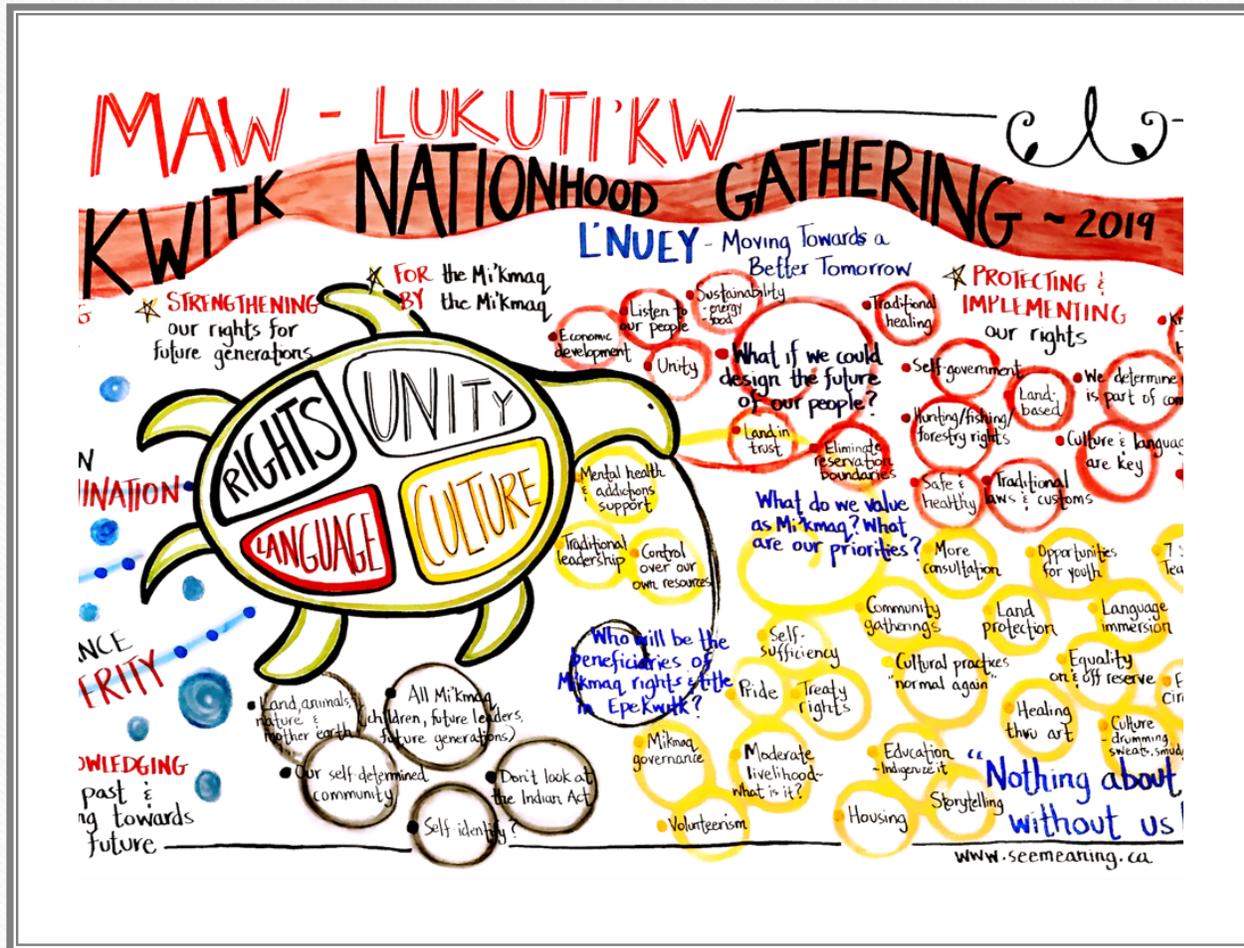


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L'nuey and the Reassertion of Mi'kmaq Nationhood on Prince
Edward Island

Community Engagement Sessions 2019-2020

Agenda



- Recap of the Epekwitk Nationhood Gathering
- Introduction to L'nuoy
- Visioning and Planning?
- What is a mandate?
- How to identify priorities?
- Survey discussion / completion
- What have we missed?

