

13 Mi'kmaq First Nations of Nova Scotia¹

Acadia First Nation www.acadiafirstnation.ca	Eskasoni First Nation www.eskasoni.ca	Millbrook First Nation www.millbrookfirstnation.net/	Potlotek (Chapel Island) First Nation http://potlotek.ca	We'koqma'q L'nue'kati First Nation http://www.waycobah.ca/
Annapolis Valley First Nation www.kinu.ns.ca	Glooscap First Nation http://www.glooscapfirstnation.com/	Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation http://paqtnkek.ca/	Sipekne'katik (Indian Brook) First Nation https://www.sipeknekatik.ca/	
Bear River First Nation www.bearriverculturalcentre.com	Membertou First Nation www.membertou.ca	Pictou Landing First Nation http://www.plfn.ca/	Wagmatcook First Nation http://www.wagmatcook.com/	

Grand Council – Sante' Mawio'mi

Grand Chief - Kji-Saqmaw	Grand Captain - Kji-Keptin	Putus	District Keptins
Norman Sylliboy	Antle Denny – Eskasoni – Eskisoqnik	Danny Alex – Eskasoni – Eskisoqnik	30+

Made in Nova Scotia Process (Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn): <http://mikmaqrights.com/>

Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs (ANSMC) <i>The highest level of decision making in the negotiation process.</i> <i>Comprised of the 12 MS Mi'kmaq Chiefs and 2 ex-officio members, the Grand Chief and the Grand Keptin.</i>			
Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiations Office (KMKNO)	Tri-partite Forum	Negotiation	Consultations
<i>Provides administrative and research support to the Assembly and other entities within Made in Nova Scotia Process.</i> Executive Direct – Janice Maloney	<i>Six committees with Mi'kmaq and gov't reps that discuss and resolve issues of mutual concern: (1) Culture & Heritage; (2) Economic Development; (3) Education; (4) Health; (5) Justice; (6) Social; and (7) Sport & Recreation</i>	<i>Tripartite negotiations (Canada, Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaq) over Mi'kmaq rights, title, self-government / self-determination.</i>	<i>Oversees consultation and accommodation by government and industry proponents, consistent with legal duties and Consultation Terms of Reference.</i>

¹ Each of these communities have an elected Chief and Council (C&C). Each also has a Band Manager (Executive Director, etc., or some such designation) who is the senior administrative employee for the Band. I recommend speaking with this person first if trying to arrange a meeting with Chief and Council, or if seeking general information about the Band.

National & Provincial Indigenous Organizations Serving Aboriginal Peoples in Nova Scotia²

	First Nations	Off-reserve, status and non-status First Nation	Women's Issues	Urban Friendship Centers
National Aboriginal Organizations³	Assembly of First Nation (AFN) www.afn.ca	Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) www.abo-peoples.org	Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) http://www.nwac.ca/	National Association of Friendship Centers (NAFC) http://nafc.ca/
Provincial / Territorial Organizations	Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs (APCFNC) www.apcfnc.ca	Native Council of Nova Scotia (NCNS) http://ncns.ca/	Native Women's Association of Nova Scotia (NWANS) http://www.nsnwa.ca/	Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Center Ex. Dir Pam Glode-Desorcher http://www.mymnfc.com/
	<i>Advocacy and research and policy development. Programs in fisheries, health, economic development, housing and infrastructure.</i>	<i>Offers employment, child help, education, prenatal, language, social counselling, housing and health programs to the off-reserve population.</i>		
	Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq http://cmmns.com/	Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council http://mapcorg.ca		
	<i>Programs in health, membership, wills, and other issues affecting member Bands.</i>	<i>Represents the off-reserve PTOs from NS, NB and PEI. Programs and publications focused on ecology, the environment.</i>		
	Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq https://www.unsm.org/			
	<i>Provides programs and services to its member Bands.</i>			<i>Provide structured, social-based programming for Urban Aboriginal People in Halifax, including an adult learning program, employment and training assistance, a child development centre, a mental health awareness project, victim support, the seven sparks healing program for offenders released from prison, a housing project, drug and alcohol addictions counseling and a needle exchange and methadone clinic.</i>

² Under the Harper administration, NAO and PTOs experienced significant funding cuts, and many have had to scale back their services significantly.

