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PRESS RELEASE

Kanatakon, Akwesasne. Russell Roundpoint, the Executive Director of the Akwesasne Area Management Board announced the launch of a new Program at AAMB called “Interns and Apprentices”. Roundpoint stated “for many years we have been encouraging our young people to go out and get an education and then come home and work for the community, but in recent years we are finding that job experience is also needed to secure even entry level jobs with many employers”. The intent of Interns and Apprentices is to assist recent University and College graduates 30 years of age and under to get this experience.

Under this program the AAMB will provide a wage subsidy for a maximum of 52 weeks, including the mandatory employment related costs, but there is a requirement that the employer will top-up the wages to the prevailing wage scale along with an expectation that the worker will be retained by the employer at the end of the subsidy period. AAMB President Christopher Thompson added that “this is an excellent program which matches high quality young people with employers where both will definitely benefit”. Thompson goes on to state that “this is a great way for businesses to practice succession planning.”

The apprentices aspect of the program will provide support to people who want to learn a trade as a career choice. Mr. Roundpoint stated that “about 25 years ago we embarked on a process to get Akwesasronon registered as apprentices and this resulted in a strong core of trades people who lead the way to building the infrastructure in the community, but they are close to retirement.” To access the apprentice aspect the first step will be to register as an apprentice and the AAMB will help with this in addition to helping with the placement and in school components of the process.

Interns and Apprenticeship requirements at a glance:

Interns: must be 30 years of age or under and have graduated with a Degree or a Diploma in the past 5 years and are unemployed or underemployed

Apprentices: must first register with the appropriate governing body and must meet the entry requirements for the particular trade

For more information on the “Interns and Apprentices Program” please contact Russell Roundpoint at AAMB at 613-575-2626.