 2020
- 17. Bell Let's Talk Day January 30, 2020
- 18. Volunteer Month February 2020
- 19. April Literacy Day April 9, 2020 on hold due to Covid-19
- 20. Mental Health Awareness Week May 2020 on hold due to Covid-19





## UASHAT MAK MANI-UTENAM RAEC

under the direction of Ms. Julie Rock & Mr. Gilles Larouche



**Student Total: 204** 

Average Age: 26

**Origin: 86% from Uashat mak** 

**Mani-Utenam** 



#### **Background**

- Submission of ITUM's application to the School Council on January 21, 2015 (support from all Innu communities by resolution or letter of support)
- ITUM investment of \$ 6 million for the construction of the center
- Beginning of training in January 2016 (temporary premises in the basement of Uashat church)
- Inauguration of the RAEC on September 20, 2017
- Move to RAEC (new center) in June 2018

#### **Regional Component of the RAEC**

- □ The 4th regional centre was awarded to ITUM because of its geographical location (crossroads for all Innu communities);
- Several families from Innu communities are present in the territory at Uashat mak Mani-Utenam and use the services in place (primary, secondary and general education services for adults, jobs and services in ITUM, childcare, health services, etc. income assistance);
- Accessibility to housing for families in the region. In this sense, the communities of the Innu Nation in collaboration with the RAEC should work on a housing project with a daycare service for students from other communities for attendance at the centre;
- Welcoming families from other communities in urban services for FN (LFNC, Native Friendship Center, City of Sept-Îles services)



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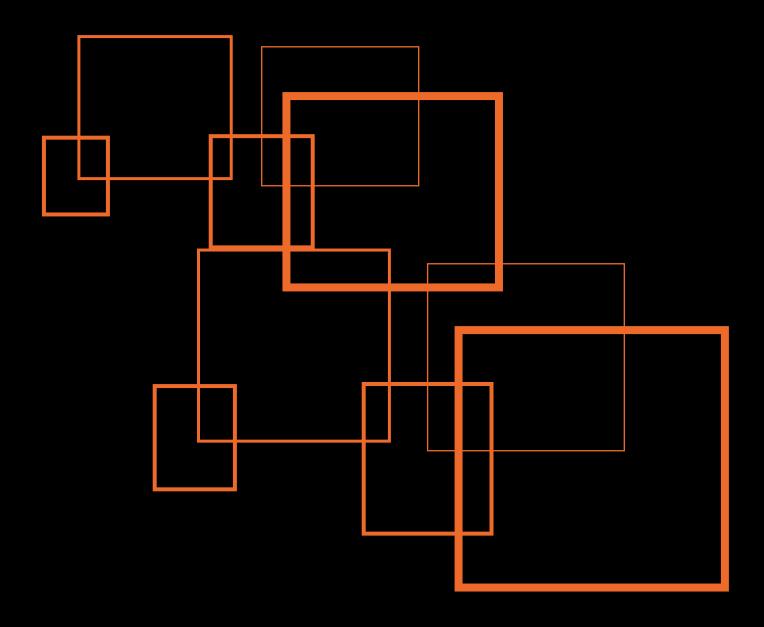


- Delivery of my finances-my choices workshops in partnership with the Carrefour jeunesse-emploi de Sept-Îles.
- Workshops on work/study balance (carrefour jeunesse-emploi de Sept-Îles).
- Literacy courses.
- GDT and recognition of prior learning.
- Innu language course.
- Workshops on Innu culture.
- Update of personnel files.
- Human resources management policy.
- Politics of civility.
- Development of the code of ethics.
- Development of a training plan for all staff.
- □ Implementation of the mechanical DEP program.
- Implementation of the DEP program for driving construction machinery.
- Establishment of ASP Construction training.
- Promote FGA and FP services and programs in place.





