

# Miawpukek Agnutemagn

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## MIAWPUKEK INTERIM HUNTING LAWS AND GUIDELINES

(NETUKULEMKEWE'L WJIT PE'L NIKE')

1. Netukulimk refers to the right to hunt, to live of the land. Netukulimk is protect by treaty and by aboriginal right. Only Miawpukek Mi'kmaq residing on reserve who respect the customary laws and guidelines will be given legal support and protection from your government.
2. Netukulimk entails subsistence from the land and its resources, a gift from the creator, with underlying respect for the integrity and continued existence of the environment. Resources taken from the land should only be in a quantity that will be consumed. Every effort should be made to utilize all parts of an animal. Absolutely no garbage or man made waste should be left on the land.
3. Independent of any hunting privileges one may have under provincial license every Miawpukek Mi'kmaq residing on reserve has free liberty to hunt game within the following guidelines:
  - a. The right to hunt may be exercised without regard to provincial regulations relating to season, quotas, tagging and hunting gear methods; however, hunting should be based on family hunting grounds if possible and with respect to calving animals.
  - b. The hunting rights must be exercised with due regard to the safety of others, and not on or adjacent to any public road surfaces or in proximity to residential areas.
  - c. This right shall be exercised in that portion of original territory of the Mi'kmaq in Newfoundland.
4. To ensure that wildlife are not over-hunted so as to endanger the survival of any stock, your government will be issuing Miawpukek moose and caribou tags to all Lnu on reserve and taking note of the area hunted and kill made by each Lnu.
5. If you are stopped by a RCMP officer or Provincial Wildlife Officer, identify yourself as a Miawpukek Mi'kmaq Lnu and explain that you are exercising the right of free liberty to hunt for food (Netukulimk) pursuant to the treaties of Peace and Friendship and Pursuant to an aboriginal right. Report the incident immediately to your government.
6. The above represents the ongoing codification of our customary laws. Any concerns or comments you may have, please present to your Saqamaw and Council.

### AROUND TOWN...



The new church will be up and wawertight by this fall.

JUST ARRIVED AT RIVERSIDE VIDEO!!!

**OLIVER AND COMPANY** Rent it or for the price of @26.99, you can own it.

Arriving next week...One of the biggest box office hits of the summer!!

• **TWISTER** •

This movie will be available for rental or sell through. Limited supply available for the low price of \$26.99.

Also: Arriving soon...(for rental or sale); ULTRA 64, NINTENDO 64 BIT GAME SYSTEMS

**RIVERSIDE VIDEO-OWNED/OPERATED BY REMBERT JEDDORE 882 2729**

(PRIVILEGED TO HAVE PLACED THE FIRST AD IN MIAWPUKEK AGNUTEMAGN)

## CONNE RIVER(MIAWPUKEK) HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### OCTOBER IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

There will be a showing of the video **BREAKING THE CYCLE** on Wednesday, October 2, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. on CHANNEL 6 - YOUR COMMUNITY CHANNEL

Everyone is encouraged to watch this video. It is designed for students to teach them about the different forms of Child Abuse and the Abuse Cycle. In the video, four adults describe their own childhood abuse and discuss the ways that they have carried this behavior into their own lives as parents. These adults also talk about how they have broken the cycle of abuse.

This video is sponsored by the **FAMILY VIOLENCE AND ELDERS PROGRAM** at **CRHSS** and brought to you as a community service with the co-operation of CRHSS, Miawpukek Communications and your community Channel.

A phone-in line is available for **one hour** following the video, for those who would like to call in to chat or ask questions. The number to call is **882 2710**. All calls are taken in strict confidence.

This video is the first of 5 such videos that will be shown over the month of August. The schedule is as follows:  
October 2: Breaking the cycle - Child Abuse; October 9: Secrets - Detection and Prevention of child sexual abuse; October 16: It's not always happy at my house; October 23: Finding Out - Incest and Family Sexual Abuse; October 30: Trouble with Evan. For more information, please call Dawn Parsons, the social worker or Louise Organ, the family violence worker at 882 2710

## MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR MISSION IS TO PRESERVE, PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE CULTURAL, HEALTH, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE OUR PEOPLE, INCLUDING OUR LANGUAGE, HISTORY AND SPIRITUALITY.**

### LISTEN TO ME...

Why isn't there a road along the shore all the way from Burnt Woods (Qaqtek Kimu'j) to Southeast Brook?

"Because it costs too much!" "There is already a road, putt here by Mother Earth and traveled by Mi'kmaw for centuries. All you got to do is be aware of Mother Earth's moods and travel when it's safe. (i.e., wait for low tide.)"

But it seems to me, in an aboriginal community such as ours, we keep trying to turn our community into a white settlement, which it is not. We tear down historic landmarks that would keep our identity alive and bring in tourist dollars. We let untold non natives register as Mi'kmaq and siphon off our scarce dollars for post secondary and health benefits. And we put innumerable obstacles in the paths of our people who want to practice our traditional culture. Last week's WHY? attempts to address the problem our people has getting from their home to the country. The majority of us don't have trucks and trailers so we have to sneak over the roads, risking a ticket and a fine, if we want to use our ATV's or snowmobiles. There is supposed to be plans afoot to permit road crossings in certain areas, but we fail to show up for community meetings needed to pass such laws. So I suggest we make it a priority to construct a shoreline route from one end of our community to the next. This will be used only for ATV's and snowmobiles and for walking. **NO LARGE VEHICLES ALLOWED!!** It's a fact that the governments say to us "Use it or lose it!" when referring to our affirmation that the country is ours. And how can we use it when we ourselves prevent our people from using it. I say build the road so we can get to the country. Then we will use it. As far as I can see, all it takes is the political will to do it. There's ways of cutting the costs. We can use volunteer labour, make works projects, require a donation of labour or materials from companies getting rich off our community, anything! Take a moment and imagine what a good thing it would be to have this route along our shoreline. Then collar a government member and tell him/her to do it now.

