

2002 – Indian Brook's 16-year-old Sarah-Lynne Knockwood earned gold medals for Taekwondo (under 16 light-weight division) at the North American Indigenous Games, the Pan-American Championships, and the World Championships. In 2003, she was awarded the Tom Longboat Award in recognition of these accomplishments.

2002 – The Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network (MLSN) began operation in September, after receiving ratification from the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs and acceptance from the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum's Justice Working Committee.

2002 – For the first time at Kejimikujik National Park, a Historic Site of Canada, visitors are offered a glimpse of an authentic Mi'kmaq camp site may have looked like 500 years ago, featuring a life-size wigwam covered with birch bark in a wooded area, near a lake, a fire pit, a bearskin and two white-tailed deerskins, a hide stretcher, sweat lodge, basketry, hunting gear, fishing spear, cooking kettle and drying rack.

2002 – The Acadia Band receives \$2.1 million in compensation, put in trust for future generations, for the final settlement of an historic land claim, the 6th specific claim settlement in the Maritimes.

2002 – The Honourable Robert D. Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, introduced the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act in the House of Commons on December 2nd.

Resolution for

Mi'kmaq • Nova Scotia • Canada Tripartite Forum

Mi'kmaq Language in Nova Scotia

WHEREAS Federal, Provincial and Mi'kmaq organizations require an official Mi'kmaq writing system for use in education, teaching and signage; and

WHEREAS the survival of the Mi'kmaq language is essential for the cultural survival of the Peoples of the Mi'kmaq Nation; and that drastic and immediate steps must be taken to promote the development and use of the Mi'kmaq language; and

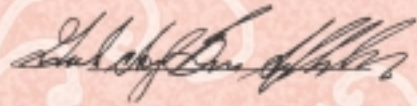
WHEREAS since 1984 Mi'kmaq teachers have been trained in the Smith-Francis orthography at University New Brunswick, St. Francis Xavier University and University College of Cape Breton and have, as educators, subsequently developed the education curriculum for Mi'kmaq Schools using the Smith-Francis orthography;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum hereby declare that the Smith-Francis orthography, developed by Mr. Doug Smith and Mr. Bernie Francis, be considered the official orthography of the Mi'kmaq Nation within the boundaries of Nova Scotia, without limiting the use of the Pacifique system or traditional orthography and language;

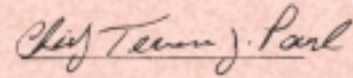
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum agree to encourage the promotion and utilization of the Mi'kmaq language, particularly in public areas and on public signage, including within Mi'kmaq First Nations communities within the boundaries of Nova Scotia.

Signed at Halifax this 1st day of October, 2002

On behalf of the Grand Council of the Mi'kmaq
Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy

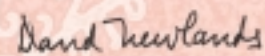


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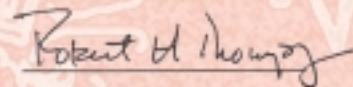


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Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Affairs Nova Scotia



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NA TLIAJ nuta'q siswi Mi'kmawi'sultinow ktu' siawa'sik ta'n tel Mi'kmawo'lti'k, na miamuj ankumayu kiaspiattiknetmu'k aq ketmoqjenmu'k ta'n te'li ewekasik Mi'kmawi'simk: aq

NA TLIAJ tujiw 1984ek Mi'kmawe'k nujikina'muatijik ekina' mumnik we'wmnow Smith-Francisew ewi'kikemkewey, University of New Brunswick, St. Francis Xavier University aq University College of Cape Breton, aq wla nujikina'muatijik pikwlek kisa'tutij lukwaqn ta'n tlkina'mueten Mi'kmawe'l Kina'matnuo'ko'ml ta'n ewekasik Smith-Francisew ewi'kikemkewey.

NA NIKE kisa'matultijik Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum Smith-Francisew ewi'kikemkewey ta'n kisa'tutip Mr. Doug Smith aq Mr. Bernie Franics, we'wasin Mi'kma'ki, Nova Scotia, katu ma'kltituj wen we'wmin Pacifiqueewey.

AQ NIKE Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum kisa'matultijik ktmoqjenminow aq we'wmnow Mi'kmawey ta'n tett nutaq mesqnwikasik aq ta'n tett signl kaqamikl ewikasikl msit l'nue'kati'l Nova Scotia

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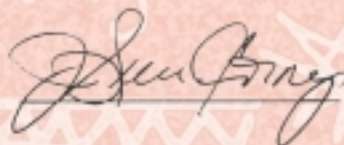
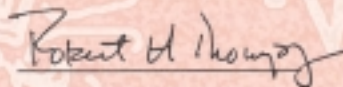
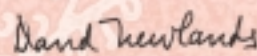
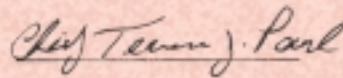
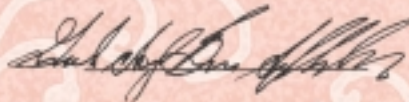
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2002 – Membertou Band and Province sign first Joint Registration Agreement to facilitate training to aboriginal apprentices, at Province House, December 5th.

2003 – The Annual Wally Bernard Indian Youth Hockey Invitational Tournament, hosted by Membertou Band in Sydney, Nova Scotia, hosts its 30th year.

2003 – Grand Opening of Membertou Market and Gas Bar in Sydney, Nova Scotia, on April 26th.

2003 – Point of Sale Tax Exemption statute-technology installed at the gas pumps in Eskasoni, Nova Scotia.

2003 – Arlo Looking Cloud & John Graham (John Boy Patton) charged in 1975 murder of Anna Mae Picou-Aquash, Mi'kmaw woman, American Indian Movement Activist.

2003 – Membertou Band forms another alliance with Grant Thornton LLP, a national accounting firm, designed to offer workable solutions for First Nations financial management. The alliance launches a business model for aboriginal self-management.

2003 – On May 26th, the first Super 8 Motel in Atlantic Canada and the 100th in Canada opened its doors at Millbrook's 'Power Centre' in Truro, Nova Scotia.

2003 – Mi'kmawey Debert opens its Interpretive Trail in Debert, Nova Scotia, on June 11th.