Planting seeds to strengthen community ties

A thriving greenhouse is a symbol of Shell’s investment in the Aamjiwnaang First Nation community, a fence line neighbor.

In 2014, Shell’s Sarnia Manufacturing Centre contributed $75,000 needed to build a greenhouse that grows rescued native plant species and traditional medicines.

After just one full year of operation, the Maajiigid Gumig greenhouse has become the number one native plant supplier to the largest local nursery retailer and wholesaler in the region. In addition to job creation, economic benefit, capacity building and environmental stewardship, the greenhouse has become a source of deep pride in this community.

In November of 2016, Shell sponsored a seed collection and cleaning workshop at the greenhouse. Participants from Aamjiwnaang, Sarnia and the broader Lambton County community attended. They learned the proper methods to collect, clean and plant seeds from native species.

“I’m really proud of what we accomplished here. We saw that there was a need for a native plant nursery; we also wanted to grow traditional medicine to provide to the community”

Courtney Jackson, Aamjiwnaang Environment Department

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