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### **Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI Welcome's New Executive Director**

Effective November 7, the Epekwitk Assembly of Councils welcomed Kateri Coade as the new Executive Director of the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI.

Kateri Coade is a proud member of the Abegweit First Nation and resides on the Rocky Point Reserve with her family. Kateri was seconded to the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI in 2021 as the Senior Program Coordinator to re-structure the PEI First Nations Child and Family Services Program.

Prior to this assignment Kateri was the Director of Social Development Programs for Abegweit First Nation, where she focused on policy development and assisting community members in establishing meaningful education, training, and employment opportunities. Kateri also brings experience in working as an employee with both Provincial and Federal Governments. She is a strong voice for the Mi'kmaq people living in PEI and has worked on various policy and legislative pieces related to Social Development and Child Welfare.

Kateri sits on various local, regional, and national boards and committees in her dedication to the inclusion and advancement of the PEI First Nations, through various sectors including mental wellness, social work, child & family sport, and justice. Kateri is dedicated to continuing education and was a Social Work Field Instructor in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba. She is also an alumna of the 2022 Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference and sits on the Board of Directors for the University of Prince Edward Island, the Confederation Centre of the Arts, and the PEI Canada Games. She holds a Bachelor of Political Science from UPEI, and a Bachelor and Master's in Social Work from Dalhousie University.

"I look forward to continuing to build strong partnerships and advancing the important work of the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI with direction from the Epekwitk Assembly of Councils, and support of Abegweit and Lennox Island First Nations and staff."

*Kateri Coade*

*Executive Director, Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI*

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