

KOPIT LODGE

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Updates

Canada Table

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 last few meetings with Canada have taken place by telephone or video conference. The last call took place on **March 26th, 2021**. Elsipogtog and Canada are looking to establish an inclusive and effective process to discuss issues of importance to the Mi'gmaq in general and Elsipogtog specifically.

Environmental Impact Statement

The Bay du Nord EIS review has been done and hard copies can be made available for any community members who would like to see it. Contact Kopit Lodge by phone for more information.

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 **April 7th 2021**.



Celebration Parade for winning Kraft Hockeyville

As we all know, Elsipogtog was crowned the champions of Kraft Hockeyville 2021. We are the first First Nations community to get top 4 and WIN. We are all so proud of our community, the Hockeyville committee and so amazed at all the support we received from around the globe.

The prize of \$250,000 will be going towards repairs for our community arena that burnt back in September 2020.

In celebration, the committee is putting together a parade for the community.

**WHEN? Saturday April 24th
@2pm**

**WHERE? Around the Elsipogtog
First Nation reserve**

There will also be a mini powwow after the parade and a free BBQ.

Please Contact Jaime Carpenter or Tara Paul for more information.

Upcoming Events

Here is what we have planned for the next month:

- **EARTH DAY WATER CEREMONY (LOCATION TBA) APRIL 22ND**
- **EARTH DAY LAUNCHING OF SCHOOL CONTEST APRIL 22ND**
- **MMIW AWARENESS EVENT AND CEREMONY MAY 7TH**
RAIN DATE: MAY 8TH

Our Ongoing events

Women's Drumming and teachings Every second Thursday. Next one is on April 29th

Full Moon Ceremony April 26th

New Moon Ceremony May 14th

Full Moon Ceremony May 26th

Water Ceremony May 28th

Contact **Lorraine Clair** or **Oasoeg Milliea** for more information and regularly check out our Kopit Lodge page on Facebook for updates.

*"Protecting our water, land and rights; for
our future generations."*

