



**MFN Self Government**

**Determining our Destiny**

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**Points to Ponder:**

- \* Aboriginal people fought for a decade to have self-government recognized
- \* In 1992 they finally succeeded and it is recognized in the Canadian Constitution
- \* Self Government provides a solution to many of the pitfalls of the Indian Act
- \* Before the coming of the Europeans, Aboriginal peoples were organized as self-governing societies
- \* Miawpukek First Nation, under self government, will continue to enjoy same rights and benefits as other Canadian citizens

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**Grade 12 Self Government Session**

Once again this year, staff of the Self Government Initiative are exploring “What it means to be a Self Governing Community” with the 2006-2007 Grade 12 Class.

This is the 3rd year for this project and it has proven to be very successful.

The purpose of these sessions is to seek input regarding Self Government from youth of our community and listen to their ideas and thoughts.

Through meaningful discussion, youth are empowered to design a self government model. This model is then presented to the Grade 7-9 students by the graduating class of 2007



Students in this class include:

- Donavan Benoit
- Trevor Benoit
- Edward Drake
- Michael Hoskins
- Cassimer John
- Samira Quann
- Laura John
- Sarah Dew
- Victoria John
- Missing from photo is Alisha Joe



**Graduating Class of 2007**

**Main Table Session in Conne River—March 13-14**

Main Table session for Self-Government negotiations are held every three months. These negotiations address a wide range of matters relating to government and rights of Miawpukek First Nation. **MARCH 13-14, 2007**, main table

negotiations are being held in Miawpukek at the *Great Hall as an open session.* The general public are invited to attend the main table meeting and meet the negotiators from the Province and Canada.

## Public Works, Safety and Transportation Survey

Once again, Sherry MacDonald, has been contracted by the Self Government Initiative to visit households and conduct self government surveys related to Public Works, Safety and Transportation.



In appreciation for those taking the time out of their busy schedule, **we are offering prize draws, for persons completing a survey.**



**1st Place**—\$ 100 Gift Certificate at the Gas Bar

**2nd Place**—\$ 50 Gift Certificate at the Gas Bar

**3rd Place**—\$ 25 Gift Certificate at the Gas Bar

The Public Works Department is responsible for administering and maintaining all aspects of public works throughout the community, including water and sewer, roads, buildings and grounds, snow removal, fire protection, and landfill.

This survey will allow you, as a member of this community, to direct the future plans of this department under a self government model.

Please take the time to complete a Survey!!!!

## Update to the Off-Reserve Database



The Self Government Initiative is continually updating its database to manage and facilitate information flow between the Miawpukek First Nation and the total membership including, on-reserve and off-reserve with regards to Self-Government.

If you have family members living off-reserve, and have access to their contact information, please

contact, Cynthia Benoit, Communications Officer, to help update the off-reserve database.

Cynthia can be contacted at (709) 882-3201.

Communication is very important to the self government process as we need to ensure accurate information is provided to the entire membership

## Contact Information???



Want to chat about *Self Government?*  
Drop by and Visit us any time!!!



Question???

Feel Free to Ask!!

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