

L'sitkuk Canoe Build



We are excited to announce we will be building a community canoe at the Digby Pines. Building a canoe in this area, paddling those waters in the canoe, celebrating our culture near these waters, not only connects us to our past, but it also reminds us of the Elders who have gone before us.

Bear River First Nation owns 75% of the Pines Resort located alongside the shoreline of the "Gut" of the Bay of Fundy in Digby, Nova Scotia. Purchasing this property felt to Bear River like we were bringing a piece of Bear River's very important history back to its "original user". Our people used this shore to set up camp for the summer where they would live, clam, porpoise hunt etc.

Our Elders, a fluent language Mentor, along with Rose Meuse and helpers will be present on scheduled days. We'll keep the community updated on these days so they are aware and can be sure to attend. We'll pay respect to our past by sharing stories and displaying pictures of our families, Elders and Chiefs who have gone before us.

When the canoe is complete, we'll hold a ceremony where we will paddle to the beach where our ancestors once were. All these moments will be captured for preserving our culture, language and the generations yet to come.

The canoe launch and ceremony will take place the third week of our Harvester's Gathering this year and we'll host a potluck dinner in the future for our Community Members to attend to view the video upon completion.

If anyone is interested in joining in on the harvesting and/or just being present with the process, please feel free to reach out to Rosy. This is open to all ages, however, all younger children need to have a guardian.

We believe we have something very special here we can do for L'sitkuk language and culture.