

Office of the Regional Chief-NF & NS: Informing the Federal Action Plan

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

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MI'KMAQ OF KTAQMKUK

Historical Experiences

HISTORICALLY IGNORED

- Joseph Smallwood, "no Indians on the island of NF"
- 1949 Terms of Union (Newfoundland and Canada) - no mention of Aboriginal peoples
- Unable to access or participate in federal programs and services
- We did not exist in law



FORCED REMOVAL OF CHILDREN

- Orphanages
- Boarding Schools
- Experienced abuses and trauma
- Little to no education provided



CRIMINALIZATION OF THE MI'KMAW WAY OF LIFE

- Charged for hunting, harvesting and being out on the country
- No longer left alone to live a traditional way of life
- Providers became poachers
- Incarceration rates increase

DISCRIMINATION AND LOSS

- Left out of the historical record
- Loss of access to traditional territories
- Loss of culture and identity
- Loss of language



Overview and Objectives

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- Overview of AFN-ORC Regional Engagements in Ktaqmkuk
- To Share the UN Declaration Priorities Identified by the Mi'kmaq of Ktaqmkuk



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Purpose:

- To engage with the FN we represent in NF in 3 areas
 1. Priorities for the National Action Plan
 2. Consistency of Law
 3. Fed. Annual Parliamentary Reporting

Hosted 2 Rounds of Engagements

- **Round 1:** Introduce the UN Declaration and Identify Priorities for the Action Plan (Oct – Dec)
- **Round 2:** Review drafted priorities for the Action Plan, identify priorities for Consistency of Laws and Parliamentary Reporting (Feb – Mar)



UN Declaration Engagement Activities

Staff
UNDRIP
Training
Sessions

UNDRIP
Education
Materials

Over 30 in-
person
Engagement
Sessions

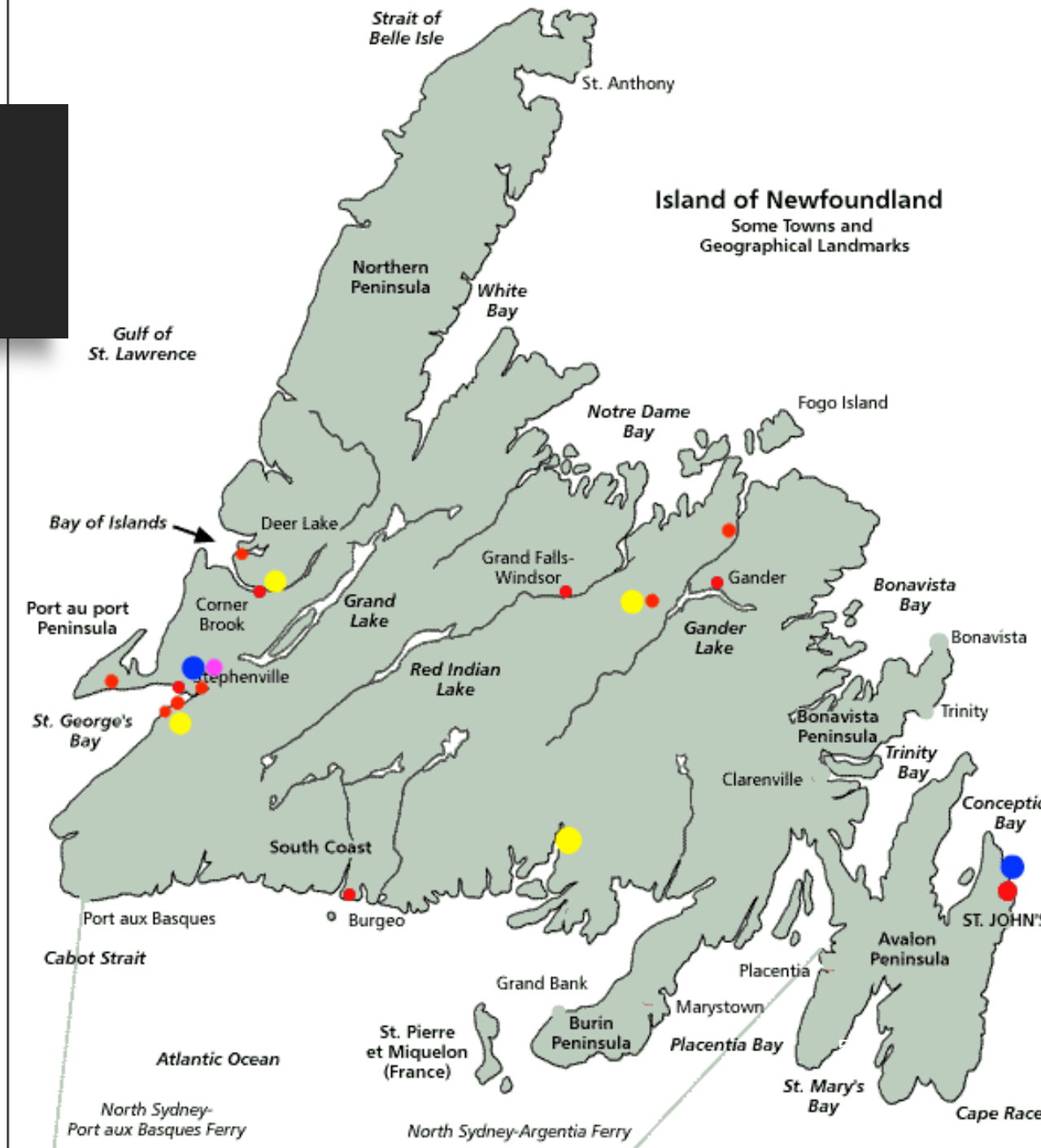
Virtual
Engagement
Session

2-day
UNDRIP
Forum

UNDRIP
Survey

Interim
UNDRIP
Priorities
Report

Final
UNDRIP Full
Report on
Priorities





First Peoples UN Declaration Policy Forum

December 12 - 13, 2022

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Consistency of Laws Priorities

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Current Fed Laws of Priority:

- Any laws that affect Hunting, Harvesting, and Fishing
- Environmental Assessment Act
- ATR and Reserve Creation Act
- Criminal Justice Act



Future Fed Laws of Priority:

- FN Policing Legislation
- FN Health Legislation

Going Forward ...

- Create internal institution and an on-going system of checks and balances
- Create tables of Mi'kmaw scholars and lawyers to discuss laws and actions
 - No NDA - make tables a part of the government system
- Federal presentations at regional bi-annual UN Declaration summits
- Commitment of resources and funding

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ANNUAL ACTION PLAN REPORTS

**UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON
THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

**ACTIONS TAKEN
ACTIONS ACHIEVED
BARRIERS TO ACTIONS
REMEDIAL ACTIONS**

Wela'lioq -
Thank you!

