

# MI'KMAQ EPEKWITNEWAQ KAPMNTEMUOW AND PARKS CANADA: SHARED GOVERNANCE AND STEWARDSHIP IN EPEKWITK/PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



## PITUAMKEK AGREEMENT: Co-Management of Pituamkek National Park Reserve

- On July 4, 2024, the Government of Canada and the Mi'kmaq Epekwitnewaq Kapmntemuow (the Mi'kmaq Nation Government of Epekwitk) signed an agreement to establish Pituamkek National Park Reserve (NPR).
- Co-managed through a five member co-management board
- Many years of work and planning will be required before Pituamkek NPR is operational and has a visitor offer. This will take place in phases, under the guidance of the co-management board.

## TOQUKTMEKL AGREEMENT: Co-management of PEI National Park and Parks Canada administered National Historic Sites

- Renewable, time-limited contractual agreement to incrementally implement historic treaty rights and meet Mi'kmaw interests in heritage places involving the Parks Canada-PEI Field Unit
- Shared governance through a five-member co-management board.
- Deepens the co-operative spirit and formalizes our existing relationship and initiatives; creates new pathways and opportunities for sharing and collaboration into the future

## MI'KMAW TRANSLATIONS

**Mi'kmaq Epekwitnewaq Kapmntemuow** (*mee-g-mah eh-buh-gwid-neh-wah gahb-men-dem-wow*) – the Mi'kmaq Nation Government of Epekwitk, represented by the Chiefs and Councils of Lennox Island and Abegweit First Nations.

**Pituamkek** (*bee-doo-um-gek*) – at the long sand dune

**Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq** (*eh-buh-gwid-neh-wah meeg-mah*) – Mi'kmaq of PEI; specifically, Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq of Lennox Island First Nation and Abegweit First Nation

**Toquktmekl** (*doh-gook-t-may-gul*) – tackling projects together

To learn more about co-management between the Mi'kmaq and Parks Canada, visit: [lnuey.ca/co-management](https://lnuey.ca/co-management)

