



The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq  
Electoral Office

## *Notice of Election*

### *Bear River First Nation*

Bear River First Nation will be holding its Band Elections this year on November 18, 2021. The band has shifted their election process *from Indigenous Service Canada (ISC) Indian Band Election Act to First Nation Election Act.*

The *First Nation Election Act* allows The CMM Electoral Office to email the Nomination Notice to the Electors. You will continue to receive a nomination notice in the mail, but if you would also like to have a notice emailed to you, please forward your email address to the Electoral Officer at [electoralofficer@cmmns.com](mailto:electoralofficer@cmmns.com).

If you have had an address change since the last election, please send **your new address** to the band manager and/or to the Electoral Officer so your address can be updated for the Election mailouts.

Should you have any questions on the **First Nation Election Act** process, please contact The CMM Electoral Office by email at one of the addresses below.

information on the election process will be sent to band members to help prepare for the upcoming Election.

#### Contact Information

Brenda Tracey – [electoralofficer@cmmns.com](mailto:electoralofficer@cmmns.com)

Kathy McKenna – [electoraldeputy@cmmns.com](mailto:electoraldeputy@cmmns.com)

Sam Trites – [electoraladministrator@cmmns.com](mailto:electoraladministrator@cmmns.com)



## **The CMM Electoral Office Staff**

### **Brenda Tracey – Electoral Officer**

Brenda Tracey is a member of the Sipekne'katik First Nation in Nova Scotia. She has worked for The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) for almost 27 years. Brenda has completed four Election training sessions with Indigenous Service Canada and is certified as an Electoral Officer. Brenda has participated in the delivery of over 30 elections for Mi'kmaq Bands. Before becoming the CMM Electoral Officer, Brenda had worked as CMM's Tripartite Liaison Officer for 16 years. Brenda has worked closely with the Mi'kmaq, Federal and Provincial governments in her capacity as Tripartite Liaison. Brenda also worked as a manager for the MicMac Heritage Gallery. She was responsible for four stores at one point.

### **Kathryn (Kathy) McKenna – Deputy Electoral Officer**

Kathryn McKenna, a Millbrook Band member, is the Deputy Electoral Officer for The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (The CMM). Along with her previous experience of working in two provincial and two municipal elections, Kathy has an extensive background in data management and client services. Kathy has worked at the CMM for the past eight years. In her last position, she was responsible for meeting with community members, compiling data and creating guidelines. She also had dealt with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans collating data and records for commercial fishing and assuring compliance with tag regulations. Her academic background is centred around business, data management and accounting.

### **Samantha (Sam) Trites – Electoral Service Administrator**

Samantha Trites, a band member of Millbrook First Nation, is an Administrator for Canada's first-ever Mi'kmaw Electoral Office. Prior to working for the Electoral Office, Samantha worked for the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum. Sam worked with the three government parties. Sam was responsible for supporting over four working committees with work plans, travel, booking meetings, minute taking, and recordkeeping of minutes. This work gave Sam the experience to assist all 13 bands across Nova Scotia. With 10 years of experience, Samantha is proficient with organizing large groups, scheduling, Microsoft programs, and filing.

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