### **REGIONAL PROJECTS**





## REGIONAL PROJECTS IN 2019/2020

#### **Community of Practice Housing (CoPH)**

- 1. Improve, maintain and promote the library which would contain the main documents used and developed by the different communities in order to share practices;
- 2. Detail the process of a point of contact (PoCH) to meet capacity development needs following discussions with the AFNQL;
- 3. Participate in various regional and national Indigenous meetings on housing in order to make oneself known and to be consulted;
- 4. Prepare the annual meeting of the CoPH (postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic);
- 5. Promote access to training and develop it when there is no existing training that can meet the needs of members:
- 6. Boost Workplace and increase the number of national participants;
- 7. Continue discussions to include the CoPH in the framework of the Association of First Nations Housing Professionals (APHPN).



For 2019-2020, the CoPH continued its development and integration into the First Nations housing environment. The culture of collaboration is progressing well. We are seeing more and more contacts and exchanges between First Nations.

The CoPH development committee has generated reactions, observations and various questions on everything that surrounds housing issues and how we can work together in this sector, in order to achieve common objectives starting from distinct realities.

In addition, it is interesting to see how the AFNQL as well as the members of the RTHC give us the opportunity to get involved and recognize ourselves in the field of First Nations housing in Quebec.

While this project is the bearer of positive changes and arouses the support of managers who have participated in the collaborative activities of the CoPH, the process of making oneself known and becoming an essential tool for housing managers must be continued. A new habit takes time to establish itself and the momentum needs to be continued to strengthen the confidence of housing stakeholders in this project.

In addition, with the implementation project of the Point of Contact for the Capacity Development Axis, a project which will facilitate the training of the various stakeholders in housing, the CoPH has once again positioned itself as an important player in the housing sector of First Nations in Quebec.

For all these reasons, the CoPH development team is mobilizing to ensure the transition to the next steps, hoping to be able to count on the financial support of its early partners.

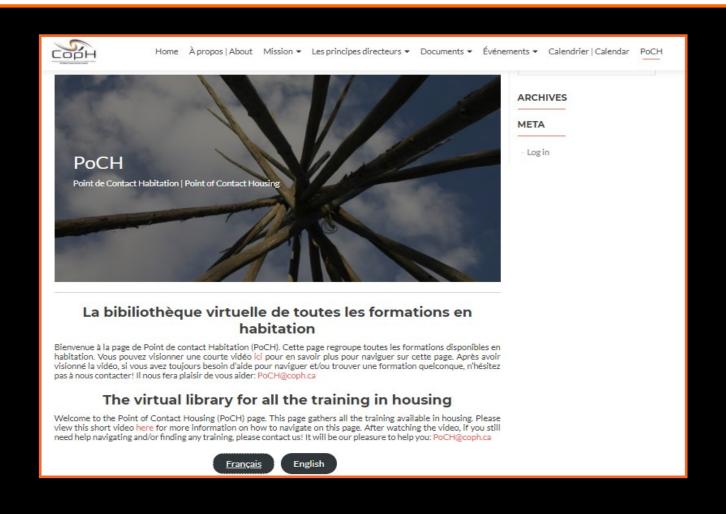


### REGIONAL PROJECTS IN 2019/2020

#### **Point of contact Housing (PoCH)**

The mandate is to implement the PoCH "point of contact" initiative in order to start responding to the needs identified in the "Development of skills and capacities" report (FNAESC, 2019) in the sectors of housing and infrastructure. Therefore, the stages of the implementation of this initiative are:

- a. Structure the CoPH and the FNAESC in order to allow the offer of "point of contact" services;
- b. List all the training courses that could meet the needs of elected officials, managers and tenants;
- c. Develop or identify partners who can develop training that does not already exist, but which will meet the needs identified in the report;
- d. Develop a communication plan to promote these training courses and make known the "point of contact" for any housing training in order to allow communities to request training;
- e. Develop a two-year work plan for the implementation of the initiative; include consultation with tenants and a risk management plan related to constraints likely to affect the implementation of the plan and actions to minimize their impact;
- f. Propose an evaluation plan that will assess the impact of the implementation of the "point of contact" on the capacity of elected officials, managers and tenants.





