



PARTRIDGE POINT MARINA TO GET NEW FINGER PIER

By Philip Jeddore, March 23, 2001



Partridge Point Marina Now

There will be a New Wharf out to Parrige Point this summer! This year Partridge Point will have come a long way from where it was in 1989, when on August 15, Randy Be-noit* wrote his letter to our Govern-ment asking if they would use the fill from the la-goon site to



make a road down to Partridge Point to use the area for a boat launch.

Miawpukek hasn't had a decent wharf or Pier since the old wharf "ordered" (as in asked for) by Piel (Peter) Jeddore on Se't A'n's Point in the early 60's, sometimes referred to as Brant's Point, was "ordered" (as in commanded) torn down by his grandson Rembert in 1999.

With the completion of construction on the new finger pier, the focal point of entry by water to our Nation, now shifts from Se't A'n's Point, the site of so many celebrations and some heartbreaking sorrows to a another "Point" with it's own history of Spirit Lights and Spiritual occurrences.



Two artistic renditions were made depicting possible configurations for pier development. In the 'artistic rendition' selected, (top right), much of the space is being taken up by fish holding pens, presumably owned by Miawpukek Fisheries. It is no accident, that Miawpukek Fisheries may be the main user of the facility, but as can be seen the original users, the boaters of Miawpukek, will have their access improved upon as well.

Miawpukek Aknutmaq had hoped to get more information on costs and construction schedules, but none was unavailable at press time.

(* Randy must have been on a roll that year, because he also started up the Conne River Gun and Archery Club shooting range on August 2 that same year. And by the way, did you see the work he put into corduroying the trail to Art's Shack?)

MI'KMAQ CULTURAL VILLAGE TO BE BUILT WITHIN JIPU'JI'J KUEI QOSPEN PARK

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In order to entice more visitors to the premier summer park in the Connaigre area, local Mi'kmaq have begun construction of a Mi'kmaq Cultural Village.

According to Miawpukek Government publication, Eagle-quest Adventure Guide, mentioned in an earlier issue, the village will consist of Wikuoms, a replica sweat lodge, a Mi'kmaq Winterhouse, a Smoke House and much more. Plans also mention that visitors can witness the construction of a full length birch bark canoe, which will be constructed during the park's open season. Three local Mi'k-



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maq have been working on the village since last Fall. The three are also the canoe builders and incidentally, part of the crew that paddled to Unama'ki a couple of years ago.



...SO WHAT ELSE IS GOIN' ON IN MIAWPUKEK?

Weather wise, it is getting more and more springy. It's all open here from Conne Head and inside the Point right up to McDonald's. And there's a big stretch of open water coming out through the Tickle. There's still lot of ice though, still "... too much for a chainsaw to cut through" though. And come noon time, it is pretty soft in the woods. (Translation: At noon time, the snow on the ground amongst the trees where people get their wood is soft...ok?)

Some of us can't wait for the Geese to start showing up so we can have that early spring Goose. Hm-Mm-MM! (Make your mouth water just thinking about it). (Translation: Spring Goose as in a waterfowl of the Geese variety, which shows up here in the spring and as tradition dictates, is harvested as sustenance food by Mi'kmaq...not a hand up your ***.in the spring time...ok?)

Saw someone drilling holes in the ice off from Partridge Point; looks like they're doing the survey for the wharf. Conne River Building Supplies have a crew hired on and hard at work, putting together a new warehouse. It is located just across the road from the Conne River Garage.



MIAWPUKEK HISTORY

March 7, 1985. Saqamaw Mise'l advertises throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, asking people who consider themselves Mi'kmaq to come forward for inclusion as "registered Indian".

1985. Traditional Saqamaw Mise'l Joe reaffirmed as Saqamaw. Also elected were Gerard Drakes, Rembert Jeddore, Linda McDonald, George Drew, Ken Drew and Marilyn John.

March 21, 1983. Miawpukek Mi'kamawey Mawi'omi receive cheques totaling 822,000. We rejects provincial conditions attached to cheques, and province issues stop payment order on cheques.

March 14, 1980. Conne River trappers in Court.

March, 1972. Melvin Jeddore and Martin Jeddore go to Assembly of Nova Scotia Indians to see what's available for Mi'kmaw communities.

March, 1967. The first unit at Baie d' Espoir Hydro "was placed on load".

1925. Saqamaw Noel Jeddore goes into Exile to Eskasoni, Unama'ki, along with many of his people; March 28, Saqamaw William Joe born.

1918. The scheme to centralize Mi'kmaq in NS first rose, becoming reality with Order in Council (P.C. 33/2570, 2 April 1942) authorized centralization in Nova Scotia retroactive to March 1942.

March 6, 1852 - The new telephone line from Burgeo to St. John's was used for the first time by Frederick N. Gisborne.

1842. March 20. Colonial legislature enacts bill to take care of Indians, The Nova Scotia Indian Act, and appoints first Indian Commissioner, Hon. Joseph Howe.

March 10 to June 20, 1828. John Louis, John Stevens; two Abenaki, and Peter John , Montagnais, was sent to look for Pi'tow'ke (Beothuk) survivors.

CLOD SOUND *March 6th 1828.* Sir The Barer Peter John he could not go Without any assistance from that you or your order which is much in need of want few Articles one Barrill of flour and 1 wt Bread and some Clothing 3 yds. of Braud cloth, 10 yds. of Bleue Sarge, 4 yds. of Callico, 30 lbs. Sugar, and sended first opportunity in Silvage or in Clod sound if possible because it will be no body it in Clod sound but Peter Johns wife & 4 Chielderens all the rest of Indians be in the country for Beaver hunting or other thing else Family and all and it will be no body saport or stay with peters wife childrens. as for John Stevens-s-family the father he tak care of.

Sir your humble servant

JOHN LEUIS.

March 6, 1819. John Peyton, his son and several furriers go to Red Indian Lake. Nonosabasut murdered and his wife Demasduit (Mary March) captured. Mary March or "Demasduit," according to herself had another name, "Waunathoake."

March 14, 1764. Mi'kmaw child named Pierre was baptized in St. Pierre. Born Jan 14. Mother was Marianne, born 1719.

1760. March. **1760 Richibutuo Treaty** between Michael Augustine, Chief of Richibouctou and Nova Scotia.

1730. First defense and trading pack between Native and British according to us, but British called it first swearing of allegiance to King George (Treaty!) by Natives. March 23 in Tsalagi (Cherokee) town of Keowee between Tsalagi and Sir Alexander Cuming.