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**“N'in aq No'kmaq” - Me and My Relations  
The Epekwitk Mi'kmaq Rights Engagement Process**

Kwe' Epekwitk Mi'kmaq,

We have an opportunity to identify who the rightful heirs to our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights are, as referenced in the Peace and Friendship Treaties. This is about determining who will benefit as “Mi'kmaq rights holders” in Epekwitk. Yet we cannot exercise our rights if we do not have our own process of defining who is Mi'kmaq, so we need to create our own Epekwitk Mi'kmaq process.

The engagement process recently started. You can expect to see Julie Lush, Richard Lush and Jamie Thomas going door to door and reaching out directly to start the conversation and getting your input.

**Some of the questions to start conversation and act as building blocks for this work include:**

1. What if we could design the future of our people, what would that picture look like to you?
2. What do we value as Mi'kmaq? What are our priorities?
3. What does being Mi'kmaq mean to you?
4. Who should be the beneficiaries of Mi'kmaq rights and title in Epekwitk?
5. How far back should someone be able to claim Mi'kmaq ancestry?
6. Who should be a part of the decision-making process, who determines who should be accepted by the Mi'kmaq?
7. If you live in PEI and are Mi'kmaq, but are not from one of the two bands, should you still be eligible to benefit from Mi'kmaq rights?
8. Is there anything you don't understand regarding the work of the Epekwitk Mi'kmaq Process?

We want to make sure you understand the work with regard to this.

9. Is there anything else you would like to share about this process?

**How can you participate?**

- Answer these questions online at [lnuey.ca](http://lnuey.ca)
- Email us your answers to these questions
- Print and fill out questions to be picked up
- Message, call or email us to come out for a visit and ask the questions in person
- Arrange a call or video call to review questions

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