Nationhood Meeting Recap

- The purpose was not only to introduce the Mi'kmaq of PEI to L'nuey, the new Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative, but also to “lay the foundation for engagement sessions today and in coming months aimed at articulating our collective vision for our Mi'kmaq Nation here in Prince Edward Island. This vision will guide us in our future work to protect and implement our constitutionally protected Mi'kmaq Rights and to truly achieve reconciliation with our non-Indigenous friends and neighbours.”

Nationhood Meeting Recap

I could begin with TODAY...September 28, 2019...the first Epekwitk Mi'kmaq Nationhood Gathering...because today, we would like to mark a line in the sand...to mark where WE have taken the torch from those who came before...and assert, like never before, that we are the L'nu of Prince Edward Island... we are the Epekwitnewaq...it is now our job to affirm, exert and protect our rights as Mi'kmaq people.

- Chief Darlene Bernard

Nationhood Meeting Recap

- Councillor Wendall Labobe of Lennox Island First Nation presented on L'nuey. His presentation including the introduction of the logo, the pillars of L'nuey (Negotiation, Consultation and Governance Development, through Communication, Engagement and Approval) and next steps.
- Zabrina Whitman, Senior Policy Analyst with Nova Scotia's Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) presented on the NS Enrollment Process and the intricacies of defining who had rights and who didn't. Her presentation was specific to hunting rights in Nova Scotia and was very informative on how difficult the process of defining beneficiaries can be.
- Pam Palmeter, a well-known Mi'kmaq, lawyer, advocate and Professor of Politics and Public Administration at Ryerson University, provided a pre-taped message to the assembled around the importance of ensuring that the process reasserting nationhood comes from the Mi'kmaq.
- The day ended with a speech from Chief Junior Gould outlining next steps for L'nuey and the engagement process for the Mi'kmaq of PEI.

Nationhood Meeting Recap

We also know that engagement is a conversation – you need to know what is happening before decisions are made, you need to know that any decisions reflects the input of the Epekwitnewaq... So communication will be a centerpiece of this process. L'nuey! By getting involved in our consultations, community sessions, and events, you have the opportunity to help shape the future... for yourself... for your family... your community, and all the generations to come. L'nuey! ...Celebrate who you are, who we are, and take every opportunity to educate and raise awareness of our history and heritage and culture.

- Chief Junior Gould

Introduction to L'nuey

- L'nuey means *'Belonging to or pertaining to the Mi'kmaq People as a whole'*
- L'nuey is an initiative focused on protecting, preserving and implementing the constitutionally entrenched rights of the Mi'kmaq of Prince Edward Island, Epekwitk. This will be particularly important as we begin the process of determining how our people can benefit from our rights as we begin negotiations through the Mi'kmaq-Prince Edward Island-Canada [Framework Agreement](#). The Framework Agreement affirms the historic Mi'kmaq treaties and commits the Federal and Provincial governments to respectful and cooperative [negotiations](#) with the Mi'kmaq to deal with our outstanding Aboriginal and treaty rights claims.

Introduction to L'nuey

- It's about people coming together, taking ownership, collaborating and ultimately forming a strong and unified front committed to the unique needs of the PEI Mi'kmaq.
- <http://lnuey.ca/what-is-lnuey/>



What is a Vision Statement?

“Moving Towards a Better Tomorrow”

A Vision Statement:

- ❖ generates a common goal and hope,;
- ❖ offers a possibility for fundamental change;
- ❖ gives a group something to move toward;
- ❖ and generates creative thinking and passion.

*A vision without a plan is just a dream.
A plan without a vision is just drudgery.
But a vision with a plan can change the world.*

How to Identify Priorities

- We need to acknowledge that we can't do everything at once.
- Reclaiming nationhood is a difficult process and can take a long time to accomplish
- The Mi'kmaq of Epekwitk need to provide L'nuey with the concepts that they think need to be worked on first.
- Does not mean that the other concepts will be forgotten. They will not.

Survey Discussion and Completion

Three questions were posed at the Nationhood Gathering in September 2019:

1. What if we look beyond the Indian Act? What if we could design the future of our people?
2. What do we value as Mi'kmaq Nationhood? What are your long-term (10 year plus) priorities for the Mi'kmaq Nation?
3. Who will be the beneficiaries of Mi'kmaq rights and title in Epekwitk?

What Have We Missed?

- What do you think we've missed?
- What would you like to see added?
- Is there anything that you don't feel is relevant?



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