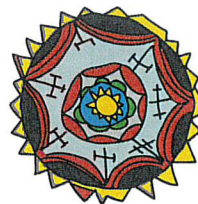


COMMUNITY NOTICE



Maw-lukutijik **Saqmaq**
Assembly of Nova Scotia
Mi'kmaq Chiefs

September 25, 2026

Community Monitors Start Work in the Highlands

On September 2, 2026, Port Hawkesbury Paper (PHP) held a meeting at the Inverary Inn in Baddeck, with those involved on the front lines of the 2025 protest on Hunter's Mountain, to hear directly from the company and share their concerns. Following those discussions, the Assembly and PHP reached an understanding that resulted in Mi'kmaq Community Monitors being contracted to observe work in the area, and an information kiosk being set up at the airstrip where PHP can post information on work being done.

The Highlands are an important part of Mi'kmaq territory, and we have heard the voices of those who are worried about the health of this ecosystem and the impacts of forestry over harvesting. The role of these monitors is to observe and report, bringing Mi'kmaq perspectives and understandings, like Etuaptmumk (Two-Eyed Seeing), to work being done. Their observations will provide the Assembly and Mi'kmaq organizations with a better understanding of what is taking place on the mountain. The monitors will report their findings to Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn (KMK), who will bring updates to the Assembly and discuss any concerns with PHP.

Those at the meeting on September 2, felt that Mi'kmaq Monitors could help the Mi'kmaq to better understand the work taking place and put us, as a Nation, in a better position to protect these areas now and for the next seven generations. The Assembly fully agreed and appreciated this recommendation.

Having Mi'kmaq Community Monitors on the mountain is a new process for all of us. There is no question that Mi'kmaq input and observation is important to what is occurring in the Highlands. If you are in the area enjoying the beautiful landscapes of Mi'kma'ki, and do see these monitors at work, please say kwe', and feel free to report any concerns you might have or observe to them, KMK or UINR.