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MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Kopit Lodge board members (Kenneth Francis, Serena Francis, John Levi, Stanley Francis & Katrina Clair) are continuing to meet every month. Their last meeting took place on July 7th 2021.

WEEKLY TUESDAY NIGHT MEETINGS

Kopit Lodge has started to meet every Tuesday at 5:00pm, here at the lodge. Community members are welcome to attend.

Canada Table Update

Elsipogtog is continuing to meet with Canada as part of our exploratory table to discuss the possibility of negotiations based on the recognition of Elsipogtog's Aboriginal title, rights and treaty rights as members of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Due to the ongoing restrictions on travel imposed by COVID-19, our meetings with Canada have taken place by telephone or video conference. The last call took place on June 29th, 2021. Elsipogtog and Canada are looking to establish an inclusive and effective process to discuss issues of importance to the Mi'kmaq in general and Elsipogtog specifically.

Upcoming Community Events

- Kopit Lodge has been taking part in New Moon and Full Moon ceremonies each month. This months New Moon ceremony took place on July 9th. The next Full Moon ceremony will be taking place on July 23rd. Remember to keep an eye on our Facebook group.
- New Moon and Full Moon ceremonies are hosted at the Resort.
- A Water ceremony is also on its way, towards the end of this month. Details to be announced shortly.
- Women's group is every second Tuesday. The next meeting is Tuesday July 20th from 6-8:00pm. The group will be making skirts this day.
- Kopit Lodge will be launching a Men's group very soon as well. Stay tuned.



Types of Claims

Comprehensive (Land) Claim

A comprehensive land claim is when an Indigenous Nation enters negotiations with Canada and the province/territory to develop a modern treaty that recognizes that particular nation's rights and title to land and resources. A modern treaty may also include provisions relating to self-government..

Aboriginal (Title) Claim

Aboriginal title refers to the inherent Aboriginal right to land or a territory. Courts have defined Aboriginal title as a beneficial property interest in land which arises by virtue of Indigenous peoples' use and occupation of their ancestral lands prior to the arrival of Europeans, and which is held collectively by the Indigenous group in question. Aboriginal title is protected under section 35(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Specific (Land) Claim

What are specific claims? Specific claims deal with past wrongs against First Nations. These claims (made by First Nations against the Government of Canada) relate to the control of First Nations lands and assets to fulfill historic treaties and other agreements.

