



March 2022 Newsletter

Canada Table Meet

Meetings between Canada and the Lodge to discuss Elsipogtog governance, title and rights are continuing. Right now the Lodge is focusing on developing goals and objectives for Administration of Justice, Education, Governance and Fisheries.

The Lodge wants to use the community engagement driven governance research project, Administration of Justice research project and land use planning to ensure the communities vision and knowledge drives the discussions at the table.



We are recruiting youth aged 18-30 years of age to join the Canadian Conservation Corps program.

Please contact Darienne at darienne.perleyfrancis@kopitlodge.org for more information and/or if you need help applying.

What's Involved in the Program?

Participants in the CCC program will take part in three distinct stages



- Stage 1: WILDERNESS ADVENTURE
- Stage 2: IMMERSIVE FIELD LEARNING
- Stage 3: OUTREACH AND SERVICE



Board Member Meetings

The board members are Kenneth Francis, Stanley Francis, John Levi, Katrina Clair and Bo Augustine. They are continuing to meet the first wednesday of each month to discuss Kopit Lodge. Their last meeting took place on Wednesday February 2nd, 2022.

More Updates

Land Use Planning

- A Land Use Planning project, focused on community engagement, will be starting towards the end of February. The process will be community driven and will empower community members to provide input and direction on how Elsipogtog's lands are managed and used. This process identifies which lands to use and protect, in what ways, and is based on EFN's needs, values, interests and priorities. Land use planning is a way to manage competing and conflicting uses, as well as a set a foundation to guide decisions, resource management, development, negotiations and partnerships.

Governance Research

- A traditional governance research project will begin in the upcoming months. This project is driven by community engagement to inform a vision for implementing traditional Mi'kmaq governance structures as part of an internal governance strategy. It will look at traditional models for cooperation and collaboration with neighboring Mi'kmaq Nation communities under Mi'kmaq laws. The project will include Elder interviews, community meetings and community researchers.

Administration Of Justice

- There could be an exciting project coming soon that would inform on the development of Elsipogtog-led justice initiatives. The project aims to answer questions about traditional methods of administering justice within the community and will make recommendations for improvements to the Canadian criminal justice system to benefit Indigenous peoples and communities. The process will be community driven and will incorporate research into Elsipogtog traditional and historic justice practices.

The weekly men's and women's groups are still on hold

More information about the land use planning workshops will be available in the near future.

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