



Miawpukek First Nation Self Government Initiative

“Kisi-maliamsultiek”

*Protecting Our Past To
Ensure Our Future*

Special Points of Interest:

- Self Government provides a solution to many of the pitfalls of the *Indian Act*.
- Before the coming of Europeans, Aboriginal people were organized as Self Governing societies.
- Under Self Government we will have the same benefits as we do now under Canada.

What is Self Government?

Self Government is Aboriginal Government passing and making decisions on matters:

- Internal to our communities;
 - Integral to our unique culture, traditions and language;
 - Connected to our special relationship to the land and resources.
- Self Government is designed to establish a future which we will be

Aboriginal people in control of our own destiny. The aim is to restore legitimate and accountable Aboriginal Governments, and have a sense of ownership and responsibility of what happens in our communities.

It creates the foundation for a renewed relationship and an improved quality of life for our people.

The Negotiation Team's Mandate Is To Negotiate A Self Government Agreement Which Assist The Community In Determining It's Destiny.



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Happy Easter!

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What is Being Negotiated?

Miawpukek First Nation is now negotiating a formal agreement. This agreement will establish a new relationship between Canada, the province of Newfoundland

and Labrador and Miawpukek First Nation. The following chapters are highlighted for negotiations:

- Government Structures
- Internal Constitution
- Elections
- Leadership Selection Process

- Membership
- Marriage
- Health, Adoption & Child Welfare
- Language Culture & Religion
- Education
- Lands
- Administration & Enforcement of Aboriginal Laws
- Policing

Importance of Community Consultation

Chapters reviewed to date are:

- Governance
- Education
- Justice
- Health & Community Services
- Wills & Estates
- Education
- Fisheries
- Public Works and Transportation
- Lands

- Wildlife
- Forestry

These chapters are drafted after Community Consultation takes place through the process of Community Surveys. Once these Surveys are completed, the results are tabulated and reviewed for each Chapter to be negotiated.

The voice of the community is key in the process of Self Government.



March 20th is 1st Day of Spring!!

Self Government School Program 2008

Our Children Our Future!



Self Government have, in consultation with teachers, developed a School Program that will be implemented through Grades 3-12. Self Government wants to include students to ensure:

- The input of our

young generation is heard;

- Our young people are involved in the decision making for our future;
- Youth have a better understanding of the Self Government Process.



Consultation with Teachers!

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 our office to ensure their file's are updated.

Communication is key to the Self Government Process as we need to ensure accurate information is provided to the entire membership.



Contact Information

Please visit our office anytime!!!

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