### REGIONAL PROJECTS IN 2019/2020

#### **Indigenous Education**

SAE 255: The Art of Recording Minutes—September 2019—MCK = 20 participants

**SAE 256**: Cultural Sensitivity Workshop—January 2020—Équipe CHOC = 4 participants

SAE 257: Cultural Sensitivity & Indigenous Curriculum Development—October 2019 to

June 2020 — Vanier College = 60 participants

SAE 258: Indigenizing Champlain College—September 2019 to June 2020

**SAE 260**: Colonized Classroom to Include Indigenous Pedagogy—January 2020—Dawson

College = 25 participants

**SAE 262**: Cultural Sensitivity Workshop—January 2020—UQAM = 30 participants

SAE 264: Learning Circle: Incorporating Indigenous Principles, Voices and Approaches to

Program Evaluation—February 2020—Concordia University = 30 participants

SAE 265: Strategic Planning—March 2020 (ongoing) - Mohawk Language Custodian

Association





### **RAEC RESULTS**

877 total frequentations in 2019-20

72% of frequentations are Cycle 1 and/or Cycle 2 in 2019-20

**52%** of students at the Kitci-Amik RAEC are from other First Nations communities

14% of students at the Uashat RAEC are from outlying Innu communities

1.4 frequentations per student in 2019-20

	Frequentations 2019-20								
	Kitci-Amik	Kahnawake	Listuguj	Uashat	Total	%			
Cycle 1	51	10	36	90	187	21%			
Cycle 2	104	147	54	140	445	51%			
Pre-Sec.	29			25	54	6%			
TDG		5	3		8	1%			
Francisation	2	2			4	0%			
SVI	37	1			38	4%			
Vocational Prep	11	25	6	3	45	5%			
Literacy					0	0%			
Post-Sec. Prep	9	3		1	13	1%			
Ped. Support	83				83	9%			
Total	326	193	99	259	877				



## RAEC RESULTS (CONT'D)

59% of students are continuing their studies into 2020-21 7% of students completed their DES or equivalencies

4% of students found employment in 2019-20

32% of students interrupted their studies 2019-20

5% of students are now completing their post-secondary studies in 2019-20

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Graduates from the Cohort #3 in the AEC in Housing Management

**16** 

Certifications in
ASP Construction
from the community of
Kahnawake

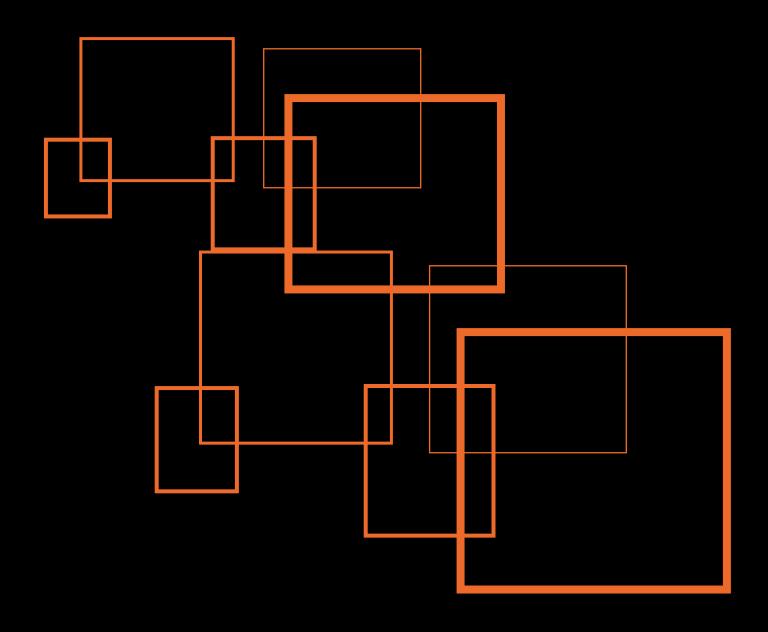
59%

Students are continuing their studies into 2020-2021





## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Trustees of First Nations Adults Education Trust |:

