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## *News Release*

(28 May 2015, Fredericton, New Brunswick)-The New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council is pleased to announce the approval of the Making the Most of Ourselves: Empowering Urban Aboriginal Youth with Life, Management and Financial Skills Proposal. The project was approved for \$99,952.00 by the National Association of Friendship Centers under the Urban Partnership Program (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada).

The New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council (NBAPC) is now in our 44th year as a political advocate and a representative organization representing the Off Reserve status and non-status Aboriginal Peoples and rights of Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy people residing in their traditional ancestral homelands in the Province of NB.

The Making the Most of Ourselves: Empowering Urban Aboriginal Youth with Life, Management and Financial Skills proposal builds on the success of Our Youth Work: Addressing Barriers to Aboriginal Youth Participation in the Economy. The Youth Council of the NBAPC was empowered to oversee phase 1 of Our Youth Work — a project with their peers.

The will commence in June 2015. The purpose of this project is to equip urban Aboriginal youth in New Brunswick with fundamental life, teamwork, creative thinking, personal management, and financial literacy needed to participate in today's labour markets, and to enable them to share their stories through the creation of a digital storytelling audio media. The project will be anchored in community partnerships. It will embrace cultural values and endeavours to enhance youth capacity and personal development.

NBAPC would like to thank the funding agencies, National Association of Friendship Centers and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for the project opportunity.

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