³ There is also the **Métis National Council (MNC)** [<http://www.metisnation.ca/>] and **Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK)** [<https://www.itk.ca/>], but they don't have much of a presence in Nova Scotia.

Other organizations serving Indigenous people in Nova Scotia

<p>Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey http://kinu.ca/ <i>Education</i></p>	<p>Mi'kmaw Family & Childrens Services of Nova Scotia Telephone: (902) 758 2390 <i>Child Welfare</i></p>	<p>Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselling Association of Nova Scotia (NADACA) http://nadaca.ca/ <i>Alcohol and drug addiction</i></p>	<p>Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network http://www.mlsn.ca/ <i>Court worker program Customary law</i></p>
<p>Tawaak Housing Association http://tawaakhousing.org/ <i>Social housing for urban natives Shelters for homeless</i></p>	<p>Ulnooweg Development Group Inc. www.ulnooweg.ca <i>Financial/Business Development</i></p>	<p>Unama'ki Institute of National Resources http://www.uinr.ca/ <i>Ecology/environment</i></p>	<p>Mi'kmaq Association of Cultural Studies http://www.mikmaq-assoc.ca/</p>
<p>Mi'kmaq Employment and Training Secretariat http://www.mets.ca/ <i>Training and employment</i></p>	<p>Mi'kmaq Economic Benefits Office http://mebons.ca/ <i>Training and employment</i></p>	<p>Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation http://ulnoowegfoundation.ca/ <i>Charitable/Philanthropic</i></p>	

Details on Indigenous Governments and Organizations in NS

Acadia First Nation

Chief Deborah Robinson

www.acadiafirstnation.ca

Population: 1,938

Tribal Council: Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

Address: Box 5914 C10526 Highway #3 Yarmouth NS B5A 4A8

Phone: (902) 742-0257

Fax: (902)742-8854

Annapolis Valley First Nation

Chief Gerald Toney

www.avfn.ca

Population: 321

Tribal Council: Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

Address: P.O. Box 8964 Goowlane Cambridge NS B0P 1G0

Phone: (902) 538-7149

Fax: (902) 538-7734

Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs

<https://mikmaqrights.com/#ansmc>

Co-Chairs – Chief Sidney Peters (Glooscap) & Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley (We'koqma'q)

- The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs is the highest level of decision making in the negotiation process. Decision is made by way of motion. All consultation and negotiations decisions and directions are obtained at this level. The Assembly meets on a monthly basis. The Assembly comprises of 12 NS Mi'kmaq Chiefs and 2 ex-officio members, the Grand Chief and Grand Keptin of the Grand Council.
- Signed a Nationhood Proclamation in 2008 for the 13 First Nations communities in Nova Scotia to work together as a nation to address issues of mutual concern. Membertou First Nation withdrew from the Assembly in 2020.
- The Assembly operates on a portfolio system, last updated in April 2022:
 - Chief Deborah Robinson (Acadia) – Children, Youth, Families, and Gender Diversity; Governance; Social Assistance
 - Chief Gerald Toney (Annapolis) – Fisheries; Natural Resources
 - Chief Sidney Peters (Glooscap) – Justice; Housing and Infrastructure; support role on justice-related matters for Children, Youth, Families, and Gender Diversity
 - Chief Leroy Denny (Eskasoni) – Education; Health, Wellbeing, and Elders; Natural Resources; Social Assistance
 - Chief Carol Potter (L'sitkuk/Bear River) – Culture, Heritage, and Archaeology; Environment, Energy, and Mines
 - Chief Robert Gloade (Millbrook) – Economic Development and Benefits
 - Chief Cory Jullian (Paqtnkek) – *Information unavailable*
 - Chief Andrea Paul (Pictou Landing) – Environment, Energy, and Mines; Health, Wellbeing, and Elders
 - Chief Wilbert Marshall (Potlotek (Chapel Island)) – Culture, Heritage, and Archaeology; Fisheries; Housing and Infrastructure
 - Chief Michelle Glasgow (Sipekne'katik) – *Information unavailable*
 - Chief Norman Bernard (Wagmatcook) – Education; Governance

- Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley (We'koqma'q) – Children, Youth, Families, and Gender Diversity; Justice

Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs (APCFNC) - PTO

www.apcfn.ca

Ex. Dir. – John Paul

- A policy research and advocacy Secretariat for 37 Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqey (Maliseet), Passamaquoddy, and Innu Chiefs, Nations, and Communities (from NS, NB, PEI, QC and NL).
- APC is governed by a board of directors composed of the Chiefs of the member First Nations.
- Offers programming in:
 - Fisheries and aquaculture (in partnership with DFO)
 - Arising from partnership with Health Canada (FN Health):
 - Meetings of FN Health Directors
 - Youth Council to promote mental and physical wellbeing
 - Elder Care Working Group
 - Resolution Health Support Program to ensure Indian Residential School Survivors receive adequate level of health services
 - Non-Insured Health Benefits Navigator to provide up-to-date info on NIHB and navigate the bureaucracy
 - To enhance economic development opportunities for First Nations:
 - Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Integrated Research Program (AAEDIRP) to improve the knowledge base concerning Atlantic Aboriginal economic development in order to improve the lives of Aboriginal Peoples in the region.
 - Also, the Economic Development Department of the Atlantic Policy Congress exists to provide insight, advice, information, and training pertinent to the economic development of the Atlantic Region's First Nations communities.
 - Analyzes and develops culturally relevant alternatives to federal policies that impact on the Mi'kmaq, Passamaquoddy, and Innu communities and people. For example, involved in developing *First Nations Elections Act*.
 - Has developed the Chief Michael Augustine Legal Defence Trust Fund to assist financing cases regarding Aboriginal and Treaty rights.
 - Supported creation of the Atlantic First Nation Housing and Infrastructure Network (AFNHIN) which exists to provide quality advice and strategic direction and advocacy in the areas of housing, water, wastewater, and emergency response planning.

Assembly of First Nation (AFN) - NAO

www.afn.ca

Interim Nat'l Chief – Joanna Bernard

NS Regional Chief – Paul 'PJ' Prosper

- A national advocacy organization representing First Nation citizens in Canada. The AFN represents 630 FN communities across the country.
- Elected First Nation (Band Council) Chiefs elected Grand Chief and 10 Regional Chiefs every 3 years.

Bear River (L'sitkuk) First Nation

Chief Carol Potter

<https://bearriverfirstnation.ca/>

Population: 382

Tribal Council: Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

Address: 130 Reservation Road P.O. Box 210 Bear River NS B0S 1B0

Phone: (902) 467-3802

Fax: (902) 467-4143

Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq - PTO

<http://cmmns.com/>

Ex. Dir. – Angeline Gillis

- The CMM is Tribal Council incorporated in 1986 as a not-for-profit organization under the *Societies Act of Nova Scotia*.
- From its main office located in the Millbrook First Nation, The CMM delivers a variety of community programs and advisory services to first nations communities in Nova Scotia. The staff consists of a team of professional First Nations experts who bring unique Mi'kmaq perspectives to current issues.
- As a not-for-profit organization, The CMM receives financial support from various government departments (federal and provincial), as well as from the private sector. The CMM uses this funding to support programs and services primarily to its six member communities.
 - Acadia
 - Annapolis Valley
 - Bear River
 - Glooscap
 - Millbrook
 - Pictou Landing
 - Paqtnkek
 - Sipekne'katik (Indian Brook)
- The governing body of The CMM is made up of the Chiefs of the six member communities.
- CMM's department includes:
 - Lands, Environment & Natural Resources
 - History & Culture
 - Submission of Specific Claims
 - Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Site
 - Community Programs & Corporate Services
 - Health
 - Diabetes Coordinator who facilitates workshops
 - Native Hospital Interpreters Liaison Program
 - First Nations and Inuit Tobacco Control Strategy
 - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Initiative
 - Economic Development
 - Post-Secondary Education
 - Funding students from Annapolis Valley, Bear River, Glooscap and Pictou Landing to apply for assistance with post-secondary
 - Runs a post-secondary education unit located at Dalhousie University
 - Tripartite Forum

