

## "The Mi'gmaq and the Peace and Friendship Treaties"



The Mi'gmaq are the original inhabitants of what is now known as "New Brunswick". We have occupied and cared for our lands and waters since time immemorial. Along with our Wabanaki brothers and sisters, we entered into sacred, constitutionally protected Treaties of Peace and Friendship with the Crown, and continue to exercise our Aboriginal and Treaty rights, including the rights to hunt, fish and gather up to the present day. The Treaties have been upheld, and these rights have been repeatedly proven and affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada and the Courts of New Brunswick. The Mi'gmaq have never ceded their Aboriginal Title of ownership and stewardship over the lands and waters of New Brunswick to the Crown.



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**Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn:**  
*How we govern ourselves or  
Mi'gmaq people's laws*







## Who we are:

MTI is a not-for-profit organization created by the 9 Mi'gmaq First Nations in New Brunswick. Our objectives include promoting and supporting the recognition, affirmation, exercise, and implementation of the Aboriginal and Treaty rights and the right of self-determination. We work for our communities and community members. Through our work, we attempt to provide a wider respect, understanding, and awareness of its member communities and their Mi'gmaq laws, rights, values, traditions, customs and practices to a broader population.

- **Amlamgog** (Fort Folly First Nation)
- **Natoaganeg** (Eel Ground First Nation)
- **Oinpegitjoig** (Pabineau First Nation)
- **Esgenoôpetitj** (Burnt Church First Nation)
- **Tjipôgtôtjg** (Buctouche First Nation)
- **L'nui Menikuk** (Indian Island First Nation)
- **Ugpi'ganjig** (Eel River Bar First Nation)
- **Metepenagiag** (Red Bank First Nation)
- **Elsipogtog** (Big Cove First Nation)

"Our relationship with the lands, waters and resources is the foundation of our identity."  
— Chief George Ginnish

## Vision

### "I'nu'egati or Innu'egati"

The spirit of our people as L'nu and how that extends and encompasses the land, waters, and all beings.

A L'nuey leadership body that protects our people by asserting and implementing our Inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights throughout Mi'gma'gi. To live the Treaties through stewardship, leading to cultural, educational, economic and social well-being. To utilize our strength and resiliency as a people; planning for the future and remembering the past. To work, educate and build a meaningful, honourable and effective relationship with governments at all levels, including other L'nu'k nations, to achieve our goals.



## Promoting, Protecting and Advancing Rights

We work to promote, protect and advance the interest and rights of Mi'gmaq in New Brunswick in a number of areas including:

	Forestry		Fisheries
	Energy & Mines		Land & Resource Development
	Treaty Education		Justice

MTI works to advance our mission through trilateral negotiations and ensuring all information is considered when determining the potential impacts from any proposed projects in the territory of the Mi'gmaq. We will conduct assessments that will determine the level of consultation needed and completing the necessary reviews, such as impact assessments and Indigenous Knowledge Studies.