(Readers, please note. This section is open to all of you. If you would like to say something under "Listen to me!", drop it off at your government's offices.)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LORRAINE** will be putting in a Tupperware order on September 30th. If anyone would like to get any Tupperware, please call 882 2033

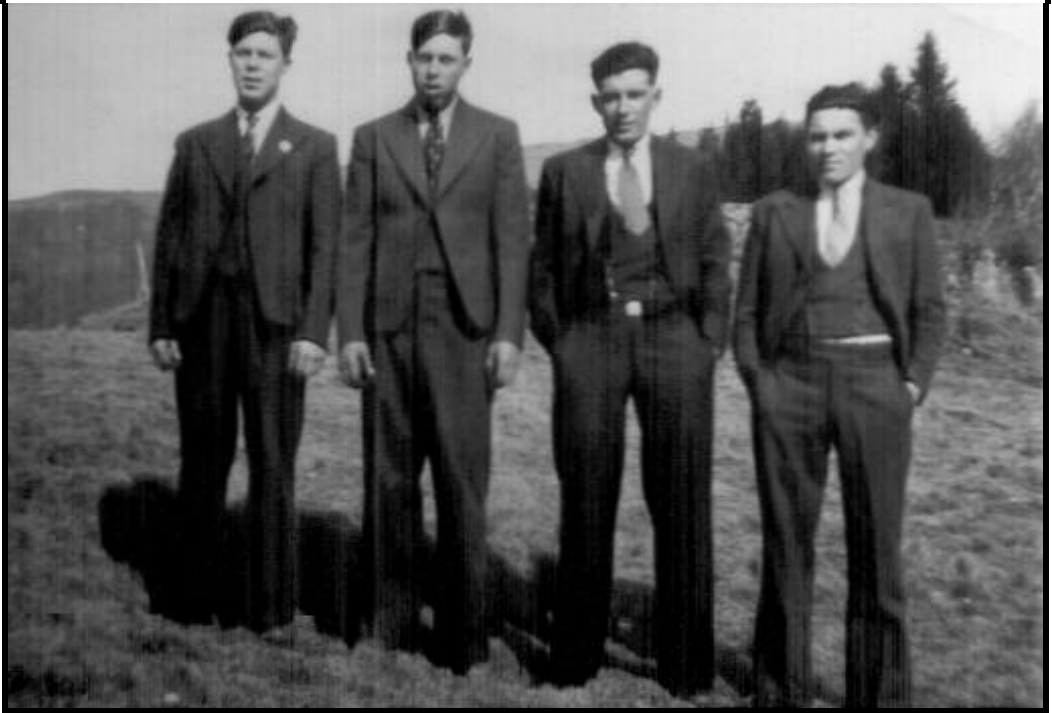
### FOR SALE

**Honda 650 Generator.** Used only three times. Bought new for \$980.00 - Yours for \$600.00. Call 882 2972.

**Game Boy.** Double Dragon; The Amazing Spider Man and T.M.N.T.-The Fall of the Foot Clan. \$10.00 each. Call 882 2033

**Nintendo.** Jaws; Robo Cop; Ice Hockey; Bucky O'Hare; Darkwing Duck; Gremlins 2: The New Batch; Fox's Peter Pan and the Pirates; Simpson's Bart VS The Space Mutants; Ironsword Wizards and Warriors II. \$15.00 each. Call 882 2033

**FROM OUR ARCHIVES...** Who are they and better yet, where was the picture taken?(Last week's photo was Bridgett McDonald)



### DID YOU KNOW...

That Taqamkuk as part of the entire Mi'kmaw territory (Mi'kmaki) is one of the few parts of Turtle Island that still has current land use based upon family hunting and trapping territories. These family hunting and trapping areas are the basis for our new submission to the Newfoundland government reaffirming our rights to our land.

**HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE ...** Jipu'jj'j QOSPEM, The park in (Little River). According to Melvin Jeddore Miawpukek's unofficial historian it's GE BU CHEECH COW WAY QUS PEM. And it means (not word for word, but by way of explanation) "The place where you visit, and when you leave, it is still the same as when you arrived.-nothing taken, nothing destroyed, and no garbage left behind.

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In person When you are going south on route 360: After you cross the bridge over the Conne River, take the first dirt road going west.

### News/for sale/opinions/comments

We need NEWS

We need FOR SALE ITEMS

We need ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We need YOUR OPINIONS.

We need YOUR QUESTIONS.

We need YOUR COMMENTS.

We need YOUR SUPPORT.

Send now!!(Next issue will be out on Friday, Oct. 4)

# WHY

isn't there any archeology work done before people go tearing up land to build roads or construct buildings?

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