

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Community Engagement Session on Poverty Reduction Initiative**

**WHEN:**           **April 20, 2009**

**WHAT TIME:**   **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**WHERE:**           **Pabineau Band  
Administration Building**

### **What Is the Poverty Reduction Initiative?**

Premier Shawn Graham is sponsoring a public engagement initiative that will result in the development of a poverty reduction plan for New Brunswick.

Poverty is a social problem. It affects us all. When people live in poverty it means our society is not well. Poverty is about not having enough money for the basics such as food, clothing and shelter. It is also about not having opportunities to learn, to obtain better employment, to feel safe in your community or to enjoy the respect of your fellow citizens.

New Brunswickers' must have the chance to reach their full potential. They need to have a good education, good health and the right skills to find a decent paying job.

Developing a poverty reduction plan is a shared responsibility. It requires partnerships and through this public engagement initiative, a plan to reduce poverty will be developed and owned by partners who will take responsibility for making sure actions in the plan are carried out. We want everyone to participate in helping to reduce poverty.

Through this public engagement initiative, we all can be a part of the solution. To ensure that the voices of the First Nations communities are heard, a series of dialogue sessions are being held on First Nation communities during the month of April 2009.

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