



# NI'N AQ NO'KMAQ


## DEFINING WHO CAN EXERCISE ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS IN EPEKWITH


### 2020–2021

 **Focus:** Identify priorities for Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq, envision our future, and determine who should benefit from Aboriginal and Mi'kmaq Treaty Rights in Epekwitk.

 **Outcome:** Engaged 348 participants, 50% on reserve, 50% off reserve, and 9% out of province.

### 2021–2022

 **Focus:** Define who should be recognized as a beneficiary, including questions around out-of-province Mi'kmaq, adopted children, and ancestry proof requirements.


 **Outcome:**


- Conducted 305 conversations, including 157 individual and 148 group sessions.
- Launched podcast summarizing first round of engagement.
- Ran social media and mail campaign focusing on defining identity and belonging.




In 2019, L'nuey was formed and mandated by the Epekwitk Assembly of Councils (the full councils of both PEI First Nations) to protect, advance, and implement Aboriginal and Mi'kmaq Treaty Rights in Epekwitk. Collaborating with Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq, L'nuey started the Ni'n aq No'kmaq initiative, named through a community competition and meaning "Me and My Relations," to determine who can exercise these rights. This is a foundational step toward Mi'kmaq self-governance and, ultimately, self-determination in Epekwitk.


### 2023

 **Focus:** Establish a shared understanding of the work and future direction.

 **Outcome:** Engaged 299 Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq through various sessions.

### 2024


 **Focus:** Clarify concepts like community member, rights holder, citizenship, and beneficiary, while fostering open dialogue and consensus.

 **Outcome:** Engaged 324 individuals on and off-reserve through various means of communication to ensure as many voices as possible are heard.

### 2025 AND BEYOND...

#### Next Steps:


- Finalize enrollment criteria.
- Get feedback on the draft Enrollment Process.
- Hold a vote for Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq to ratify the draft Enrollment Process.
- Implementation of process and set up of Enrollment Committee to review applications.

 **Final Objective:** Have a fully established process created by us and for us in place that defines who is Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq with ID cards that can be used to exercise Aboriginal and Mi'kmaq Treaty Rights in Epekwitk.

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