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**Statement by the Epekwitk Assembly of Councils Regarding Environmental Bill of Rights**

L'nuey, on behalf of the Epekwitk Assembly of Councils, issued the following statement regarding the “Environmental Bill of Rights” which was scheduled for third reading in the legislature on Tuesday.

L'nuey confirmed that the Assembly was pleased the Bill did not proceed to third reading. L'nuey referenced the critical importance of the proposed legislation and the need for Mi'kmaq consultation and engagement, which has not occurred to date.

The Assembly will now analyze the bill, including the updated draft, which was not available for public review as of Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, to ensure that the rights and interests of the Mi'kmaq are not impacted by the draft legislation.

The Assembly stated its expectation for fulsome engagement by the Bill's sponsor and looks forward to the discussions.

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