- CMM administers the Tripartite Secretariat, which oversees and records the progress of the forum.
- Governance and Statutory Requirements
 - Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network
 - Offers culturally appropriate, justice related projects and programs
 - The administration of MLSN is operated through the CMM staff in Millbrook, Halifax and Eskasoni
 - Offers Mi'kmaq Court Worker Program
 - Offers Mi'kmaq Customary Law Program, a culturally appropriate RJ program that facilitates sentencing circles, community placements and referrals to other programs and services
 - Membership
 - Assists band members with applications for registrations and membership
 - Governance
 - Provided a number of services over the years to develop the capacity to support such moving toward self-government initiatives.
 - Wills
 - Has available a Will Kit for First Nations people residing on reserve. It includes instructions on making a living will and the settling of estates.
- Common Services
 - Legal Services
 - Developing template legislation on Matrimonial Property On-Reserve
 - Communications
 - Finance

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) - NAO

www.abo-peoples.org

Nat'l Chief – Elmer St. Pierre

- Established to represent the interests nationally of Métis and Non-Status Indians
- Represents the interests of its provincial and territorial affiliate organizations across Canada

Eskasoni First Nation

Chief Leroy D.C. Denny

www.eskasoni.ca

Population: 4,752

Tribal Council: Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq

Address: 63 Mini Mall Drive, P.O. Box 7040, Eskasoni, NS B1W 1A1

Phone: (902) 379-2800

Fax: (902) 379-2172

Grand Council – Sante' Mawio'mi

Prior to the arrival of Europeans, the Mi'kmaq Nation was a self-governing Nation whereby important decisions were contemplated through the body of the traditional Mi'kmaq government - the Mi'kmaq Grand Council. This structure found its basis at the village level, whereby a local chief presided over the council of Elders of his village or band and was responsible to carry out the decisions of his group of elders. Although local chiefs did not hold an official position within the

Sante' Mawio'mi, their concerns were brought forth by the District Chiefs. The district chief presided over his area's council of local chiefs, with the responsibility of settling issues that might cause serious conflict among the districts, or between Nations such as Treaty signing or alliances or in time of war. The Sante' Mawio'mi was comprised of representatives from each of the seven Nikanus (District Chief), Kji-Keptin (Grand Captain), the Putu's (Recorder/Secretary) and the Grand Council Leader, the Kji-Saqmaw (Grand Chief). All discussions within the council were based on consensus and included mutual respect and trust as a code of governance.

Today, the Sante' Mawio'mi plays a significant and critical role in the Mi'kmaw Nation, ensuring that our culture and language is maintained, preserved, and encouraged.

From: <http://mikmaqhistorymonth.com/treaty-day/grand-council-members/>

Glooscap First Nation

Chief Sidney Peters

<http://www.glooscapfirstnation.com/>

Population: 424

Address: 159 Smith Road, Glooscap 35, NS B0P 1P0

Phone: (902) 684-9788

Fax: (902) 684-9890

Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn / Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative