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of First Nations Adults Education Trust I (the "Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2020, and the statements of operations, accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets, cash flows and the related schedules for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at March 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report, We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and
  perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a
  basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting
  from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal
  control
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit
  evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the
  Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw
  attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to
  modify our opinion, Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report, However,
  future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Montréal, Québec

MNP SENCEL STI

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CPA auditor, CA, public accountancy permit no. A124849

## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## First Nations Adults Education Trust I Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31, 2020

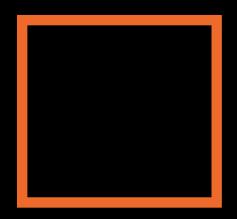
	Schedules	2020 Budget	2020	2019
Revenue				
Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (Note 9	9.)	4,340,490	4,340,490	4,136,530
Indigenous Services Canada (Note 10)		2,063,461	2,063,461	1,757,084
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation		150,000	150,000	250,000
nterest income		10,000	10,398	6,525
Société du Plan Nord		-	-	72,439
New Frontiers School Board		-	-	39,871
Emploi Québec		-	-	30,074
Champlain Regional College		-	-	24,844
Other revenues		57,535	110,398	80,061
Deferred revenue - prior year		891,812	891,812	-
Deferred revenue - current year		(593,477)	(441,655)	(891,812)
•		6,919,821	7,124,904	5,505,616
Program expenses  Ministère de l'Education et de l'Enseignement supérieur Indigenous Services Canada Champlain AEC-CoPH Business services Capital	2 3 4 5 7 10	2,844,680 1,319,520 - 405,399 57,535 2,593	2,879,313 1,353,882 - 275,399 46,674 2,593	2,398,068 1,410,804 96,783 354,601 48,183 2,924
Total expenditures (Schedule 1)		4,629,727	4,557,861	4,311,363
Surplus before allocations to regional adult education centers	i	2,290,094	2,567,043	1,194,253
Allocations to regional adult education centers		(2,282,687)	(2,490,953)	(1,131,194)
Surplus		7,407	76.090	63,059

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## First Nations Adults Education Trust I Schedule 1 - Schedule of Expenses by Object

For the year ended March 31, 2020

	2020 Budget	2020	2019
Expenses by object			
Administration	-	-	6,667
Amortization	2,593	2,593	2,924
Bank charges and interest	16,000	16,278	22,851
Bursary expense	7,000	7,000	4,000
Communications	1,715	1,306	840
Curriculum delivery	· •		84,317
Equipment	-	-	128,218
Facilitation and registration	3,000	2,688	2,940
Honoraria	2,500	2,388	75
nsurance	14,000	14,644	4,946
Licences	15,000	14,136	20,452
Office and general	8,000	9,808	879
Office supplies	26,000	27,761	12,893
Professional fees	45,000	63,448	63,707
Program expense	4,000	4,035	11,684
Project coordination	-	-	10,693
Salaries and benefits	3,985,000	4,014,220	3,649,688
Telephone	2,520	2,890	2,163
Translation	51,000	34,304	31,226
Travel	446,399	340,362	250,200
	4,629,727	4,557,861	4,311,363



### **OUR FNAESC TEAM**

Tanu Lusignan, Executive Director
Diane Gabriel, Executive Assistant
Diane Labelle, Regional Pedagogical Counsellor
Patrick Robertson, CoPH Coordinator
Cheryl Gabriel, Student Support Worker
Tracy Rosen, Learning Management Pedagogical Consultant
Ramelia Chamichian, PoCH Project Manager