<http://mikmaqrighs.com/>

- Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn is also known as Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative. Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn means 'we are seeking consensus.' The Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative is seeking consensus on the best ways to implement our Aboriginal and treaty rights... for now, and for seven generations to come.
- The Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative is the group that represents the negotiations on behalf of the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia with the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada.
- The five pillars of the Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative for the Mi'kmaq are:
 - [1] To achieve recognition, acceptance, implementation and protection of treaty, title, and other rights of the Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia;
 - [2] To develop systems of Mi'kmaq governance and resource management;
 - [3] To revive, promote and protect a healthy Mi'kmaq identity;
 - [4] To obtain the basis for a shared economy and social development; and,
 - [5] To negotiate toward these goals with community involvement and support.
- Part of the KMK process involves tri-partite negotiations over Mi'kmaq rights and title between the Mi'kmaq, Nova Scotia and Canada. The negotiators seeks to act with the concurrence of all 13 Chiefs. The Chiefs, in turn, will make sure they have the support of their Councils and communities.
- In light of SCC decisions regarding the duty to consult and accommodate with regard to proven and asserted Aboriginal and Treaty rights, the Assembly has signed a Terms of Reference with respect to consultation by government and has an office within the KMKNO to address consultation and accommodation. With over 100 consultations currently underway many of Nova Scotia's most prominent corporations have become engaged in the consultation process.

Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiations Office (KMKNO)

<http://mikmaqrights.com/>

Ex. Dir. – Janice Maloney

- The mission of KMKNO is to address the historic and current imbalances in the relationship between Mi'kmaq and non-Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia and secure the basis for an improved quality of Mi'kmaq life. KMKNO will undertake the necessary research, develop consensus positions on identified issues, and create public and community awareness in a manner that supports the ability of the Assembly to fully guide the negotiations and the implementation and exercise of constitutionally protected Mi'kmaq rights. KMKNO is committed to moving forward at a pace determined by the Mi'kmaq themselves, and to balancing individual First Nations autonomy with the collective Mi'kmaq identity, governance and decision making required to re-institute Mi'kmaq ways of operating.

Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council

<http://mapcorg.ca>

- The Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council (MAPC), a regional Aboriginal Peoples Leaders Institution, established by the Native Council of Nova Scotia, the Native Council of Prince Edward Island and the New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council, represents the Traditional Ancestral Homeland Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.

Membertou First Nation

Chief Terrance Paul

www.membertou.ca

Population: 1, 629

Tribal Council: Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq

Address: 111 Membertou Street, Sydney, NS B1S 2M9

Phone: (902) 564-6466

Fax: (902) 539-6645

Millbrook First Nation

Chief Robert Gloade

<https://www.millbrookband.com/>

Population: 2,312

Tribal Council: Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

Address: P.O. Box 634, 820 Willow Street, Truro NS B2N 5E5

Phone: (902) 897-9199

Fax: (902) 893-4785

Mi'kmaq Association of Cultural Studies

<http://www.mikmaq-assoc.ca/>

Mi'kmaq Economic Benefits Office (MEBO)

<http://mebons.ca/>

- Partners with a number of native and non-native organizations to provide job opportunities for Mi'kmaw in the province.

Mi'kmaq Employment and Training Secretariat (METS)

<http://www.mets.ca/>

- METS coordinates and administers quality training and employment to First Nations across the province.

Mi'kmaq Family & Childrens Services of Nova Scotia

Telephone: (902) 758 2390

Arlene M. Johnson

P.O. Box 179

Shubenacadie, NS B0N 2H0

- Mi'kmaq Child Welfare agency. Arises out of sectoral tripartite agreement over child welfare and implementation legislation.

Mi'kmaq Kina'matnewey

<http://kinu.ca/>

- Mi'kmaq Education Authority for on-reserve education. Arises out of sectoral tripartite agreement over education and implementation legislation.

Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network

<http://www.mlsn.ca/>

- The Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network (MLSN) exists as a justice support system for Aboriginal people who are involved in the criminal justice system in Nova Scotia. Through the past number of years, MLSN has provided core services through the Mi'kmaq Court Worker and Mi'kmaq Customary Law Programs. Both programs are administered through a centralized umbrella organization hosted at The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq. This umbrella or core provides additional support services for Aboriginal people in Nova Scotia by identifying and addressing gaps in the provision of mainstream justice programs and services. Since its inception, MLSN has always attempted to make a non-Mi'kmaq system of justice better for Aboriginal people in Nova Scotia. This system is largely process oriented and lacking Aboriginal cultural values. MLSN programs and services help bridge these gaps but is often found that the criminal justice system needs to be more receptive to Mi'kmaq concepts of justice.

Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Center

<http://www.mymnfc.com/>

Ex. Dir. – Pamela Glode-Desrochers

- Based in Halifax, the mission of the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre is to, while serving as a focal point for the urban Aboriginal community to gather for a variety of community functions and events.
- The Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Society is a non-profit, board governed organization that currently operates nine core programs. There are:
 - KJIPUKTUK ABORIGINAL COLLEGE - Offers levels 1, 2 and 3 of the Adult Learning Program, which prepare the adult learner for level 4, a 12-credit program of study that will lead to the Nova Scotia Adult High School Diploma.

- MI'KMAQ NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING - Assistance with finding employment and training.
- MI'KMAW CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE - A non-profit resource organization which houses an AHS, CAPC and Daycare program. We provide a wealth of services through the family resource programs.
- ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROJECT (AMHAP) - Increases the awareness of mental health and addictions within the Aboriginal population, specifically youth.
- ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY - Assists work-ready clients in their job search and work placements.
- VICTIM SUPPORT - Provides support and resources for urban women and their families affected by violence.
- SEVEN SPARKS HEALING PATH - Provides support to Aboriginal offenders after their release from prison.
- MNFC HOUSING PROJECT - Assistance to find urban housing.
- MAINLINE NEEDLE EXCHANGE - The Mainline Needle Exchange program is a health promotion project dedicated to supporting current and former drug users through harm reduction programs.
- DIRECTION 180 - A community-based methadone clinic. This non-profit organization has been running since 2001 as a program of the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Center.
- DRUG & ALCOHOL ADDICTIONS SERVICES – Provides counseling and assistance to receive treatment for individuals struggling with addiction.

National Association of Friendship Centers (NAFC) - NAO

<http://nafc.ca/>

- A network of 117 Friendship Centres from coast-to-coast-to-coast. The NAFC was established in 1972 to represent, nationally, the growing number of Friendship Centres emerging across Canada.

Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselling Association of Nova Scotia (NADACA)

<http://nadaca.ca/>

- Offering culturally appropriate addictions services and counselling.

Native Council of Nova Scotia (NCNS) - PTO

<http://ncns.ca/>

Ex. Dir. – Lorraine Augustine

- Represents the off- reserve Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal people's community as a whole, and has established thirteen (13) geographic Zones encompassing the entire province of Nova Scotia. Each Zone elects one member to sit of NCNS Board.
- Offers a number of program and services, including:
 - Aboriginal Peoples Training & Employment Commission (APTEC)
 - Child Help Initiative Program (CHIP)
 - Education & Student Services
 - E'pit Nuji Ilmuet (Prenatal) Program
 - Mi'kmaq Language Program
 - Native Social Counselling Agency

- Rural and Native Housing Group
- Social Assistance Recipient Support for Employment & Training (SARSET)
- Welkaqnik Next Step Shelter
- Wenjkwom Housing Commission
- Health Awareness Project
- Aboriginal Diabetes Awareness Program (ADAP)

Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) - PTO

<http://www.nwac.ca/>

President: Carol McBride

- The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) works to advance the well-being of Aboriginal women and girls, as well as their families and communities through activism, policy analysis and advocacy. Aboriginal women continue to experience discrimination on multiple grounds and in various complex forms and from various sources, including from individuals, businesses, and governments.
- Its departments include Environment; Violence Prevention and Safety; Health; International Affairs and Human Rights; Labour Market Development; and Youth.

Native Women's Association of Nova Scotia (NWANS)

<http://www.nsnwa.ca/>

Ex. Dir. – Karen Pictou

Address: 835 Willow St, Truro, NS B2N 6N8

T: 902.893.7402

F: 902.897.7162

- NWANS is involved in a project to address concerns surrounding Mi'kmaq and Child and Family Services, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman and other important issues.

Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation

Chief Cory Jullian

<http://paqtnkek.ca/>

Population: 616

Tribal Council: Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

Address: RR 1, 7 Dillan St., Afton, NS B0H 1A0

Phone: (902) 386-2781

Fax: (902) 386-2043

Pictou Landing First Nation

Chief Andrea Paul

<http://www.plfn.ca/>

Population: 683

Tribal Council: Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

Address: 6533 Pictou Landing Road, Site 6 Box 55, RR 2, Trenton, NS B0K 1X0

Phone: (902) 752-4912

Fax: (902) 755-4715

Potlotek (Chapel Island) First Nation

Chief Wilbert Marshall

<http://potlotek.ca> (website unavailable)

Population: 830

Tribal Council: Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq

Address: 12004 Highway 4, P.O. Box 5381, Chapel Island, NS B0E 3B0

Phone: (902) 535-3317

Fax: (902) 535-3004

Sipekne'katik (Indian Brook) First Nation

Chief Michelle Glasgow

Population: 3,005

Tribal Council: Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

<http://shubenacadieband.ca/>

Address: 522 Church Street, Indian Brook, NS, B0N 1W0

Phone: (902) 758-2049

Fax: (902) 758-2017

Tawaak Housing Association

<http://tawaakhousing.org/>

Executive Director - Brian Dezagiacomo

- Tawaak's manages fifty-four properties comprising of one hundred and forty-five units supported under the Urban Native Housing Program and the Private non-profit housing program. Approximately eighty-two percent of the portfolio is located in the urban centers of Halifax and Dartmouth, while the remainder are located in Sydney, Truro, Antigonish, Liverpool and Bridgewater.
- In addition, Tawaak Housing owns and operates two six-unit Supportive Housing apartment complexes for homeless Aboriginal peoples.

Tripartite Forum

<http://www.tripartiteforum.com/>

- The Mi'kmaq - Nova Scotia - Canada Tripartite Forum was established on July 2, 1997. Through the Tripartite Forum, the Mi'kmaq, Nova Scotia and Canada engage in nation-to-nation discussions designed to implement the Mi'kmaq Nation's right to self-determination.
- The Forum is comprised of the following committee levels - Executive, Officials, Steering and Working Committees. The Working Committees are:
 - Culture & Heritage
 - Economic Development
 - Education
 - Health
 - Justice
 - Social
 - Sport & Recreation
- Each level has representation from each of the three parties: the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada. All parties agree to work together without prejudice and by consensus to discuss and resolve issues of mutual concern.

Ulnooweg Development Group Inc.

www.ulnooweg.ca

Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation

<http://ulnoowegfoundation.ca/>

Unama'ki Institute of National Resources

<http://www.uinr.ca/>

Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq - PTO

<https://www.unsm.org/>

Ex. Dir. – Douglas Brown

- A Tribal Council created in 1969, presently representing five of the 13 FNs in Nova Scotia. They are:
 - Eskasoni First Nation
 - Membertou First Nation
 - Potlotek First Nation
 - Wagmatcook First Nation
 - We'koqma'q L'nue'kati First Nation
- Organizes Treaty Day every year.
- Has the following departments:
 - Economic Development
 - First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey
 - Finance Department
 - Tripartite Forum
 - Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Network
 - Legal / Advisory
 - Administrative Support Staff

Wagmatcook First Nation

Chief Norman Bernard

<http://www.wagmatcook.com/>

Population: 930

Tribal Council: Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq

Address: PO Box 30001, 75 Humes Rear Road, Wagmatcook, NS B0E 3N0

Phone: (902) 295-2598

Fax: (902) 295-3398

We'koqma'q L'nue'kati First Nation

Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley

<https://wekoqmagproud.com/>

Population: 1,100

Tribal Council: Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq

Address: P.O. Box 149, 150 Reservation Road, Waycobah, NS B0E 3M0

Phone: (902) 756-2337

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